



Glen Waverley

Uniting Church

Welcome

GWUC is a faithful, Christ-centred community that meets God and shares that unconditional love

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

5 May	1pm	Community Outreach film
7 May	10.00am 2.00pm	UCAF Men's Fellowship
12 May	10.30am	Mothers Day Morning Tea
18 May	12.30pm	Frontier Services Bush Chaplains BBQ
23 May	10am	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at The Hub

JUNE

7-10 June		State Youth Games
23 June	10am	Combined Anniversary Service and Lunch

		SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - June 2019			
Time	June 2 Easter 7	June 9 Day of Pentecost	June 16 Trinity Sunday	June 23 Pentecost 2 UCA Anniversary	June 30 Pentecost 3
8:00 am	Peter Baker Communion	Susan Karoly Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	10am Combined Service Ministry Team followed by lunch	Ross Mackinnon Communion
9:15 am	Rev. Neil Peters Uniting World Communion	Rev. Neil Peters	Rev. Neil Peters		Rev. Neil Peters
11:00 am	Rev. Neil Peters Uniting World / Ecumenical Visitors	Rev. Neil Peters	Rev. Neil Peters Communion		Rev. Neil Peters
1:00 pm	Indonesian Service	Indonesian Service	Indonesian Service	Indonesian Service	Indonesian Service
4:30 pm	Children & Families	Children & Families (to be confirmed)	Children & Families	-	(School Holidays)
5:30 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw	(to be confirmed)	Alanee Hearnshaw	-	Alanee Hearnshaw
Lectionary	Acts 16:16-34	Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
	Psalms 97	Psalms 14:24-34, 35b or Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21	Psalms 8	Psalms 42 and 43	Psalms 77:1-2, 11-20
	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26	Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21 John 14:8-17, (25-27)	Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15	Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39	Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62
Liturgical Colour	White	Red	White	Green Red - UCA Anniversary	Green





Glen Waverley Uniting Church
will be hosting



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

**所有捐助归与癌症协会. 请带家人和朋友一起来,
享用茶点, 支持癌症协会**

ALL WELCOME 欢迎所有人仕参加

**Where: Glen Waverley Uniting Church
cnr Bogong Ave & Kingsway**

When: Thursday 23rd May 2019

Time: 10 am to 12 noon

If you are planning to attend, please add your name to the list
on the office counter to assist with catering.

The Christian Church in the World (MAY)

INDIA NEEDS A BREAKTHROUGH AGAINST NATIONALISM

India's 2019 general election will take place in seven phases from 11 April to 19 May. The new parliament will be announced on 23 May. The Hindu nationalist BJP has ruled with a simple majority for the past five years. Its electoral success is the culmination of decades of strategic advance by highly organised nationalist forces. It seeks to unite Indians as Hindus and is hostile to Christianity, which it demonises as a threat to national security and social cohesion. Wherever Hindu nationalism advances, communalism and violent persecution of Christians escalates. Hindu nationalism is making headway in areas where Christianity has long been established and/or growing. Please pray for the Church in India and for a breakthrough against nationalism.

SOMALI CHURCH BEING ATTACKED

Somalia is one of the world's most dangerous places to be a Christian. Al-Shabaab hunts down and executes Christian converts. Somali Muslims maintain that Christianity has no place in Somalia. Civil war and famine have forced hundreds of thousands of Somalis to flee into Kenya, where they have access to Kenyan and international aid workers and teachers, many of whom are Christian. A small and vulnerable ethnic Somali Church is taking root both inside war-racked Somalia and in eastern Kenya's Somali-dominated Garissa County. Kenya might offer freedom and opportunity, but the work among Somalis is still incredibly dangerous. On March 8 Pastor Abdul (Somali, aged 30, married, father of three) was severely beaten in Garissa by Somali Muslims. Though relocated, his family fear for their lives. Please pray for the Somali Church.

from Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin

Have you seen...?

A green coloured tub of Lego has gone missing from the Children & Families Craft Trolley. Have you borrowed it?

If so, can you please return it either to the trolley or to the church office.

Thanks!



Glenallen School

Invites you to

Come and celebrate our 40th birthday

Stroll around the school and visit our Art Exhibition

Tickets: \$5 per head

Complimentary drink and nibbles

Friday 24th May, 2019

4-9pm

RSVP Friday 17th May

Phone: 9561 1966

Email: glenallen.sch@edumail.vic.gov.au

June Issue of *NewView*

Our theme for the June issue of *NewView* is **faith**. What is faith, and, more specifically, Christian faith? What is its connection to belief? or to fact? Is/Should faith be fixed, unchangeable? Is faith quantifiable ('O ye of little faith')? Do all Christians have the same faith? Why/why not? Why does the church adopt statements of faith (creeds)? Can you call yourself a Christian if you don't subscribe to the church's creeds/statements of faith? Why/why not? Is it 'wrong' to doubt?

