

# Glen Waverley

## Uniting Church

### Welcome

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

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

##### September 2019

15 Sept 12pm Sharing from our visit to Indonesia

##### October 2019

13 Oct all services Church Council Elections

19 Oct 8.30am-2pm GRAND FETE

20 Oct 10am Combined Worship

24 Oct 10am Hub Seniors' Morning Tea

##### November 2019

9 Nov 12.30pm Getaways Spring Picnic

24 Nov 12.30pm Munch with a Bunch Christmas Lunch

##### December 2019

1 Dec 10am Combined Worship

12.30pm GWUC Christmas Lunch

4.30pm Indonesian Christmas Service & Dinner

#### SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - October 2019

Time	October 6 Pentecost 17	October 13 Pentecost 18	October 20 Pentecost 19	October 27 Pentecost 20
8:00 am	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Susan Karoly Peter Baker Communion	10am Combined Ministry Team	Rev. Neil Peters Communion
9:15 am	Rev. Neil Peters Communion	Rev. Neil Peters Daniel Shombing		Alaene Hearnshaw
11:00 am	Rev. Neil Peters	Rev. Neil Peters Daniel Shombing		Alaene Hearnshaw
1:00 pm				Rev. Neil Peters Communion
4:30 pm	School holidays	Children & Families	-	Children & Families
5:30 pm	Rev. Neil Peters	Alaene Hearnshaw	-	Alaene Hearnshaw
Lectionary	Lamentations 1:1-6 Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12	Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104	Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65
	2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5 Luke 18:1-8	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green	Green





Hospitality – Understanding – Belonging

## SENIORS' MORNING TEA

長者早茶聚會

Thursday 24th October 2019

10 am to 12 noon



*Come & share morning tea in honour of  
our seniors who help in our community*

**ALL AGES WELCOME**

**歡迎任何年齡人士參加; 籌款支持**

**肌肉萎縮麻痺症的研究工作**

**All donations to research into**

**Motor Neurone Disease**

**Glen Waverley Uniting Church**

**cnr Bogong Avenue & Kingsway, Glen Waverley**

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

### **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 or Beverly on 0417 359 779. Thanks to the fifteen people who make up the prayer support group.

**Bring and Share Lunch.** You are ALL invited to the Bring and Share Lunch after the 11am service TODAY 1 September. Bring a plate of food to share. This lunch will be held in the Fellowship area so please join us.

**Fathers Day Special Morning Tea.** This will be held this morning between services. Bring fathers, grandfathers and uncles and join us. There will be special treats as well as the usual tea or coffee.

Our next **Light Lunch** will be on Sunday 8 September after the 11am service. This will be held in the Fellowship area. We will have soup, sandwiches, fruit and some sweet food. You do not have to bring a plate of food for the light lunch. The food for this is provided.

**Munch with a Bunch** was held last Sunday. We would like to thank those who helped with setting up and cleaning up afterwards, including Lesley (arranging the flowers for the tables, Faye and Barbara (setting tables and organising the caterer) and Andrew (washing the floor). Special thanks to the Youth Group members and Alanee who set up tables and chairs on Friday evening. It certainly made our job much easier.

Our next Inclusive Community meeting will be on Tuesday 22 October at 1pm.

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

Jan Clear

## **You can be here - when you cannot be here.**

We are now taking the Broadcast ministry a step further. Every week now, both the 9:15am and 11am services (and 10.00am when happening) will be streamed **live** to Youtube. This means that anyone who cannot get to worship can log into the service of choice and watch and listen live. You do not need to know how to use Youtube. All you need to do is log into [www.gwuc.org.au/live](http://www.gwuc.org.au/live) on your computer browser, and when a church service is available, just click on the big red/white button in the middle of the screen, and watch and sing along. **This will only work when worship is actually happening.** If you want to watch at a later time, go to [www.gwuc.org.au](http://www.gwuc.org.au) and click on any service and watch. We will also place a link on the church web page to make it easier for you to find the live worship link. Enjoy. Any questions, talk to Warren Greenwood or Neil Leister.

