

Glen Waverley

Uniting Church

SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - November 2015						
Time	November 1 All Saints Day	November 8 Pentecost 24	November 15 Pentecost 25	November 22 Reign of Christ	November 29 Advent 1	
8.00 am	Susan Karoly / Evan Laidlaw Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Rev Neil Peters Communion	
9.15 am	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Rev Neil Peters Baptism	Rev Neil Peters Worship Team	Alanee Hearnshaw	10.00am Combined Service	
11.00 am	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Alanee Hearnshaw		
4.30 pm	School Holidays	Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families		
7.00 pm	High Street Road Uniting Church 3pm - 5pm	Alanee Hearnshaw Rev Neil Peters Communion	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw		
lectionary	Ruth 1: 1-18 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12: 28-34	Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 Psalm 127 Heb 9:24-28 Mark 12:28-44	1 Sam 1:4-20, 1 Sam 2:1-10 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 Mark 13: 1-8	2 Samuel 23:1-7 Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18) Revelations 1: 4b-8 John 18: 33-37	Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Psalm 25: 1-10 1 Thes 3: 9-13 Luke 21: 25-36	
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green	White	Purple	

Welcome

GWUC is a faithful, Christ-centred community that meets God and shares that unconditional love: meet_god@anytime.with.us

OCTOBER

10 October	5.30pm
16 October	All day
17 October	8.30am
24 October	10.00am
25 October	2.00pm
29 October	10am
30-31 October	6pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Celebrating 30 Years of being a Multicultural Church - Dandenong UCA
Fete preparations
Church Fete
Defibrillator training
Pleasant Sunday afternoon
Seniors Morning Tea at The Hub
Ping-Pong-A-Thon 2015

NOVEMBER

1 November	3.00pm	Afternoon with Julian Burnside
7 November		Quiet day for reflection
23-25 November	10.00am - noon	Nativity Dress-up photos at the Hub





2015 Presbytery of Port Philip East

Celebrating 30 years of
being a Multicultural Church
-Looking Back & looking Forward-

"The Body of
Christ
in Diversity"

(1 Corinthians 12:27)



Robert Stolz Viennese Music Society Inc.

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www.rsvmsi.com

Invites you to our 2015 Seniors Week Concert

Young at Heart in Vienna

With

Shu-Cheen Yu (soprano)

Roy Best (tenor)

Ian Lowe (bass-baritone)

Jennen Ngiau-Keng (violinist)

Phillipa Safey (accompanist)

Saturday 10th October 2015 at 2:00 pm

Glen Waverley Uniting Church

Corner of Kingsway & Bogong Ave.

Melway 71-C3 (see over for transport & parking info.)

Seniors & RSVMS Members \$20 / Others \$25

Afternoon tea included!

Bookings: On line www.trybooking.com/HJHP or use the form below

Enquiries: Don - 9807 2154 or 0497 566 447

Robert Stolz Viennese Music Society Inc. Eng No A00644304

Booking Form for Young At Heart In Vienna Seniors Week Concert

in the Glen Waverley Uniting Church Saturday 10th October 2015 at 2:00 pm

Title Name(s):

Number of tickets: Seniors or R. Stolz Society Members: @ \$20.00 \$

All other Guests: @ \$25.00 \$

Address: (New membership \$) (see overleaf)

..... VIC Phone **Total \$**

Please send your cheque or money order with stamped, self-addressed envelope for return of tickets to Robert Stolz Viennese Music Society Inc, C/o PO Box 360, Canterbury Vic 3126
Your tickets will be mailed directly to you at the address shown above.

The Christian Church in the World

Persecution Rising in the Eastern Region of Uganda

Uganda's Muslims (11 percent of the population) live mostly in the Eastern Region where persecution of Christians is escalating. Radicalisation, Muslim anger over Uganda's involvement in Somalia, and impunity are all factors. Converts from Islam and those in Christian ministry are persecuted the worst. Mugoya Muhammad, a Christian former Islamic teacher (sheikh), was widowed in June when his wife was murdered by relatives because of her faith. He is left raising their 11 children. Another former sheikh, Hassan Muwanguzi has suffered immensely since turning to Christ in 2003. On 11 August convert Jafalan Kadondi and her two sons barely survived an attack by Muslim relatives. Please pray.

- from *Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin*.

Pastor on Trial in Northern Ireland

James McConnell (78), pastor of a large church in northern Belfast, appeared in court on 6 August to face charges of offending Muslims in a sermon he preached in May 2014, which was broadcast on-line. Over 1000 people turned out to support the pastor who is contesting the case strenuously. As the pastor's attorney told the court, 'He (McConnell) did not incite hatred or encourage violence against Muslims. He simply expressed his view about another religion, not in a personalised manner but in an entirely generalised way. He believes freedom of speech...should mean he has every right to criticise Islam and other religions, just as Islamic clerics have the right to criticise him and Christian clerics. Please pray for this case which has been adjourned to 3 September.

