

Glen Waverley

Uniting Church

Welcome

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

| SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - May 2019 | | | | | | | |
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| Time | May 5 Easter 3 | May 12 Easter 4 Mother's Day | May 19 Easter 5 | May 26 Easter 6 | | | |
| 8.00 am | Helen Stewart Peter Baker Communion | Susan Karoly Peter Baker Communion | Rev Tom Rose Communion | Rev Fred Waine Communion | Alanee Hearnshaw | Alanee Hearnshaw | Alanee Hearnshaw |
| 9.15 am | Rev. Neil Peters Communion Speaker: Uniting Lentara | Rev. Neil Peters | Russell Crawford | Alanee Hearnshaw | Indonesian Service | Indonesian Service | Indonesian Service |
| 11.00 am | Rev. Neil Peters Speaker: Uniting Lentara | Rev. Neil Peters | Alanee Hearnshaw Rev. Bill Morgan Communion | Alanee Hearnshaw | Children & Families | Children & Families | Children & Families |
| 1.00 pm | Indonesian Service | Indonesian Service | Indonesian Service | Indonesian Service | Indonesian Service | Indonesian Service | Indonesian Service |
| 4.30 pm | Children & Families | Children & Families | Children & Families | Children & Families | Children & Families | Children & Families | Children & Families |
| 5.30 pm | Alanee Hearnshaw | Alanee Hearnshaw | Alanee Hearnshaw | Alanee Hearnshaw | Alanee Hearnshaw | Alanee Hearnshaw | Alanee Hearnshaw |
| Lectionary | Acts 9:1-6, (7-20) Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19 | Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30 | Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35 | Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5 John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9 | | | |
| Liturgical Colour | White | White | White | White | | | |

APRIL

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 15 April | 2.30pm | Leisure Time AGM |
| 19 April | 9.15am | Good Friday Service |
| | 1.00pm | Good Friday Indonesian Service |
| 21 April | 10am | Easter Sunday Service |
| | 1.00pm | Easter Sunday Indonesian Service |
| 27 April | 8.00am | Annual Walk-a-thon |
| MAY | | |
| 12 May | 10.30am | Mothers Day Morning Tea |
| 23 May | 10am | Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at The Hub |



Leisure Time AGM - Monday 15 April 2019 at 2.30pm

A reminder that the Congregation and Volunteers are invited to attend the Leisure Time Annual General Meeting which starts at 2.30pm in Room 1. Afternoon tea will follow the meeting.

If anyone would like to nominate to be on the committee at that meeting could you please let the Secretary (Ken Hutchinson) know either by e-mail kjhutchinson@optusnet.com.au or phone 03 9884 4002.

Under the Constitution all Church members are eligible to attend and cast a vote so come along and participate. Agenda papers will be available from the Church Office the week before the meeting.

Ken Hutchinson - Secretary

Notice to all Hall Users

As you would understand there are many different groups who use the Hall for various activities. As a requirement of use, you need to ensure the floor is clean when you leave. Property is concerned that after some use, the floor has been left slippery due to spilt food or materials used for dancing. This has meant that the next group may find the surface dangerously slippery.

Please note that if you consume food in the hall, or leave any residue from your shoes etc, you will need to mop the floor. Cleaning materials can be found in the cupboard opposite the Hall, or please let the office know if you need any assistance.

Thank you.

Congregation Outreach Projects Applications 2019

COP Applications open Monday April 1 and close on Monday April 29. Application forms and information about the process can be obtained from the wiki at <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/CopProjects2019>.

The Christian Church in the World

COMMUNAL VIOLENCE THREATENS PROGRESS IN ETHIOPIA

The great reform work being done by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed could be undone if escalating communal violence cannot be contained. More than 2.4 million Ethiopians are now displaced because of communal violence, much of which is believed to be incited by political elements opposed to PM Abiy's reforms. In early February, three mosques were burnt in a majority Christian region in the north, while at least ten churches were burnt in a majority Muslim region in the south. As in the more numerous cases of pure ethnic violence, majorities are attacking minorities and local police are not intervening. In each case of religious violence, it was incited by a false report and then carefully organised. Please pray that God will complete the good work he has begun in Ethiopia. *from Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin.*

PAKISTAN COURT FINALLY ACQUITS ASIA BIBI

On Tuesday 29 January, the Supreme Court of Pakistan upheld its earlier acquittal of Christian woman, Asia Bibi. She was under guard at a secret location following her acquittal last October. Asia Bibi was falsely accused of blasphemy against the Koran by Muslims in her community several years ago and was imprisoned on death row. The court expressed displeasure about the perjury the complainant committed against Asia and other witnesses. She is now free to go to Canada and join her two daughters already there. A radical anti-blasphemy party has said it would not accept any decision in favour of Ms Bibi's release and asked its followers to stage more mass protests. Pray for Asia Bibi's safe departure and for the Church in Pakistan. *from Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin.*

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

“We are ambassadors for Christ”.

