



GLEN WAVERLEY Uniting Church



WELCOME

GWUC is a faithful, Christ-centered community that meets God and shares in that unconditional love. We especially welcome all those who are worshipping with us via our Broadcast Ministry - we are glad you are here!

Sunday 6 December - Advent 2

10am Live Stream Rev. Neil Peters & Alanee Hearnshaw
Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

Remembrance Services

8pm Tuesday 8 December - Live Stream Rev. Neil Peters & Di Paterson
8pm Wednesday 9 December Rev. Neil Peters & Di Paterson

Sunday 13 December - Advent 3

10am Live Stream Rev. Neil Peters & Alanee Hearnshaw
3pm Once Upon a Christmas Carol - Live Stream Ministry Team
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24;
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Remembrance Services - *a time to remember those who are no longer with us.*

Based on current Government restrictions, we are planning to hold two identical services this year on Tuesday 8 December and Wednesday 9 December at 8pm. The service on Tuesday 8 December will also be available to view online on our YouTube channel (www.gwuc.org.au/live).

If you are attending onsite, we do ask that you only attend one service. Having two identical services on two separate evenings, should allow for all individuals and families to attend within the capacity limits of our church buildings.

If you would like to attend a Remembrance service, please contact Joanne at the church office on 0434 119 335 or 9560 3580 or by email at office@gwuc.org.au.



ONCE UPON A
CHRISTMAS CAROL
**SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER
AT 3PM**

AN AFTERNOON OF
STORIES & CAROLS

Join online at
www.gwuc.org.au/live

or if you would like to attend in person, please contact Joanne at the church office on 0434 119 335 or 9560 3580 or by email at office@gwuc.org.au.

ONCE UPON A
CHRISTMAS
INSTALLATION

EXPERIENCE
THE
CHRISTMAS
STORY IN A
NEW AND
THOUGHT
PROVOKING
WAY

17 December - 9am-3pm
18 December - 9am-5.30pm
19 December - 10am-12pm
20 December - 11.30am-2.30pm
21 December - 9am-5.30pm
22 December - 9am-3pm
23 December - 9am-3pm

ALL WELCOME
TO THIS ALL-AGE
EXPERIENCE

Check-In Thursday with Neil - Thursday 10 December @ 10am

Neil is inviting members of the church to 'Check-In' on Thursday mornings for a casual 40 min small group chat on Zoom. To participate please email Neil on revneilpeters@gmail.com and he will send you the invitation link. *Check-In with Neil and he can check-in with you!*

Newcomers Zoom Morning Tea

All are welcome to join in the Newcomers Zoom Morning Tea - after the 10am Worship on Sunday. Click here to join: <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/VirtualMorningTea>

Advent Postcards - Walkers Needed

As in previous years, we would again like to letterbox-drop postcards to houses in the area around the church to help promote our Advent Services, which this year will be live broadcast services. Please contact the church office to sign-up if you can deliver about 200 postcards, preferably by Friday 11 December. We need 9 people. Your help would be much appreciated.

Empty Christmas Tree

Food and Gifts for children and adults can be left under the empty Christmas tree to support families known to our Welfare team. Gifts also go to Uniting Broadmeadows. Gifts should be left unwrapped.

As we are unable to have 'gather in the foyer' at the moment, we have put our Empty Christmas Tree closer to the carpark door. We hope this will allow donations to be quickly 'dropped-off', without the need of recording your attendance.

Donations can be left between 9am and 3pm each weekday until 18 December.

Church Council News

As Victoria is slowly returning to 'normal', Church Council are hopeful that we can begin the process to return to normal church activities over the next couple of months.

A first step was live music returning to worship, and the church office returned to onsite from 1 December 2020. As most groups would usually be wrapping up at this time of year, the complex will remain closed for meetings. **Online worship will continue throughout December.**

Included with this bulletin is a document "*Guidelines for a return to onsite worship*" which shares with you a limited opportunity for attendance at upcoming services with certain guidelines in place. These guidelines are based on both government and Synod restrictions and we hope will allow for a smooth transition back to worship, while keeping our church and our congregation safe. We look forward to announcing more changes as

The Christmas Bowl

This congregation has been a generous supporter of the Act for Peace Christmas Bowl Appeal for many years. The appeal supports overseas work where there is conflict, poverty and natural disasters.



Online donations can be made via their website using the link [Christmas-Bowl-GWUC](#) or by direct debit to our bank account (BSB 033-052, Account 92 2198, please use code "Bowl").

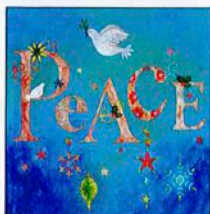
If you prefer to donate using the Christmas Bowl Envelopes, they can be picked up from the box on the window outside the church office (ceremonial drive entrance). Filled envelopes can be left in the church letterbox and these will be sent on to the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

Uniting Charity Christmas Cards

A beautiful range of brand-new Christmas card designs are now available for purchase. Each card, carefully selected by members of the Uniting Church, reflect the joy and message of Christmas.