- from *Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin*

I like to connect this to Hebrews 2:16-18. And from verse 11, we have one Father with Jesus Christ; for this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters". Because He Himself was tested by what He suffered, He is able to help those who are being tested.

Amen, Lord God.

A Letter to the Congregation

Dear Friends,

Recently Neil invited Missional and Functional group conveners and chair and secretary of Church Council to a Ministry team meeting. He opened with prayer and led a devotion based on Colossians 3:15-17: "Do everything in the name of Jesus."

A quote from Max La Cardo "...as if Jesus is stamping your time card."

Neil gave each of us a paper listing emerging possibilities regarding the Vision. These included:

- Exploring an invitation for partnership with Glen Waverley Secondary College in support of the work of the chaplain and raising money to support the chaplaincy program. Alanee and Lynne Boyer have been involved with RUOK day. Glen Waverley Secondary College has asked Glen Waverley Uniting to resume the breakfast program with the Chaplaincy/Well-being department.
- A possible partnership with Brentwood Secondary College in a mentoring program.
- Lyn Peters has commenced SRI for grades 3 & 4 at Glen Waverley Primary.
- Awaiting a proposal for a partnership with Uniting Church Connections Chinese Family Services – supporting stronger families.
- Idea being explored of a fellowship time with families from playgroups.
- A one day retreat on Saturday, 7 November at Cornish College, Patterson Lakes. Susan Karoly is convening the group who are organising the retreat.
- Glenallen Special School have asked if Glen Waverley Uniting can make a connection/partnership between the church and the school. There has been a CRE team from our church at Glenallen Special school for over three decades.

If anyone asks about emerging possibilities at Glen Waverley Uniting please take the opportunity to tell them about the seven possibilities which have been listed above.

Grace and Peace

Helen Stewart, Chair of Church Council

Craft and Gift Stall for the Church Fete

Thank you to the people who have been sewing or crafting for the fete. It would be very much appreciated if all items to be sold on this stall could be given to Laurel Muir, Lynne Boyer, Judith Greenwood, or left at the church office as soon as possible. We will be wrapping and pricing items between 10am and 12noon on Monday 5th October and Monday 12th October in the church hall.

Beeac Premium (a poem)

Spring has sprung and the grass is rising,
Vegetables, roses, rhubarb are straining.
They want some help to rise high to the sky,
And high quality manure is the focus of their eye.

Now is your chance to order Beeac Premium
Sheep manure fresh from the country pastures of friends;
So add your name to the list on the office counter
And tell us how many \$8 bags you can use.

There is a constraint on how many orders we can fill -
The sheep have been generous, but within the collectors skills.
You need to act sooner, rather than wait till fete day,
But you do not have to pay until your bag is on the way.

Seniors' Morning Tea at The Hub - Thursday 29 October

A special Seniors' Morning Tea will be held at The Hub on Thursday 29 October, 10am - 12noon. All donations will go to research into Motor Neurone Disease.

Come along and bring your family and friends. All ages are welcome. Let's thank our seniors for all they do to help in our community, and support the research into Motor Neurone Disease.

Hope to see you there!

Quiet Day for Reflection - Saturday 7 November 2015

We are inviting members of the congregation and their friends to join us at the latest Uniting Church co-educational independent school, Cornish College, to have a quiet day for reflection (yes a new term for a retreat).

This day based on the monastic system of prayer, study, meditation and work, will give the opportunity to come together in the beautiful surroundings of the Sustainability Centre at the college.

A leaflet giving more details of the day will be available shortly.

Susan Karoly - Retreat Coordinator

Syrian Refugee Appeal

Dear friends,

The Australian Church community will play an important role in welcoming the Syrian refugees who have arrived in Australia having fled conflict in their home country and helping them integrate into our communities.

Uniting Church President Stuart McMillan has launched an appeal asking people to support the UCA's involvement. Stuart says "Like all of you I have been shocked and moved in recent weeks by the plight of those fleeing Syria and Iraq.

The personal tragedies and struggles we see in the nightly news are heart breaking. But they are just the tip of the iceberg. The scale of the humanitarian crisis that is occurring is truly overwhelming.

Every day thousands of people are seeking refuge with little other than the clothes on their backs. They join more than four million who've fled this conflict in the last four years.

As we observe from a distance, we must remember that God values every human life. We mourn every life lost and pray for those who are suffering. Along with your prayers I ask that you do what you can to support. As Australians we are blessed to live in a prosperous country relatively free of armed conflict.

If you are able, please share of God's abundance by giving generously to the Uniting Church Syrian Refugee Appeal."