### ***Reminder: September Issue of NewView***

Our theme for the September issue of NewView is "Hope". What is hope and why is it important? You are invited to contribute articles, poems and book reviews considering the theme or other relevant subjects (for example, "good works – faith in action"), as well as your anecdotes, photos and reports about recent events at or involving GWUC or of general interest to GWUC. Our editor, Robin Pope, is away for a while so please email your contributions to Peter Stewart at [ptr.stwrt@gmail.com](mailto:ptr.stwrt@gmail.com) by Thursday 12th September. Thank you.

## **EXCITING NEWS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL**

### **Mission Pilot Project**

Our Presbytery of Port Phillip East has invited congregations to apply to be a part of a mission pilot project. The Mission Cultivation Process is a twelve-month process for congregations to learn about new ways of being in mission through action learning – taking on a new initiative and learning from the experience. This involves a process of missional cultural change designed to assist congregations to respond to the challenges and opportunities of the post-Christendom context in Australia.

Church Council, after thinking that we are a blessed and well resourced church, and thinking surely there are other congregations that would benefit from this, then received some prompting from the presbytery and decided to submit an expression of interest. We are excited by the outline of the project and the support & structure that is offered.

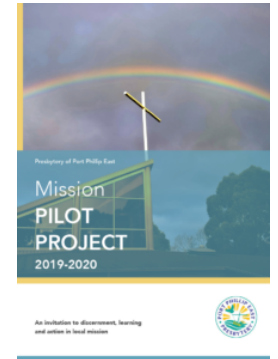
We hope that if our congregation is successful, we will grow a better understanding of being at mission, we will learn by engaging more within our local community and we will grow in how we respond to what's happening outside our doors. We will hear in September whether we are accepted.

It will be an exciting adventure & we will be looking for congregation members to join us on this journey. If you want to know more or are interested in being involved then please speak with Glyn Howells, David Morgan, David Fraser, Alanee Hearnshaw or Neil Peters. To read more or see a video presentation here is the link.

<https://www.ucappeg.org/being-presbytery/mission-pilot-process/>

### **Daniel Sihombing**

Church Council in recent months has been trying to ease the demands on our ministry team. One way church council has decided to do this is invite Daniel Sihombing to preach on a regular basis. Daniel has almost completed a PhD in theology and has received training and practice in preaching through his studies. Daniel, a member of our congregation, has also been accepted to do a Period of Discernment to explore a call to ordained ministry in the Uniting Church. Neil has been appointed as his mentor. So church council think this has come together well for the benefit of all concerned. This arrangement will be monitored and reviewed.



## Advance Notice: All are welcome

**Sunday 15 September**

### **Indonesian lunch & sharing after the 11am service**

Neil, Vida, Lucky, Willie, Yoke, Lina, Susan and Glyn would like to talk in more depth about our weeks in May visiting the Riedel congregation and GMIM (the Christian Evangelical Church in Minahasa) in North Sulawesi, Indonesia.



*Worship and supper with one of the kolums (cell groups) of the Riedel congregation.*



*Neil preaching and baptism at Maranatha Church, Tomohon*

This was an enriching experience for each of us. We saw how a wonderfully different inter-generational church bears witness to the Gospel in an overwhelmingly Christian society.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO  
THE LAUNCH OF THE**

# **Mental Health Kit**

**for Congregations**

**To be launched by  
Professor Allan Fels AO**

Former Chairman of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, now a Commissioner on the Victorian Royal Commission into Mental Health.

**SUNDAY 15 SEPT 2019 1.30PM**  
**BRUNSWICK UNITING CHURCH**  
**214 SYDNEY ROAD, BRUNSWICK**

For refreshment purposes, RSVP Ann Byrne by 10 September at [ann.byrne@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:ann.byrne@victas.uca.org.au) or call 03 9340 8815.