Cards can be ordered online at unitingvictas.org.au/christmas-cards.

Send your Christmas cheer
and support those in need.



1 Peace

Sentiment: May the spirit of peace and goodwill be with you this Christmas and throughout the coming year.



2 Nativity

Sentiment: May peace, joy and happiness be yours at Christmas.
Bible verse: Immanuel - "God with us". Matthew 1:23



3 Joy

Sentiment: May the joy and peace of Christmas be yours throughout the year.



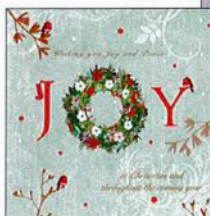
4 Dove

Sentiment: Wishing you peace, joy and hope this Christmas and throughout the New Year.



5 Wreath

Sentiment: Warmest wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.



6 Mixed pack (Joy Wreath and Dove Joy) 5 cards of each design

Joy Wreath sentiment: Peace and Joy. Merry Christmas.
Dove Joy sentiment: May the hope and peace of Christmas be yours throughout the year.



Each pack of 10 cards is only **\$10.00**

Proceeds from card sales will support individuals, families and communities in crisis this Christmas.

Christmas Cards ordered after the 13 of December cannot be guaranteed to arrive in time for Christmas as delivery takes 6 -7 days via Australia Post.

For more details please call 1800 668 426 or visit unitingvictas.org.au.

What's On?

Monday	10am	Virtual GOMER - Zoom
	4.10pm	Mice, Kats & Dogs - Zoom
Tuesday	10am	'Cuppa Call' with Neil
	2pm	Mindful Meditation - Zoom
	8pm	Remembrance Service - Live Broadcast
Wednesday	7am	Prayer - Live Broadcast
	10am	'Cuppa Call' with Di
	8pm	Remembrance Service - Live Broadcast
Thursday	10am	'Check-In Thursday' with Neil - Zoom
	7.30pm	Evening Reflection - Live Broadcast
Friday	12pm	'Cuppa Call' with Alanee
	5.30pm	Uthies - Zoom
	7.30pm	Youth - Zoom
Sunday	10am	Worship - Live Broadcast
<i>after 10am worship</i>		Newcomers Zoom Morning Tea
	5pm	Catch Up/Discussion - Zoom

*Do you have a
Celebration
to share in our next
service or perhaps a
Prayer Point
to share?*

*Send an email to let
us know:
connect@gwuc.org.au*

Contact Us...

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GWUC Bank Account Details:

Bank: Westpac - Account Name: Uniting Church Glen Waverley

BSB: 033 052 - Account Number: 92 2198



Guidelines for a Return to onsite worship...

As restrictions are beginning to ease in Victoria, the Church Council of Glen Waverley Uniting Church are hopeful that a return to normal church activities will be possible over the next couple of months. We encourage you to continue to engage with our online worship and are pleased to be able to offer a limited opportunity for attendance at upcoming services with certain guidelines in place.

These guidelines are based on both government and Synod restrictions and we hope will allow for a smooth transition back to worship, while keeping our church and our congregation safe.

To allow you to make an informed decision about your own return to church activities, we have listed here the guidelines which currently apply to Glen Waverley Uniting Church. As government and Synod restrictions are amended, so too will these guidelines.

If you are not able to access the online services or feel the need to attend in person, please contact the church office (*see over for contact details*).

We look forward to a time when we will again be sharing services as a whole community.

Yours in Christ,

*Glyn Howells,
Chairperson, Church Council*

From **Sunday 6 December**, a limited number of worshippers will be able to attend the church for worship services. As this number may change over time, we ask that you contact the church office to register your interest for each service. This will also assist in contact tracing should the need arise.

If you are in attendance the guidelines are:

- Face masks are to be worn at all times (*especially while singing*).
- Good hand hygiene must continue to be followed.
- Any gathering before or after the service will need to be outside. Gathering in the foyer/fellowship area is not permitted.
- Food or drink must not be shared. *Please note: GWUC Kitchen is closed except for refilling of your own water bottle.*
- Please bring your own hymn books and bibles if you wish to use these.
- Physical distancing (1.5m) must still be observed. Seating has been clearly marked to meet social distancing compliance, and only members of the same household will be able to sit together.
- 1 person per 4 sqm rule currently applies, which significantly limits our capacity.
- Registration of attendance is to be completed (*handwritten list or QR code*).
- The toilets are open and are professionally cleaned regularly.

As our live broadcast begins before 10am those attending will be asked to remain quiet in the worship space for 5 minutes before the service starts during the organ prelude, and to remain seated after the service until the organ postlude is ended. Following this, you will be asked to move outside rather than gather in the foyer.

As always, if you or a member of your household are unwell you must not attend.

If you would like to attend a worship service at Glen Waverley Uniting Church, please speak with Joanne Boldiston at the church office between 9am to 3.30pm weekdays on **0434 119 335** or **9560 3580** or by email at office@gwuc.org.au.

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