What a special task has been given to us.

Art Installation

From Monday to Thursday in Holy Week, there will be a reflective art installation in the Sanctuary. The church will be open between 9am and 3.30pm where you are invited to take a self-guided walk, stopping at various points for prayer, at a time that is convenient for you.

Recognition of Australia's First Peoples

The November 2018 meeting of the congregation considered the topic of how, as a congregation, we might recognise those of Australia's first peoples that used to occupy the area we now use for worship. At the meeting, as subsequently, a variety of ideas have been presented and these are summarised on the wiki at:- <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/DiscussionRecognitionOfAustraliasFirstPeoples>. Please feel free to respectfully add your ideas to this discussion page. (If you would like help, contact John Snare john.snare@bigpond.com.) The congregation is expecting a report back at the July meeting and I am looking for some people to work towards preparing something for the congregation to consider by July. The Church Council has already prepared an option that might be adopted (a plaque with proposed wording), but the congregation as a whole has the opportunity to refine or extend the proposal from Church Council. Please contact John Snare (john.snare@bigpond.com) or Alison Clarkson (alison@gwuc.org.au) if you would like to help with this.

April Material Aid Offering - Dress for Success

The mission of Dress for Success is to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. Donate your gently used, nearly-new professional attire.



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.

Time to start training for NEIL'S ANNUAL



To be held SATURDAY APRIL 27th.

First lap starts at 8.00am

Details and sign up forms will be in the foyer soon.

Everyone is welcome to join in – DOGS too!

Easy walk – no big hills to climb!

Refreshments available all morning – so even if you are not able to walk, come along, share morning tea, and encourage those who are walking.

If you have any questions have a chat with Neil.

All money raised goes to our Breakfast at Glen Waverley Secondary College program and to those helping with the SRI program in Primary Schools.

PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY AND COME ALONG AND SHARE IN THE FUN

Attention – Direct Debit Givers

UCA Funds Management administer the Direct Debit system used by most Direct Debit givers at GWUC and provide the Giving Recording Committee with the amounts given by each individual giver which we use in our half yearly letters to each of you. This information is known only to members of the committee and is not provided to anyone else at GWUC.

They have just informed me that, due to privacy concerns, they will no longer provide individual giving details without explicit permission to do so from the giver. To obtain this permission they have, or will very soon, send a letter to each direct debit giver with a form to be returned to them.

If you do not return the form we will no longer receive any information about how much, or even if, you are giving via Direct Debit. This will affect only the information the committee receives. It will not alter the process of deducting the amount of money you have specified and transferring it to GWUC. But it will mean that it will no longer be possible to provide you with a half-yearly letter.

If you do fill out and return the form nothing will change.

Please note that UCA FM have told me that they have forgotten to include reply-paid envelopes in some of the letters they have sent out. If you receive one of these letters you can send it back to them at no cost in an unstamped envelope using the address “UCA Funds Management, Reply Paid 69601, Melbourne 3000” or e-mail to info@ucafunds.com.au.

If you have any questions you can contact me on 9884 4002 or email me at kjhutchinson@optusnet.com.au I will try to answer them. Alternatively you can contact UCA FM direct on 1800 996 888 or e-mail them at the address given in the previous paragraph.

Ken Hutchinson - Recorder

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 & YA 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.

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 Sumil 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

