



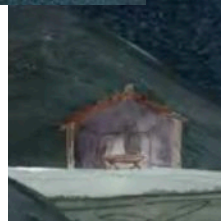
GLEN WAVERLEY Uniting Church



WELCOME

GWUC is a faithful, Christ-centered community that meets God and shares in that unconditional love.

We welcome all those who are worshipping with us here in the church or via our Broadcast Ministry - we are glad you are here!



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

Sunday 20 December - Advent 4

ONCE UPON A NATIVITY

10am Live Stream Rev. Neil Peters & Alanee Hearnshaw
2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27;
Luke 1:26-38

ONCE UPON A CHRISTMAS CAROL

SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER AT 3PM
AN AFTERNOON OF STORIES & CAROLS

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

Zoom Morning Tea - not just for Newcomers!

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

This is an opportunity to meet new people as well as catching up with others you may not have seen for a while. *All are welcome!*

Church Council News

From Monday 7 December, worshippers are now able to attend the church for worship services. Online worship will continue to be available, so if you are uncomfortable about returning to the church complex, or are unwell, please stay home and join in via our YouTube channel or our website: www.gwuc.org.au/live.

Included with this bulletin is a document "*We are re-opening!...but with caution*" which shares with you the guidelines in place for those attending onsite worship. These guidelines are based on both government and Synod restrictions and are expected to be in place until at least the end of January 2021.

We encourage you to make your own decision about your own return to church activities and look forward to welcoming you when you return.

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.

Can you help?

As we are required to keep electronic records of those attending onsite, we are looking for volunteers to assist as 'hosts' for our Once Upon A Christmas Installation.

You will be welcoming guests and registering their details.

If you can spare a few hours during any of the opening times listed on the right, please contact Joanne at the church office on 9560 3580 or office@gwuc.org.au.

THANK YOU for Supporting the Annual Walkathon

Neil wants to offer thanks to the team of helpers for the Walkathon, all the walkers who walked from 1 to 8 laps,

and everyone who has donated money to support local mission activities. We have raised an amazing \$3,370 which will support the breakfast at Glen Waverley Secondary College, the SRI program in Primary Schools and our congregation's welfare program. A huge thank you to you all.

Check-In Thursday with Neil - Thursday 17 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!*

Please note: this will be the last 'Check-In' with Neil for this year.

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.



The poster features the title 'ONCE UPON A CHRISTMAS INSTALLATION' in a stylized, white, gothic font against a dark blue background with falling confetti. To the right, a white box contains the text 'EXPERIENCE THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN A NEW AND THOUGHT PROVOKING WAY'. Below the title, a white box lists dates and times: 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, and 23 December - 9am-3pm. To the right of the dates is a small image of a nativity scene. At the bottom right, a white box says 'ALL WELCOME TO THIS ALL-AGE EXPERIENCE'.



What's On?

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

*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*

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GWUC Bank Account Details:

Bank: Westpac - Account Name: Uniting Church Glen Waverley

BSB: 033 052 - Account Number: 92 2198



We are re-opening!
... but with caution.

As restrictions have settled in for the summer, the Church Council of Glen Waverley Uniting Church would like to share with you the guidelines which will apply to attending the church complex for the next couple of months.

We encourage you to make your own decision about your own return to church activities.

Throughout December and January, there will be only one Sunday worship service beginning at 10am. There will also be a Carol Service on Sunday 13 December at 3pm, Christmas Eve service on Thursday 24 December at 7pm, and on Christmas Day, one service at 10am.

Worship services will continue to be available online, so if you are uncomfortable about returning to the church complex, or are unwell, please stay home and join in our live stream worship via our YouTube channel or our website: www.gwuc.org.au/live.

These guidelines are based on both government and Synod restrictions and are expected to be in place until at least the end of January 2021. Please check the bulletin and emails for information about these restrictions being amended or relaxed.

Above all, we want to keep our church and our congregation safe.

Yours in Christ,

*Glyn Howells,
Chairperson, Church Council*

From **Monday 7 December**, worshippers will be able to attend the church for worship services. As we have electronic record keeping available, we are able to use the 1 person per 2m² rule for within the church buildings. While this still limits our total numbers, we believe this will allow those who would like to attend worship to do so, and we hope we will not have to turn people away because we are 'full'.

The electronic record keeping involves using your own mobile phone to register your attendance. If you do not have a mobile phone, we have in place a system to manually record details which will be entered into the electronic list following the service.

We will be encouraging those in attendance to continue to wear a mask while in the building, and to continue to follow a good hand hygiene routine. Windows may be open to allow good air flow in the worship space. The toilets are open and are professionally cleaned regularly.

Physical distancing (1.5m) should still be observed. Seating has been clearly marked to meet social distancing compliance, and it is advised that only members of the same household sit together.

We will be discouraging gatherings in the foyer/fellowship room. If you would like to catch up with others, please move outside to do so.

The GWUC Kitchen remains closed (except for filling of your own water bottle).

The live broadcast of worship services will begin 10 minutes before the service start time, where there will usually be piano and organ music played. While we are not asking you to be completely silent, please be aware that conversations within the worship space may be heard on the live stream broadcast.

Please bring your own hymn books and bibles if you wish to use these.

There will be an offering bowl as you enter the worship space. This will not be passed around, and will be brought forward for dedication during the service.

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

If you have any questions about returning to onsite worship, 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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