GROUP TO VISIT MANADO, SULAWESI, INDONESIA

A small group from this congregation will leave on the evening of 14 May to visit our sister church, GMIM Riedel, in Tondano (Manado). The Uniting Church through UnitingWorld recently signed a memorandum of understanding with the GMIM denomination in Indonesia. Part of the memorandum was a desire to receive visitors and make visits.

Two years ago a group from Riedel visited our congregation to learn about how we are "church" here in Australia and they had a particular interest in how we offer ministry to children. At the time the group was keen for a group from here to make a return visit.

You may recall that in April last year, Alanee attended a big youth conference in Manado called the Asian Ecumenical Youth Christian Conference and visited the Riedel congregation afterwards.

Our group is made up of Rev Neil Peters, Vida Foo, Susan Chan, Lina Liu, Glyn Howells, Willie and Yoke Cornelis, and Lucky Kalonta will arrive during the visit. The group will involve themselves in the life of the church. We will meet the Moderator of GMIM. Neil will preach in three different churches across the two Sundays. There is a lot of interest in our visit from neighbouring GMIM churches. We want to support and learn from our brothers and sisters in Christ. We want to learn of their culture and of their life and ministry as a congregation.

We will take gifts of the 'fall' made by Sue Morgan, stoles made by Susan Karoly and crosses and candle holders made by Bill Norquay, as well as personal gifts for our hosts.

While at Riedel we will present a donation on behalf of the UCAF from their annual luncheon for a Riedel congregation project to establish a Christian radio station.

We look forward to sharing our experiences when we return. Please pray for us.

SYG - State Youth Games

MOMENTUM is a sport, art, and camping event like no other for youth and young adults across Victoria.

You and your friends are invited to camp for the June long weekend (7-10), play sport in a welcoming environment suitable for all skill levels, and explore new ways of looking at life and faith in an inclusive and open Christian community.

We are getting our team together again for our 14th Glen Waverley Uniting SYG Weekend so come and join us...

For more information see the Youth & Young Adults notice board or website or ask Alanee or the office for more details.



Sleeping at the G

Our Young Adults have decided to sleep at the G to raise awareness and fundraise for Victoria's over 6000 young people who are homeless.

We will be "Sleeping at the G" Thursday 16 May. So far there is a group of seven - Jesse, Caleb, Nick, Nicole, Lisa, Joel & Alanee (with more to join) - and we would love your support. You can donate via the link

<https://sleepatthegcommunity2019.everydayhero.com/au/alanee>

or to the office.

Inclusive Community Report. May 2019.

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 on to group members. We don't need to know why you are requesting prayer, just a name is fine. If you need more information, contact the office during office hours, or Beverly on 0417 359 779. Thanks to the fifteen people who make up the prayer support group.

Bring & Share Lunch. You are ALL invited to the Bring and Share Lunch after the 11am service TODAY 5 May. Bring a plate of food to share. This lunch will be held in the Fellowship area. Enquiries Church Office.

Walkathon. On Saturday 27 April a number of people supported Neil and walked to raise funds for the Breakfast Program at Glen Waverley Secondary College and SRI (Religious Education) in Primary Schools. The walkers enjoyed snacks, morning tea and lunch prepared and served by Inclusive Community Committee members and other helpers. Thanks to helpers and walkers.

On **Mothers' Day** we will have a special morning tea between services (9.15 and 11am). If you are a mother, sister, auntie, grandma, friend or an adopted mother or grandmother, please join us.

There won't be a light lunch this month as we have the Mothers' Day morning tea.

Munch with a Bunch lunch will be held on Sunday 26 May in the hall. Invitations will be sent out shortly.

On Sunday 2 June, we will celebrate **Christian Unity Sunday**. We will be looking for 8 visitors - six to visit other churches and two to represent us here. Six visitors will come to us from other churches. Please think about taking part in this. It is an interesting experience to go to other churches.

Our next Inclusive Community meeting will be on Monday 3 June at 2pm in Room 2.

If you have suggestions for functions or activities, please let us know.

Jan Clear.