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

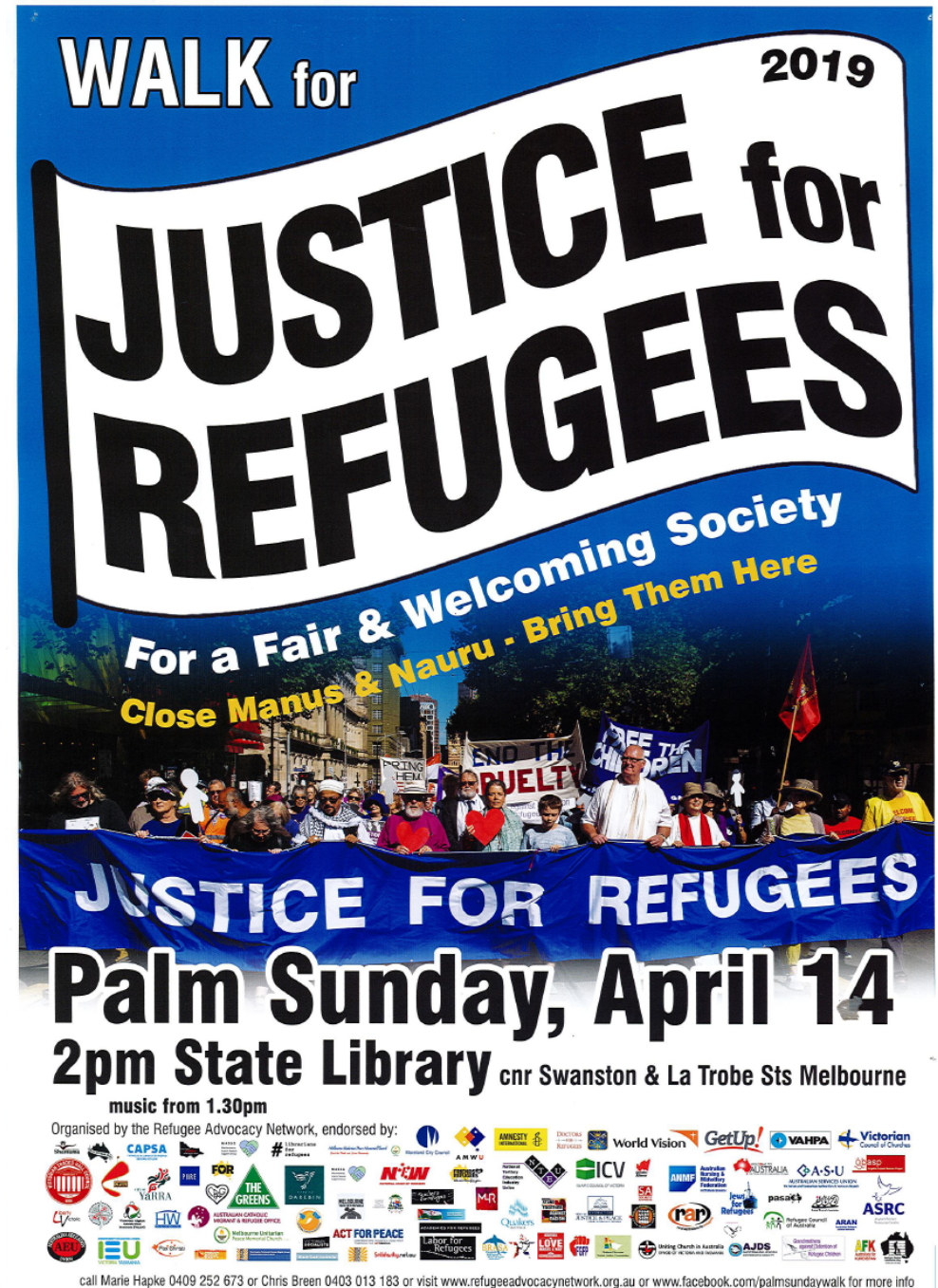
WHERE: Worship Centre, Glen Waverley Uniting Church.

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. Mark this in your diary now!

Asylum Seeker Support Group BBQ at Tasman Meats

Members of the congregation are cordially invited to purchase a BBQ sausage from the Tasman Meats Bbq on Saturday 27 April. The BBQ will operate between 10am and 2pm so you might be able to visit as well as supporting Neil in the walk-a-thon.

Volunteers to assist with cooking for one hour would be appreciated. If you are able to help in this way please contact Andrew Hosking via the Church Office 9560 3580.



WALK for 2019

JUSTICE for REFUGEES

For a Fair & Welcoming Society
Close Manus & Nauru - Bring Them Here

JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES

Palm Sunday, April 14
2pm State Library cnr Swanston & La Trobe Sts Melbourne

music from 1.30pm

Organised by the Refugee Advocacy Network, endorsed by:

Logos of endorsing organizations: CAPSA, YARRA, THE GREENS, ACT FOR PEACE, Labor for Refugees, ANMF, ICI, World Vision, GetUp!, VAHFA, Victorian Council of Churches, ASU, ASRC, and many others.

call Marie Hapke 0409 252 673 or Chris Breen 0403 013 183 or visit www.refugeeadvocacynetwork.org.au or www.facebook.com/palmsundaywalk for more info

Easter Choral Service

The St John's Choir will be presenting Easter anthems and hymns on Palm Sunday, 14 April at 2.30pm at St John's Uniting Church, Virginia Street, Mount Waverley. All welcome.

Craft Group every 4th Monday, 10am-2pm

At our last meeting we learnt how to do the quilting/embroidery technique of shadow trapunto. Great fun was had by all. At our next meeting we will be led by Hilda who will show us how to make beautifully hand crafted folded boxes. Come for the day, or come and go as you please. Bring your own craft to work on, or pay the materials fee of \$5 to have a go at the folded boxes. Tea and coffee provided, but please bring your own lunch.