In addition to supporting activities within the UCA community that offer welcome and integration, donations will also support the Uniting Church's community service agencies as they provide supports beyond those that are funded by the government. Please note that donations to UCA Welcome and Integration activities are non tax-deductible. Donations to UnitingCare services are tax-deductible.

Donations can be made online at www.shareappeal.org.au

Ping-Pong-A-Thon 2015

Why not sponsor a church member to play on your behalf or better still ... come and join them!

All congregation members are invited to attend *the inaugural running of Ping-Pong-a-thon 2015*. The 24hr non-stop event will be held in GWUC Hall at 6pm on the evening of Friday 30 October and conclude 6pm Saturday 31 October. All player levels are invited to attend: from advanced through to beginner level.

Join in with more than 1,500 everyday Aussie blokes of all ages in bringing freedom, hope and a future to young people in SE Asia whose lives are vulnerable to exploitation.

Ping-Pong-A-Thon events began in 2011 when one passionate Aussie bloke gathered 15 mates for the first 24 hour table tennis marathon. They raised \$10,000, which supported the work of two organisations in Thailand engaged in prevention and aftercare relating to issues of trafficking and sexual exploitation.

The 2012 event saw sixty men raise \$25,000 and in the process become better equipped as advocates for some of the world's most vulnerable and exploited people. Funds enabled the continued growth and expansion of The Sold Project and Urban Light in Thailand.

In 2013, with five event venues, \$56,000 was raised by 260 boys/men (from 9 to 78 years of age) to support the work of seven organisations throughout South East Asia who are creatively supporting the hopes and dreams of young people impacted by injustice/exploitation.

2014 saw 800 boys/men participate in 24 venues throughout Australia, raising \$110,000. For the first time the event was run in schools, sporting clubs, open air community spaces & in a local pub!

Future of the Pong

In October 2015, The Pong will become a truly national event with venues in all states and territories across Australia. It is anticipated that 1,500+ boys/men will engage in the event across 40 venues.

Planning is underway to take The Pong beyond Australian shores and to develop the event for different contexts (Pong Schools and Pong In A Pub) in 2016/17.

Further details are available from the office counter or by contacting: www.pingpongathon.com

Inclusive Community Report-October

PRAYER CHAIN. If you have a prayer request and you don't want it placed on the weekly prayer list, we do have a prayer chain. All requests for prayer are kept confidential and are only passed onto chain members. We don't need to know why you are requesting prayer, just a name is fine. If you are interested please contact Heather in the office, during office hours or Beverly on 0417 359 779.

LUNCHES. Munch with a Bunch lunch was held at the RSL on Sunday 20 September. A large group of people enjoyed lunch and a time of fellowship together.

LUNCH . There will be a light lunch after the 11am service on Sunday 11 October. Please join us.

SENIORS. PSA. A Pleasant Sunday afternoon will be held in our church on Sunday 25 October at 2.30pm. There will be a program of music, poetry and songs "Celebrating Community". Afternoon tea will be provided after the program. As this event has been advertised in the Positive Ageing Lifestyles (PALS) booklet, we are hoping that some people from the community will attend.

PALS Booklets. If you want to know more about community events during the period September -December, there are some booklets on the Seniors' noticeboard.

TRANSFER. We are pleased to welcome Susan Karoly back to our church. Susan's transfer from Wesley church in the city was accepted at the Church Council meeting last week. Susan and her family attended Worship and activities here when her children were young. Susan is already becoming involved in some activities. Please welcome Susan, if you see her.

OUR NEXT MEETING. Watch the weekly bulletin for the date of our next meeting.

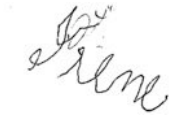
Sincere Thanks from Irene Marriott

Throughout my life I have been fortunate in having good friends, and you at Glen Waverley Uniting Church are especially so.

With the tragic loss of my son Brian and his wife Val, the flowers, cards and kind messages I received were most comforting. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Having just celebrated my 102th birthday, I extend my thanks and gratitude for your remembrances.

Please accept these words as my personal appreciation.



Thank you from the Onn family

Onn and Cynthia Chin and family would like to thank Rev Neil Peters and the GWUC community for all your prayers, thoughts and cards during Onn's recent surgery. Onn is in rehab now and making progress.

Ministry to Seniors

Alison Clarkson is overseas from Sunday 30 August until Tuesday 3 November inclusive. In her absence Elwyn Pederson is coordinating the Ministry to Seniors, with assistance from Jan Clear.

Defibrillator Training

A reminder to all groups to respond to our letter of invitation for nominees to attend Defibrillator training on Saturday October 24.



Operation Christmas Child

This year Glen Waverley Uniting Church is again participating in Operation Christmas Child.