The Refugee Crisis

The Community Outreach Group invites you to attend a showing of the film BORDER POLITICS, a 90 minute documentary that follows human rights barrister Julian Burnside as he traverses the globe examining the harsh treatment meted out to refugees by most Western democracies. This story is about the threat to human rights, the loss of democratic values, and our increasingly heartless treatment of the more than 60 million displaced people around the world.

WHEN: 1 pm May 5, 2019

WHERE: Worship Centre, Glen Waverley Uniting Church.

If you are attending the 11am morning service, you are welcome to bring your lunch and consume it in the fellowship area before the film commences, or join in the Bring & Share lunch.

Material Aid Offering for May Glen Waverley Uniting Church Welfare

The Glen Waverley Uniting Church Welfare team have a constant demand for assistance with food and household items. The Material Aid offering this month will support this important work on behalf of the congregation.

Donations could include non-perishables such as breakfast cereals, long life milk, canned fruit, soups, noodle meals, tea, coffee, Milo, biscuits etc. also toothpaste and brushes, soap, washing powder etc.

The Outreach Committee and the Welfare team thank you for your support.

WALKATHON FOR SCHOOLS MINISTRY

Glen Waverley Uniting Church held its 4th Annual Walkathon in support of our local schools ministry. Our minister, Rev Neil Peters, had this idea 4 years ago as a fundraiser to support local schools ministry and in particular the position of school chaplain at Glen Waverley Secondary College. Neil had no idea of the interest this initiative would create in the congregation.

The walkathon is now 8, 2.5 km laps which makes it 20 kms for anyone who does all 8 laps. Families, older people, singles, couples, and dogs now participate in the walk and others sponsor. A small team put on morning tea and lunch. It is a wonderful time to walk and chat and get to know people. Some walk one lap, some walk a few and a small number walk all laps. Each of the first three walkathons raised in excess of \$3500 each which was so encouraging for all involved. The Walkathon takes place on the last Saturday in April.

The schools ministry supported includes the school chaplain position at Glen Waverley Secondary College which unfortunately was ceased by the school at the end of 2018. One member of the congregation teaches SRI Christianity in Primary Schools and we cover her \$360 partnership contribution. Glen Waverley Uniting Church also has a small and dedicated team who put on a pancake breakfast each Thursday morning at Glen Waverley Secondary College. The purpose of the breakfast is to build a sense of community and support among the students, and staff from the school Well Being team sometimes attend. We serve about 250 students pancakes each week. The Walkathon funds the costs of this program.

This year 36 different walkers participated and 4 people, including Neil, walked all 8 laps beginning at 8 am and finishing at 2 pm. All who participate find it a great day. We now wait to see what we raised this year.





*Koonung Heights Uniting
Church Council*

Invites you to be present at the induction of

The Rev Heather Hon

B.A., M.A., GradDipTheol

As minister of the word at Koonung Heights
Uniting Church

On Friday 10th May at 7.30pm at Koonung
Heights Uniting Church corner Winfield and
Belmore Rds, Balwyn

Clergy are invited to robe and arrive 15 minutes
early to be part of the procession.

THE JOHN FLYNN FOUNDATION



You are warmly invited to our special John Flynn Foundation event. Come and hear from Rev. Gregor Henderson and Frontier Services' Bush Chaplain, Rev Sunil Kadaparambil speak of his adventures in the Parkin-Sturt Remote Area.

Saturday 18th May 2019
Glen Waverley Uniting Church,
Corner Bogong Ave & Kingsway,
Glen Waverley 3150
Lunch and Presentation
From: 12.30pm-2.30pm
RSVP by Monday 13th May to:
Email: office@gwuc.org.au
Phone: (03) 9560 3580

Sunday 19th May 2019
St Leonards Uniting Church
Cnr New Street and Wolseley Grove,
Brighton Beach
Lunch and Presentation
From: 12.30pm-2.30pm
RSVP by Monday 13th May to:
Email: contact@stleonards.org.au
Phone: (03) 9592 9333

John Flynn Foundation

We support the work of Frontier Services' Bush Chaplains throughout remote areas of Australia

The John Flynn Foundation | ABN 66 261 841 602 | GPO Box 2527, Sydney NSW 2001 | T: 1300 787 247
Trustees Rev Gregor Henderson, Honorary Chair | Bruce McKay | Richard Stewart | Storry Walton | Sharon Lee | Andrew Markwell

Faith Development Missional Group - BLOGSPOT!

At the Edge of the Enclosure is the Rev Suzanne Guthrie's website. She is an American Episcopalian (Anglican) priest with an interest in personal reflection. *At the Edge of the Enclosure* offers a weekly self-guided retreat on the Gospel lesson for the coming Sunday, and it offers material for Bible study, personal reflection and sermon preparation.

