



GLEN WAVERLEY Uniting Church



seeking
sanctuary

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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!

close to
HOME

The Senses of Christmas



Engaging your **senses** this Christmas, as you interact with the Christmas story...

ON NOW until Friday 31 December
9.30am to 3.30pm each weekday

Extra opening times:
Saturday 18 December 11am to 2pm
Tuesday 21 & Wednesday 22 - Open till 5.30pm

All are welcome!

Update to COVIDSafe settings...

The pandemic responses continue to change. The Victorian Government is easing restrictions, and has (15 December) removed the requirement to check vaccination status for most venues, including churches, but the use of QR codes to check-in remains.

We have, all through this, stayed with government advice, but not gone beyond it. We will continue to take all reasonable steps to protect our members and visitors. We urge people with symptoms, and those without the protection of vaccines, to stay home. We continue to provide sanitiser at the door. Our large opening windows in the church, and the doors on opposite sides of the foyer, ensure adequate ventilation (which guards against aerosol spread). For the same reason, we open doors and windows and run exhaust fans in the hall, the kitchen and other rooms when they are in use. We encourage the wearing of masks indoors when adequate distancing cannot be maintained.

We will continue to live stream our services, and make them available for later viewing. We have a Zoom licence that groups can use to meet on line.

Please contact the church office if you have concerns or comments. You are not alone.

Exciting News

A member of UCAF suggested that the Welfare Committee make an application for funding from Sammy Stamp to support our welfare work. From that recommendation, the Welfare Committee applied to Sammy Stamp for a grant of \$3000. The exciting news is the grant application was successful and the \$3000 arrived a few days ago. This will be very helpful as there has not been a fete the last two years. So thanks to Sammy Stamp and all who send stamps in to support a variety of projects.

and now for a gentle reminder ...

to keep those stamps for Sammy Stamp coming in! Used (and trimmed) postage stamps can be left at the church office or in the church letterbox.

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 placed in the offering plate or left in the church letterbox and these will be sent on to the Christmas Bowl Appeal.





Christmas Services at GWUC

Sunday 19 December - Advent 4 - Living Nativity

10am Worship (+ live broadcast) Rev. Neil Peters / Alanee Hearnshaw

1pm Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom Rev. Julia Hutapea

*Please use Zoom meeting code: **980 1882 3667** (passcode: **773026**) or [click here](#) to log in.*

Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

Friday 24 December - Christmas Eve

7pm Worship (+ live broadcast) Rev. N Peters / A Hearnshaw / D Paterson

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

Saturday 25 December - Christmas Day

10am Worship (+ live broadcast) Rev. Neil Peters / Alanee Hearnshaw
including Free Spirit

Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20

Sunday 26 December - Christmas 1

10am Worship (+ live broadcast) Rev. Neil Peters

5pm (for 5.15pm start) Indonesian Fellowship Christmas Celebration

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

Friday 31 December - New Year's Eve

11.15pm Worship (+ live broadcast) Rev. Neil Peters

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13; Psalm 8; Revelation 21: 1-6a; Matthew 25: 31-46

Annual Leave & January Office Hours

- Rev. Neil Peters will be on leave from 7 January, returning 27 January 2022.

- Alanee Hearnshaw will be on leave from 26 December, returning 30 January 2022.

The church office will be closed from 10 January, reopening 27 January 2022.



Empty Christmas Tree

Food and Gifts for children and adults can be left under the empty Christmas tree in the foyer. Donations will support families known to our Welfare team. Gifts also go to Uniting Broadmeadows. Please do not wrap gifts.

Christmas Cards are still available for purchase on Sunday mornings in the foyer, or during the week from the church office. Purchase of these cards helps people in crisis through the Uniting Church Share Appeal. \$11.00 per pack of 10 cards. *Enquiries: Faye Wagon 8740 3529*

Indonesian Fellowship Christmas Celebration

This year the Indonesian Fellowship Christmas celebration will be held on Sunday 26 December at GWUC. A service will be held at 5pm (for 5.15pm start) followed by an Intercultural Celebration and dinner in the church hall. This year it will be on a smaller scale with some special items and the dinner will be limited to 70 people. Members of the congregation and the church council are invited. More than 70 can come to the service. Those attending should be vaccinated except for younger children. If you wish to book for dinner please write your name on the list on the office counter by Wednesday 22 December.

Thank you.

I wish to convey my sincere thanks to the Glen Waverley Uniting Church family for all the caring love and prayers expressed to myself and my family on the death of our beloved Don. It has been of great comfort and we feel so richly blessed by God to be upheld in this way. Special thanks to Neil for his caring ministry to us, both before and after Don's death. Grateful thanks also go to Joanne and Warren for their invaluable help in preparing the Remembrance service, and to the ladies who served refreshment afterwards. *Love and blessings, Ann Wylie.*

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