“Operation Christmas Child is a unique project of Samaritan's Purse Australasia-Operation Christmas Child Limited that brings Good News and Great Joy to kids in need through a simple shoebox filled with gifts.

Every year, generous people, schools, churches and businesses pack shoeboxes with gifts. No matter how old or how young you are, get involved and make a difference to a child who has nothing. A shoebox is far more than just a gift ... it opens up a world of life-changing opportunities for the child, their family and their community.”

(From the website www.operationchristmaschild.org.au)

Each shoebox is filled with a variety of simple gifts including something to wear, something to love, some things for school/drawing, something to play with, something special and something for personal hygiene. The shoeboxes are delivered to children in poor communities in South East Asia and the Pacific.

Brochures with further information and preprinted shoeboxes (or you can use your own) are now available from the Church Office during office hours.

For gift ideas you can visit: <http://www.samaritanspurse.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Shoebox-Gift-Ideas.pdf>

Please consider participating in this wonderful project. Filled shoeboxes can be dropped off at the Church Office between Monday 19 and Thursday 29 October. All the shoeboxes collected will be delivered to Operation Christmas Child on 30 October for delivery to the children for Christmas.

Have fun!

Kimberly Easton - 0410 708 824

October Material Aid in Support of a Special Boy

Glen Waverley Uniting Church received a request for support from Glenallen Special School for a boy called "Jye". Jye needs his wheelchair to be modified after a growth spurt and a complication with his health. Jye comes from a single parent family and his mother cannot afford her contribution for the upgrade. The Outreach Missional Group received the request from the school and decided to respond favourably by seeking money donations for the material aid offering on Sunday 11 October at each service. Any larger donations can be placed in an envelope or handed in to the office.

This is a local project and we can make a real difference in the quality of life for Jye. The school is also interested in reconnecting with our church by building a partnership. We will explore this with the school next term. The school provided the following details in relation to Jye.

Jye is a 17yr old boy with Cerebral Palsy. He has been using his current wheelchair since 2012. Jye is not able to walk and is fully dependent on his wheelchair for mobility. Jye needs to have his wheelchair modified because of the wear and tear with parts needing to be replaced. On top of this he has developed a major growth spurt since 2012. He has developed scoliosis (lateral curve) in his spine which has become progressively worse. Therefore his sitting posture has deteriorated and the wheelchair is no longer giving him adequate support.

The quote received from Aidacare for the modifications amounts to \$6019.50. The Statewide - Equipment Fund will only fund a total of \$3582.50 leaving a gap of \$2437.00. Any amount of funding that may assist Jye will be of great help to his family.

The acting Principal Anne Maitland is also very grateful and delighted that Glenallen School and Glen Waverley Uniting Church are making this very significant and ongoing community connection".

Rev Neil Peters for Outreach Missional Group

Campaign for Australian Aid

I recently attended a meeting where representatives of 19 local churches were in attendance. It was a meeting under the banner of Campaign for Australian Aid which is a joint initiative of Make Poverty History, The Micah Challenge and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and represents a group of people who believe Australia can and should do more to end extreme poverty around the world. Many groups have joined the campaign including the Uniting Church Justice and International Mission Unit of our Synod.

The Campaign wants Australia to work towards keeping its international commitments of aid representing 0.7% of Gross National Income by 2030 as a means of meeting agreed goals. We have currently declined to 0.25% of GNI. We want aid to be well targeted toward addressing poverty with a high level of accountability.

About 40 people attended the meeting from 19 different churches and while not all held the same view, we did resolve to hold a forum to raise the issue of Australian Aid and to educate people and to encourage dialogue on this important matter. We have invited politicians to attend and address the meeting and a CEO of an Aid agency. We are still finalizing the forum arrangements but it will be held on Wednesday 4 November. Look out for more details including time and location.

Rev Neil Peters

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ASYLUM SEEKERS IN OUR MIDST

LET'S MAKE COMPASSION THE FASHION

ALL WELCOME

Come & hear:
Julian Burnside OA QC

WHEN? 3 – 5 PM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
WHERE? HIGH ST RD UNITING CHURCH
482 High St Rd, Mt Waverley
(Cnr Stewart St, Mel 61 G12)

It is an Information afternoon where we will learn from the Outer Eastern Asylum Seeker Support Network & the Lentara Asylum Seeker Project

What is being done for Asylum Seekers in our community and how we can help.

ENQUIRIES:
Andrew (ph) 040123103
Jim (ph) 0400789543



Glen Waverley Uniting Church
SENIORS' MORNING TEA
老年人早茶
Thursday 29th October 2015
10.00 am to 12.00 noon



Come and share morning tea with our
seniors who help in our community
ALL AGES WELCOME

欢迎所有年龄

All donations to research into
Motor Neurone Disease

*Please add your name to the list on the Office
Counter if you are planning to attend. Thank you*