Each week, Suzanne provides material on the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday. The gospel reading is printed first. She takes a theme from that reading and develops it, beginning with what she calls "Self-Guided Retreat". This is then followed by some quotations (usually three) from famous writers down the ages to meditate on – some examples of the people she quotes from include Archbishop Desmond Tutu, St Augustine, Walter Hilton, Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, Blaise Pascal, Ruth Burrows, Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King, St. Thérèse of Lisieux. After the quotations, she concludes with her own meditation on the theme.

Her webpage always includes some beautiful art work on the theme.

Here is her Self-Guided Retreat on the good Samaritan

But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Luke 10:33-35

Imagine waking up from a trauma and finding yourself alone except for your bosom enemy caring for you at your bedside, having scraped you up off the road and paid your hospital bills. Jesus crafted a story to shock the boundaries of relationship. The relentless reversals of the Good News shatter boundary, status quo, any comfort upon which a wearied soul might like to settle down.

Who is my neighbour and who is my family? Who is my friend and to whom and what am I called to be friend? As boundaries shatter, neighbour, family, enemy, the Divine, draw close.

Happy boundary shattering.
-Suzanne

The URL for Suzanne's website is: <http://www.edgeofenclosure.org/home.html>

Ross Mackinnon

Girl Guide Honours for Di Paterson.

On Saturday April 27th Di Paterson was presented with the Grey Kangaroo by the State Commissioner of Girl Guide Victoria on behalf of the Chief Commissioner of Girl Guides Australia.

The Grey Kangaroo is an award for service to Guides at Unit, District, Region, State and National level.

Di was overwhelmed and humbled by this award as she thought she had not done anything to achieve such an honour. She was assured that she had done a lot over a very sustained time, making a difference in the lives of Girls and Leaders.

The Grey Kangaroo
Award



GWUC Community Hub Missional Group
Report for May 2019 Monthly Bulletin
prepared by Kaye Mackinnon, secretary.

Each of our mission groups has been busy endeavouring to welcome and meet the needs of members of the local community who have come to our church. Each of these important groups is in real need of extra committed volunteers.

The Hub

The Hub has been very busy and successful. A real sense of community is developing amongst our regular visitors who now wish to be involved in the church's activities particularly by making donations to welfare.

A special hot cross bun morning tea for the Children's Hospital Appeal was very successful, raising a total of \$1390.00.

Our Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at The Hub will be held on Thursday 23rd May 2019 in support of the Cancer Council of Victoria.

We would love some new Hub volunteers or emergency volunteers. If you would like to help at The Hub once a month or even once a term, please contact Judith on 9803 8373.

Judith Greenwood.

Leisure Time

The change to fortnightly meetings has been successful with an average of 16 guests attending. The fortnightly change will be reviewed at the meeting on 20th May 2019.

Two outings have been held this year, the first to the Knox Club for lunch and entertainment. We have also visited the Steeples Restaurant at the Mornington Racecourse for lunch.

The annual general meeting was held on 15th April 2019 with Margaret Fraser in the chair. One of our guests – Joan – spoke about what Leisure Time means to the people who attend. A PowerPoint presentation showed the 40th Birthday celebrations and the Christmas party. Until 20th May 2019, Margaret Fraser will be the acting co-ordinator and treasurer in Cliff Baker's absence.

Police checks have been updated over the past month.

As with other groups within the church, Leisure Time can always use new volunteers to swell the ranks. Glyn Howells has joined in the kitchen, making a great "Sadie" with the floor mopping.

Laurel Muir

Badminton and Table Tennis

All is progressing very well, with many newcomers. Efforts are being made to be inclusive of all levels of skill.

Andrew Hosking

Play Groups

The four groups are up and running smoothly and happily. Although overall numbers are slightly down on previous years, we are still welcoming new members.

Bev Richardson

Cocee

This very small group continues to serve a very real need for those who meet on Fridays for lunch.

Geraldine Fleming

Welfare

We are so grateful for the prayerful and practical assistance we continue to receive from our congregation. UCAF members regularly donate groceries to welfare when attending their meetings. Welfare received a cheque for \$500.00 last week as a consequence of UCAF's fundraising. Judith Greenwood has designed a Hub display board and a basket which displays three items of food required by welfare in any specific week.

Fresh fruit is delivered weekly by a congregation member. This is very much appreciated by recipients. Thanks to John Pooley, the company that supplies our church has donated a lot of toilet rolls to offer to welfare recipients.

Welfare continues to be very busy.

Dorothy Lockhart