



# Glen Waverley

## Uniting Church

### Welcome

*GWUC is a faithful, Christ-centred community that meets God and shares that unconditional love: [meet\\_god@anytime.with.us](mailto:meet_god@anytime.with.us)*

SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - June 2016						
Time	June 5 Pentecost 3	June 12 Pentecost 4	June 19 Church Anniversary	June 26 Pentecost 6		
8.00 am	Peter Baker Rev Bruce Bateman Communion	Alison Clarkson Communion	10am Combined Worship Ministry Team Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion		
9.15 am	Rev Dr Warren Bartlett Communion	Rev Neil Peters		Alanee Hearnshaw		
11.00 am	Rev Dr Warren Bartlett	Rev Neil Peters Alison Clarkson		Alanee Hearnshaw		
4.30 pm	Children & Families	Children & Families		School Holidays		
7.00 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw	State Youth Games Dinner with Neil Peters		Alanee Hearnshaw		
Lectionary	1 Kings 17:8-16, (17-24) Psalm 146 Galatians 1:11-24 Luke 7:11-17	1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a Psalm 5:1-8 Galatians 2:15-21 Luke 7:36 - 8:3		Deuteronomy 30:1-10 Psalm 100 1 Corinthians 3:10-17 John 15:1-8	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62	
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Red	Green		

### MAY

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3 May	11am	UCAF Annual Fundraising Luncheon
9 May	10am	Alzheimer's and Spirituality
12 May	2.30pm	Inclusive Community Meeting
12 May	7.30pm	Alzheimer's and Spirituality
22 May	12noon	Outreach BBQ Forum
22 May	All day	Christian Unity Ecumenical Celebration
26 May	10am-12noon	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at The Hub
29 May	2.30pm	Ecumenical Choral Service
31 May	11.15am	English Class Bible Study





## Glen Waverley Uniting Church & The Body Shop at The Glen

are hosting



**Australia's  
BIGGEST  
MORNING  
TEA**

**ALL** donations to the Cancer Council  
Come along, bring your family and  
friends, enjoy morning tea together  
and support the Cancer Council

**ALL WELCOME**

**Where: Glen Waverley Uniting Church**

**When: Thursday 26th May 2016**

**Time: 10 am to 12 noon**

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

### The Christian Church in the World

#### Global Day of Prayer for Burma (Myanmar)

Sunday 13 March was Global Day of Prayer for Burma. The largest ethnic group is the Bamar (Burman) nation, comprising 60 percent of the population. The Bamar are Buddhist. However, 57 percent of the land of Burma is occupied by over 135 ethnic minority nations, mostly not Buddhist. The Chin and the Kachin are Christian nations and the Karen nation is up to 30 percent Christian. Today, 54 years after the March 1962 military coup, many repressive and unjust militarist policies remain woven into the fabric of the State and the Christian ethnic peoples are still marginalised and persecuted. Pray that God will intervene to empower and protect all who risk much to pursue justice, righteousness, truth and life. Please pray for Burma and its Christians.

#### War looms in Azerbaijan over Nagorno-Karabakh

Situated between Turkey, Iran and Russia, the Caucasus sits on a geo-strategic, ethnic-religious fault-line. Despite being historically, demographically and culturally Armenian and Christian, the region of Nagorno-Karabakh (N-K) is claimed by Azerbaijan (Turkic Muslim). In 1923 Stalin awarded the region to Azerbaijan in a move to appease Turks and Azeri Communists. In 1991 the Soviet Union unravelled and war erupted over N-K. The N-K Armenians prevailed despite overwhelming odds, retaining their autonomy and establishing a buffer zone to protect civilians from shelling. In 1994 a ceasefire froze the conflict. The violence which erupted on 2 April was the worst violence since 1994. A ceasefire was declared on 5 April and fighting has subsided, but tensions are soaring and the situation is highly volatile. Please pray for the Armenian Christians of Nagorno-Karabakh.

*From Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin*

We pray in the words of Philippians 2:5-11

“Help us, o God, to openly proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father.”

and

When we feel “down”, let’s read Isaiah 65:17-25, where we find that the future is in God’s Hand: “I am about to create new heavens and earth, to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight.”

*Glen Waverley Uniting Church Adult Fellowship*

*Cnr Bogong Avenue & Kingsway*

*Invites you to join us at our*

## *Annual Fundraising Luncheon*

*11am Tuesday 3rd May 2016*

*Guest Speaker*

*Mrs Patricia Begg OAM*

*'The History of High Tea'*

*Followed by Lunch*

*Talk & Lunch \$20*

*Talk only \$10*

*Tickets available from :*

*Barbara Thompson, Margaret Duncan & the Church Office*



### **A Letter to the Congregation**

Dear Friends,

Church Council would like to thank the People and Culture Group, under the leadership of Ken Coutts, for the outstanding job they have completed in drawing up new contracts and job descriptions for both Heather and Wendy. Copious hours are spent in drawing up contracts and job descriptions and often such work goes unnoticed by many in the Congregation.