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### **Material Aid Offering - September 2019**

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.

### **Ping-Pong-A-Thon 2019**

Friday 25 October from 6pm will again see 24 hours of Pong Play organised by Dr Kenny Yang and supported by other members of our Badminton/Table Tennis club.

Details of this event can be found at [pongpongathon.com](http://pongpongathon.com) where you can also sponsor any of the players.

For a broad overview have a chat to Andrew Hosking.



[www.pingpongathon.com](http://www.pingpongathon.com)

**7 short weeks  
until our Annual**

# **FETE**



**19 OCTOBER 2019**

**8:30-2:00**

A whole-church activity where everyone can be part of the fun.

## **How might you contribute?**

*turn the page for more details...*

## \* Letterbox leaflets advertising the fete - Sign up TODAY

We need about 50 people to letterbox-drop 13,000 leaflets to houses in areas around the church to help promote the fete. The sign-up sheet is on the office counter. Those who delivered leaflets for last year's fete are listed on the sheet - please tick your name if you can assist again this year or cross out your name if you are unable to assist. New walkers are always needed - please add your name to the list. The leaflets will need to be delivered during the second week of October. Enquiries: Peter Anderson – 0411 123 253

## \* Donate items for the Silent Auction

At the fete we run a Silent Auction of goods, services and vouchers. This is usually very successful and raises a lot of money for our COP recipients. If you have any items you would like to donate for the Silent Auction please contact Lynne or let the office know.

If you have any contacts with businesses, friends or family that you think may be able to donate let Lynne know and she can get in touch with them.

Lynne's email is [lynneaboyer@gmail.com](mailto:lynneaboyer@gmail.com) or phone [0408564443](tel:0408564443).

## \* Spring clean, putting aside items to be sold

Clear out the clutter!

Please put aside:

- clothing in good condition.
- books
- treasure (household items, electrical goods, toys and small pieces of furniture).

We are always grateful to receive your donations for the fete, but ask that they are in a sale-able condition as disposing of items not sold is very expensive. We are also only able to accept small items of furniture.

(Please deliver to the church on Friday 18 October. Collection can be arranged).

Here is one of her recent prayers:

### [Big Picture Congregational Prayer](#)

Thank you God for everything under us;  
for these chairs on which we sit,  
for this church's firm foundation,  
for the soil with its burrowing animals and insects,  
for the rock down under that, layered by the sea in ancient times,  
for the water that flows in subterranean channels far beneath us,  
and for the miles upon miles of bedrock,  
(unknown and unexplored by all but you),  
all the way down to the living heat of our planet,  
the molten rock deep in the heart of the earth.

Thank you God for everything above us;  
for this solid roof which shelters us,  
for the wind swirling and birds soaring skyward,  
for the airplanes and clouds high above,  
for the upper atmosphere and the stratosphere,  
for satellites orbiting, for meteors whizzing,  
for the moon and the planets of our solar system,  
for asteroids and comets and supernovae and black holes,  
for galaxy upon galaxy stretching away into the vastness of space.

The wide span of your work is a mystery we cannot fathom.  
You are above us, you are beneath us, God of creation!  
We pause now in silence as you hear our confessions and concerns:

[silence]

Thank you that even though we are so small in the scheme of things,  
you hear our prayers, you answer our prayers.  
Bless our church, and help us to be people who point others to you,  
help us to be a faithful part of your big picture. Amen.

The URL for her website is: [www.leadinginworship.com](http://www.leadinginworship.com).

Ross Mackinnon

## Faith Development Missional Group – BLOGSPOT!

Carol Penner is a Mennonite pastor from Canada who has served congregations in Ontario and Alberta. She is currently an Associate Professor of Theological Studies at Conrad Grebel University College in Waterloo, Ontario. Her special teaching interests are practical theology, feminist theology, pastoral theology, Mennonite peace theology and abuse issues. The subjects she teaches include Theology in Everyday Life, Personal Spirituality, Pastoral Care, The Minister in the Church, and Worship. She loves to write and to lead worship and is the author of several theological articles which reflect her interests.

