### What's on this week?

Monday 9 December

10.15 am Leisure Time Christmas Party Susan Karoly 0433 69 862 10.00 am Playgroup Rm2/3Office 9560 3580 8.00 pm Badminton Hall Brady Trewin 0401 029 549

Tuesday 10 December

Rm2/3Office 9560 3580 10.00 am Playgroup Mindful Meditation Rm2 Susan Karoly 0433 692 862 2.00 pm Ken Coutts 9560 9604 7.30 pm Finance Committee Office

Wednesday 11 December

10.00 am Playgroup Rm2/3Office 9560 3580 12.30 pm Table Tennis Hall Brady Trewin 0401 029 549 Deb Leigh 0411 778 417 8.00 pm Free Spirit Offsite

Thursday 12 December

Uniting Voices Office 9560 3580 8.00 pm Rm1 Badminton 8.00 pm Hall Brady Trewin 0401 029 549

Friday 13 December

10.00 am Playgroup Rm2/3Office 9560 3580 10.00 am Choir of Hope Hall Deb Leigh 0411 778 417 12.00 pm Cooee Fellowship Office 9560 3580

Uthies/Youth End of Year Celebration Alanee Hearnshaw 0402 030 342 7.30 pm

### Did you know...

If you go to Grill'd in Glen Waverley to enjoy a burger and you let them know you are from Glen Waverley Uniting Church - you might just get 2 tokens to vote for GWUC Welfare... Enjoy your burgers!

### Glen Waverley Uniting Church

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# Glen Waverley Uniting Church

Welcome. GWUC is a faithful, Christ-centered community that meets God and shares in that unconditional love. If you are new to our congregation, please say hello after the service.

# ... stars are brightly shining

### SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER

### Advent 2

Today's 9.15 and 11.00am services are being recorded.

Susan Karoly/Peter Baker 8.00am Contemplative - Communion

9.15am Interactive Rev. Neil Peters 11.00am Traditional Rev. Neil Peters

2.30pm Seniors' Service - Celebrate Christmas with Carols

4.30pm Christmas Breakup - offsite

5.30pm Creative Worship Alanee Hearnshaw

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

### SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER

Advent 3

8.00am Contemplative - Communion

Ross Mackinnon/Daniel Sihombing 9.15am Interactive Rev. Neil Peters Rev. Neil Peters

11.00am Lessons & Carols - Uniting Voices

Alanee Hearnshaw

5.30pm Creative Worship

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke1:45b-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11



### **Today's Flowers**

Our flowers today have been arranged by Barbara Thompson



### THIS WEEK

### Celebrate Christmas with Carols - Sunday 8 December at 2.30pm

All are welcome to join in the final seniors service of the year. Come along and enjoy singing some favourite Christmas carols and share in delicious cake and shortbread after the service.

### Leisure Time Christmas Breakup - Monday 9 December

All Leisure Time volunteers are invited to come along and join with guests and the committee in the Church Hall at 10.15am for morning tea. We will then move into the church for our entertainment at 11.15am. Our Christmas Service will begin at 1.30pm on the same day.

### Remembrance Service - Tuesday 10 December at 8pm

You are warmly invited to come along and share in a Service of Remembrance - a time to remember those who are no longer with us.

**The Christmas Bowl.** Envelopes are now available on the stewards table to support the Act for Peace Christmas Bowl Appeal. Funds support overseas work where there is conflict, poverty and natural disasters. This congregation has been a generous supporter of this appeal over many years.

## **Empty Christmas Tree**

Our Empty Christmas Tree is now in the foyer. All are invited to place a gift under the tree. Gifts will be distributed to support families known to our Welfare team, and will also go to Uniting Broadmeadows. Please do not wrap your gifts. Donations of non-perishable food items can also be placed under the tree. These will be distributed by the Welfare team.

### Christmas Tree Display - Christmas Reflections

The Christmas Tree Display is an opportunity for reflection by both our own congregation and visitors from the wider community who may not be familiar with the Christmas Story. There are trees displayed both inside and outside the church building. Christmas Reflections booklets are available on the stewards table. All are welcome.

### Cleaning and Lawn Mowing Roster 2020 - Volunteers required

If you could give a couple of hours on a Friday evening or Saturday morning, up to four or five times a year, please consider assisting with this roster. New volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Please add your name to the list on the office counter. For more details contact Fairlie Mackinnon (Property Committee) on either mobile 0417159890 or email f.mackinnon@bigpond.com

### **Honey Money**

Thank you to everyone who has purchased our delicious pure honey to support the GWUC Asylum Seeker project during 2019. Your support is much appreciated. Choose a jar to suit your needs at our "self-serve" box near the kitchen servery at any time. Payment is via the bag provided and posted in the church letter box outside the front door.

Have you thought about using a jar of Honey in a **Christmas hamper**, as a birthday present or as a gift to a dinner host?

### Thanks - GWUC Christmas Lunch

Thank you to the FISH groups who organised, shopped, set up, decorated and helped on the day with the GWUC Christmas Lunch. Thank you to everyone who came and supported this lunch. We were able to give \$591.20 to GWUC Welfare to help needy families.

### Thank you Thank you Thank you

Many thanks to Sandhurst Over 50's, Sandhurst Busy Hands, Curves Rowville, Glen Waverley Uniting Church and friends. Together we completed 213 handbags full of essentials and much more for the charity "It's in the Bag". Your help and generosity is amazing. Looking forward to more in 2020.

# Some Housekeeping...

- Charity Christmas Cards are available to purchase from the office.
- Please provide requests for **expense reimbursements** to the church office by Monday 16 December to ensure payment before the end of our financial year.
- Please note: the church office will be closed between Christmas and New Year - reopening on 2 January 2020.