Staff reviews are now underway and People and Culture have designed a template which is both beneficial and practical for managing staff reviews. Convenors of the review panels are Herb, Aaron, Vida and David and some members of the Congregation have agreed to be on these panels.

At the Congregation Meeting a presentation about 'Future Ministry Composition' was explained. Now Church Council are refocusing on each area of the vision. At the last Church Council meeting Alanee reignited passion for the Vision by inviting Church Councillors to reflect on how we were going in our four identified ministry areas. As a Church Council we are committed to challenging ourselves by keeping our identified areas at the forefront of all we do, by continually asking ourselves if any new initiatives fit within our identified ministry areas. We are therefore asking all groups to actively think and ask themselves if new initiatives fit within our congregation's identified ministry areas.

May we continue to walk and grow in faith.

Helen Stewart - Chair of Church Council.

## News from Community Outreach Missional Group

**Walk for Chaplaincy:** We want to acknowledge the wonderful support that the congregation showed in supporting Neil's Walk for Chaplaincy. We know that Neil was greatly encouraged by your strong support. We also thank those who offered assistance in the lead up to the Walk and on the day. Your help supported the success of the day.

**Material Aid Offering:** There will be no material aid offering in May due to the Walk fundraising event. The material aid offering will be back in June.

**Outreach BBQ Forum:** The next Community Outreach BBQ Forum will be held on Sunday 22 May at 12 noon. The speaker will be a local Secondary School chaplain sharing about their significant work within a school environment. This follows nicely after the Walk for Chaplaincy at the end of April and links with our church's vision of partnering with organisations, like schools, in the community. Please come and support the chaplain and share this time of fellowship together. Cost is \$5 for a lovely lunch. Please sign up at the office counter to help with catering. But most of all just come.

**Glenallen School:** Glenallen School is always open to having people from the community volunteer at the School. If anyone from our church community is interested in volunteering, information packs are available at our Church Office. This is one way we can continue the link with this school. In coming weeks, Neil will be seeking information from the School about when their next working bee is and how we might be able to get a small team together to assist at the working bee.

**Wesley College Fire:** In the recent Wesley College fire, College Chaplain Rev Graham Bartley's office was damaged. He has lost resources and items for worship. Neil has offered the concern and support of our church through this time. Graham is supporting others and we wanted him to know that the wider church is supporting him. There will be an insurance claim, but in the meantime I have offered on your behalf to lend items for worship and music resources that we are not using. I have simply encouraged Graham to ask and we will do what we can.

Neil Peters - Convenor Outreach Missional Group.

## Service Recordings

Each week we record both the 9:15am and 11am services and they are posted onto the Glen Waverley Uniting Church website for people to watch and download at any time. Services going back many weeks can be found on our web site.

A number of our country churches use these recordings for worship the following week. We also create a small number of DVDs that are available for circulation around church members who prefer to watch these services on their TV or computer.

In addition we have 3 iPads available from the church office that have the services loaded on them each Monday. So if you are unable to get to worship at any time and you would like to watch any of these services, please contact the church office or Warren Greenwood and we can arrange for a DVD or iPad to be shared with you.

Warren Greenwood - 9803 8373.

## Ecumenical Choral Service

An Ecumenical Choral Service will be held on Sunday 29 May at 2.30pm at Glen Waverley Uniting Church. There will be choirs participating from Christ our Holy Redeemer, St John's Uniting, St Stephen's & St Mary's Anglican and Holy Family Parish, as well as Uniting Voices and Free Spirit. Afternoon tea will be held after the service. All are welcome.

## New Email Address

Church members are advised that Neil Peters has a new email address and you are asked to make this change in your computer. Please now use [revneilpeters@gmail.com](mailto:revneilpeters@gmail.com) - Thank you.

## Inclusive Community Report

**Prayer Support Group:** If you have a prayer request and you don't want it placed in the prayer book, we do have a prayer support group. All requests for prayer are kept confidential and are only passed onto group members. We don't need to know why you are requesting prayer, just a name is fine. If you need more information, contact Heather or Wendy in the office, during office hours or Beverly on 0417 359 779.

**Munch with a Bunch:** Last Sunday 50 people had lunch together in the hall. Those who attended enjoyed the time of fellowship and the lovely food. I would like to thank the members of the Inclusive Community committee and Jo and Michael B. and their boys for working so hard to make this event a success.

**Lunches:** Our next light lunch after the 11am service will be on Sunday 15 May. This will be the day that we commission our ecumenical visitors who are attending services at other churches or here at Glen Waverley. If you would like to visit another church and you haven't done it before, please see Jan today or Alison and Jan next Sunday. The visits will take place on Sunday 22 May and we will have visitors from other churches here that day.

**English Class Bible Study:** On Tuesday 31 May we are having a special English Class Bible Study. If you have friends or neighbours who are learning English and would be interested in doing a Bible Study, Lynn and I would be very pleased to see them in room 4 at 11.15am. If you have any questions, please speak to Lynn Peters or Jan Clear.