As well as her academic interests and writings, she has a popular blog of her worship resources called - *Worship resources in a Mennonite voice for ears of all kinds*.

On her home page, she has this to say:

“Are you looking for resources for a Christian service? Feel free to use or adapt my prayers, poems and litanies. Some were written for worship services; some are more personal reflections on faith. We encounter God in the stories of our lives; these writings grapple with the meanings of these encounters. They are written in a Mennonite voice, for ears of all kinds. It’s my delight to pass along these thoughts to you through this blog. I’d love to hear from you.”

People who are looking for material to lead devotions or Prayers for Others during worship will find her website very helpful. She provides a comprehensive list of topics on the right-hand side of the opening page of her website.

## \* A SPECIAL APPEAL for help!!

Can you take a day of leave at work? On Thursday and Friday, our church will be transformed as the stalls are set up. **More help is urgently needed** in setting up trestles and booths, or assisting those with trailers who are collecting equipment.

Each year, the task falls on fewer and older helpers. They are a great team, and have a lot of fun. They would really appreciate your help.

### ***Are you able to take Thursday and/or Friday off work?***

#### \* Plan to assist on a stall on the day

Sign-up sheets will be available shortly, but please consider making yourself available for one or more hours.

#### \* Got space you don't need?

Do you have an unused garage or weatherproof shed which could be made available for storage of Fete equipment and early donations?

#### \* Knit, stitch, or pot some plants

Our craft and plant stalls appreciate your donations of craft and gift items and potted plants and seedlings.



### Need More Information?

Email us at [fete@gwuc.org.au](mailto:fete@gwuc.org.au) or phone:

Murray Lowe 0419 132 211

Sue Morgan 9560 8024

Peter Anderson 0411 123 253

## **Church Council Election 2019 - Nominations are now open**

A ballot for election of Church Councillors will be held on **Sunday 13 October, 2019**. There will be nine positions to fill.

A single purpose congregation meeting is called for that day, encompassing all the services of worship, to enable persons attending any of the worship services to vote.

This is to ensure the maximum possible participation by our congregation.

The Uniting Church in Australia regulations indicate that a vote can only be held at a Congregational Meeting and that absentee and postal voting is not permitted.

**Ballot papers will ONLY be handed out at those services. They will not be available at other times during the day.**

Nominees receiving the support of a majority of those participating in the ballot will be declared to be elected.

In accordance with the congregational decision of July 2013, all Church Councillors will be elected as Elders as well as Councillors.

### **Nomination Forms**

These will be available on **Sunday 1 September 2019** and at any time after that date from the office or office counter **until Sunday 22 September 2019** when nominations will close. Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to carefully consider accepting nomination and to make nominations.

Each nomination requires:-

- a Proposer and Secunder
- a Nominee
- signatures of Proposer, Secunder and Nominee
- the Nominee is requested to provide some personal information to assist our decision-making.

## **Nominations close on Sunday 22 September, 2019.**

The nomination forms may be returned to the Church Office until the end of that date.

Candidates can obtain from the office a copy of the duties of a Church Councillor as recorded in the Uniting Church in Australia regulations, or by accessing the Uniting Church in Australia web site, or by talking to any Church Council member. This is also available via -

<http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/ExpectationsOfCouncilMembers>

Information about what the Church Council does is available at:

<http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/ExpectationsOfCouncilMembers>

### **Nominations**

Nominations will be announced in the week of **29 September, 2019**.

### **Retiring Councillors**

The following councillors have completed their term of appointment, and are all eligible for re-nomination (although some may not wish to renominate): Ben Krieger, Gael O'Brien, Angel Shea, Sony Simanjuntak.

### **Election Result**

The successful candidates will be announced during the week following the election.

Any questions relating to the voting procedures can be directed to John Snare or the Church Office.

John Snare