Susan Karoly, Craft Group Coordinator

Lenten Offering 2019

Each year the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania have a Lenten Appeal. This year there are 4 projects approved for support. Those donating can have their donation spread across all 4 projects or across the projects that they nominate.

The 4 projects are:-

Ecumenical Accompaniment Program Palestine and Israel. The program will allow 10 Australians to live in Palestine for 3 months and to help the cause of a just peace.

Homework Hub Pakenham Officer. Supporting students in grades 3 - 6 at school. The program is supported with volunteer tutors from Pakenham Uniting Church.

Benalla Central Community Garden. The funds will help Benalla Uniting Church install a fence, a tank and a garden shed.

Migrant Women's Music and Language Program. Donations will support this program for a year which is aimed at those that are disadvantaged.

The Lenten Appeal envelopes are available from the stewards table.



Waverley & District Inter-Church Council



WAY OF THE CROSS

Good Friday

19th of April 2019

Central Reserve

Cnr. Waverley & Springvale Roads, Glen Waverley.

11.00am



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 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.

Thanks to those who helped with catering, setting up the hall and cleaning up afterwards, and who worked in the kitchen, for Heather's ordination yesterday. It was a very special occasion for her and for us. We wish the family all the best for the future and Heather every blessing as she begins her ministry at Koonung Heights. Thanks also to those who prepared and served morning tea last Sunday following a time when we thanked Heather for her work in the office and wished the family well.

Munch with a Bunch lunch was held at the RSL last Sunday and about fifty people attended. Our next Munch with a Bunch lunch will be Sunday 26 May.

Last Sunday was a special day for our **Indonesian Fellowship** as they celebrated their second anniversary, with a service and a special lunch. Our **Chinese Fellowship** is meeting on Wednesday afternoons. We thank all those who are working to make these two fellowships successful and meaningful for those who attend.

We received a certificate from Uniting Care, last week, thanking us for our participation in **Pancake Day**. We raised \$297. This certificate is on the Inclusive Community notice board.

The **Way of the Cross** will be held at Central Reserve on Good Friday at 11am. Last year about five hundred people attended this event organised by the Glen Waverley Inter-Church Council. We have five members of our congregation taking part in the Way of the Cross.

The **Light Lunch** will be held next Sunday 14 April after the 11am service. This will be held in the Fellowship area. Lunch is provided.

On Saturday morning 27 April, we will have Neil's annual **Walkathon**. Refreshments will be provided. Come and join Neil and other walkers. The walkers will begin walking at 8am and finish about 2pm. There will be opportunities to sponsor Neil and other walkers and funds raised will go to SRI (Religious Education in schools) and the Breakfast program at Glen Waverley Secondary School. We look forward to seeing you then.

Our **next meeting** will be on Tuesday 30 April at 10am in the Sacred Space. If you have suggestions for functions or activities please let us know.

Jan Clear

Faith Development Missional Group – BLOGSPOT!

Rev John van de Laar is a South African Methodist minister with a deep interest in worship. His website – *Sacredise: your worship creates your life* – contains a rich treasury of resources for worship and personal devotions. It includes prayers, liturgies, articles, a personal blog, lectionary resources, drama scripts, music, seasonal resources and daily worship (if you sign up for this, you receive devotional material for each day of the week once a week by email).

John says:

"I believe that what we do in Church on Sundays has the potential to change our lives, and through us, our world. How we worship defines how we live!

Because of this conviction SACREDISE was brought into being as a publishing, resourcing and training ministry. My quest is to help churches, and the people in them, to turn their worship into moments of deep, transforming encounter with God that lead us out into the world as true followers of Christ and agents of God's love and justice.

Through books, CDs, seminars, online resources and articles, Sacredise seeks to be a creative, challenging and helpful resource to the Church worldwide."

John is the author of three books - *Food for the Road: life lessons from the Lord's Table*; *Learning to Belong: be at home in God's world*; and, *The Hour that Changes Everything: how worship forms us into the people God wants us to be*.

Here is one of his prayers:

Water to Wine

O Divine Lover,
who constantly stirs the waters of our souls,
unconcerned with the debris and dirt
which has lain hidden in the depths for so long;
who gently lights the colours and awakens the flavours
which we had forgotten we held within us,
revealing the wine that is our true being;
With relief and gladness, we praise and thank you
for your love and healing;
And in loving response we offer ourselves
to be poured out for other thirsty ones
who long to taste the sweetness
of your generous love. Amen.

The URL for Sacredise is: <http://sacredise.com/>

Ross Mackinnon