**Newcomers' Kits:** We are in the process of preparing newcomers kits - one for people on the day that they come for the first time and one for two or three months later. If you have any suggestions, Please talk to Heather or Wendy and they will pass your ideas on to me.

**Medical Forms:** We are beginning the process of updating medical forms for all members of the congregation. This will be slow as we will only do about fifty at one time. Your information form will be placed in a sealed named envelope and will only be opened if there is an emergency. The envelopes will be kept in a secure place and the old forms will be shredded.

**Our next meeting** will be on Thursday 12 May at 2.30 pm. If you have suggestions for activities, please let us know.

Jan Clear.

## A New Thing for GWUC - Would you be interested?

"Alzheimer's and Spirituality" is the topic for a Conversation that will begin soon. Would you be interested in coming along?

It will be led by a member of our congregation, Rev Brace Bateman, a retired minister of the Uniting Church. You may remember him from his serving us recently when there were vacancies in our Ministry Team.

Brace has recently been diagnosed as having Alzheimer's Disease. He has learned that 10% of the Australian population have Alzheimer's.

He is naming this discussion "Alzheimer's and Spirituality" as together the group will consider what resources the Christian faith has to help with Alzheimer's.

All are invited. And especially people who have Alzheimer's, their families, and carers, and any and all who would like to know more about Alzheimer's.

Brace, himself, is rejoicing in how Christian spirituality is greatly assisting him with his diagnosis.

There will be four sessions, on four Monday mornings at 10am in the Church, repeated on four Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in Room 1.

Sessions are commencing the week of 9 May. Please ring the Church Office on 9560 3580 if you want to indicate your interest and which time is better for you.

Of course you are also welcome to phone Brace on 9807 3941.



# COMMUNITY HUB

## Community Hub Missional Group

The groups under the Glen Waverley Uniting Church “CHMG umbrella” have continued to provide an inviting and welcoming haven to the community on our doorstep. If you know of people looking for extra social contact or would like to volunteer your services to assist in any of the groups below, please contact Geraldine Fleming on 9802 2179, the specific Group Co-ordinator, or Secretary Jenny Vass on 9874 3701.

**The Hub** - Judith Greenwood Co-ordinator. Enquiries: 9803 8373

The Hub continues to bring new people into our church each week. These people are mainly looking for company, friendship and support in different ways. The Hub operates in the church foyer on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am – 2pm, and Wednesdays 10am – 12noon, during school terms. Come and join us for a cuppa, a biscuit and a chat. Your family and friends are also welcome.

Thank you to the many Hub volunteers who offer hospitality, friendship and support to these visitors, which helps to give them a real sense of belonging in our church.

Our next special morning tea will be our Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea at The Hub on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 10am – 12noon. All donations will go to the Cancer Council Victoria. All are welcome to join in this event, so bring your family and friends and support the Cancer Council. Please add your name to the list on the Office Counter.

**Leisure Time** - Laurel Muir & Cliff Baker Co-ordinator

Leisure Time has commenced its 38th year with an average attendance of 16. Guests have enjoyed entertainment from a magician, school choirs, and been taken on outings to Lyndhurst and Morning Melodies. Meetings generally consist of a “get together” of volunteers and interested people followed by lunch. Sadly, the group has lost 2 valued members this year and their fellowship is missed. Leisure Time was pleased to contribute \$4,500 towards the upgrade of the kitchen ovens. New members are always welcome.

**Playgroups** - Kaye Mackinnon Co-ordinator

There was a smooth start to the year with the change of some staff. Rebecca is back assisting and Lynn Peters is assistant leader on Wednesdays. The dedication of ‘old’ and new leaders is much appreciated.

The overall number of children is about 70 at this stage. New families are welcome to join any of our groups.

**Welfare** - Dorothy Lockhart Co-ordinator

This Group responds to an ever-increasing number of requests covering a variety of needs. They are very grateful for the monetary and non-perishable grocery donations that assist their work.

**Cooee** - Geraldine Fleming Co-ordinator

The three ladies who attend Cooee regularly on Fridays enjoy their time together, and have requested a new Scrabble Dictionary, with word definitions. The present one is falling apart! Geraldine will look into this.

**Badminton** - Onn Chin - Co-ordinator

Badminton meets on Monday and Thursday evenings at 8pm in the Hall.

## Welfare Special Project

Baby Emmanuel Harlem is expected as a new member of one of Welfare’s well known local families. His birth is due around 16 June and he will have four siblings who are attending primary and secondary schools. The family’s income is fully dependent on Centrelink.

The Welfare Committee would really appreciate your assistance in preparing for Emmanuel’s needs and at this stage would really appreciate your considering a special donation of:

**Money** - for the purchase of a baby bath, creams and lotions etc, formula, nappies and special feeding bottles similar to those used by his siblings.

**Clothing, rugs etc** - sized between newborn and say twelve months. Emmanuel will be a winter baby so jumpsuits and knitted goods would be most appreciated.

If you are able to assist, please leave money donations in the Office and place your much appreciated goods in the container marked “Emmanuel” from Sunday 8 May.