January 2023



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!

If you are new or visiting our church, look out for the people wearing sunflower brooches. They are part of our welcoming team, and would love to have a chat and get to know you! Also, don't forget to fill in a 'Welcome' card so that we can stay in contact.

Sunday 15 January - Epiphany 2		
10am	Worship (+live broadcast)	Rev. Bill Perry & Jan Clear
Isaiah 49: 1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1: 29-42		
Sunday 22 January - Epiphany 3		
10am	Worship (+live broadcast)	Ross Mackinnon & Alison Clarkson
Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matt		Matthew 4:12-23
Sunday 29 January - Epiphany 4		
10am	Worship (+live broadcast)	Rev. Neil Peters
	including Back to School & Backpack Blessing	
	Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12	
Sunday 5 February - Epiphany 5		
8am	Contemplative incl. Holy Communion	Ross Mackinnon
9.15am	Interactive (+live broadcast) incl. Holy Communion	Rev. Neil Peters/Rev. Hoon You
11am	Traditional (+live broadcast)	Rev. Neil Peters/Rev. Hoon You
2pm	Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom	
5pm	Dinner Church (Please bring a plate of food to share)	
Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9 (10); 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20		



Giving

Please scan the QR-Code to contribute to the ministry and outreach of our Church. We appreciate your support.

Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom Meeting code: 980 1882 3667 (passcode: 773026) or click here to log in.



Annual Leave /January Office Hours

- Neil Peters is currently on leave returning 23 Jan.

- Di Paterson is currently on leave returning 24 Jan.

The church office will be closed from 16 January, reopening 30 January. During this time, messages and emails will be monitored, so please email office@gwuc.org.au or leave a message at 9560 3580 if you have any queries.

Neil and Lynn have moved house

Neil and Lynn and family have moved into their retirement home in Ferntree Gully. This is part of Neil's transition to retirement. This means we can no longer reach Neil on the manse phone 9561 3031. Upon his return on 23 January, please contact Neil on 0417 580 532.

UCAF will recommence on Tuesday 6 February at 10am. We start in the fellowship area for a 'cuppa' then adjourn to Room 1 at 10.30am. The Commitment Service is based on, "It's a small world – celebrating diversity". Members attending are requested to bring an object from another culture for display. Visitors welcome. Non perishable goods for GWUC Welfare may be left in the coloured bins near the office. Enquiries: Margaret Duncan 9803 1507

Intercultural Bible Study will resume on Tuesday 17 January at 7:30pm. This study is held on Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Meeting code: 989 1724 0982. Passcode: 3150. All welcome.

Acknowledgement of Service -Robert Fleming

At the end of last year, Robert Fleming retired from the Organ Roster. You are invited to join us as we acknowledge Robert's many years of service during the 10am worship on Sunday 29 January. All are welcome.



Monash PALS Choir

Come along and join in this fun one-off singing event for seniors! Monash Council's Positive Ageing Lifestyle Program (PALS) has organised this free music session to be held at GWUC, 11am-12.30pm on Tuesday 14 Feb. Just come along, learn and then perform a song in three-part harmony. No prior experience necessary. The event is FREE, but please book your place on www.trybooking.com/CENAY or phone 9518 3555. Let's help to boost the numbers of this pop-up choir. and have some laughs along the way. See the PALS Jan-Feb 2023 edition, page 11, for more info

Chinese New Year and Lantern Festival

This church has been invited to participate in the Chinese New Year and Lantern Festival to be held in Kingsway on Sunday 5 February. We intend to offer craft and information about our church programs, and we **need your help** to make this a success! Volunteers are needed to



Celebrating 2023 -Year of the Rabbit

- assist in packing our show bags (after church on Sunday 29 January);
- help with set up and/or pack up on the day (moving chairs & tables, helping with decorations etc); and
- come along on 5 Feb for a couple of hours to staff our stall.

Put your name on the list on the office counter if you can help. For more details, please contact Vida Foo 0411 246 254.

Chinese New Year Celebrations

As part of the celebrations for New Year, the Chinese Youth Society of Melbourne will be performing Traditional Chinese Lion Dancing & discharging Chinese Firecrackers along Kingsway, Coleman Parade and Railway Parade North on Wednesday 25 January - 12noon-5pm. If you live near the area, please be aware there will be some noise disruptions involved and you are advised to secure any pets indoors. All are welcome to watch the performances in celebration of the Year of the Rabbit.

Name Tags

A new order for name tags will be completed shortly. Please put your name on the list on the office counter if you would like to purchase a name tag. Cost \$10 each. Please also remember to wear your name tag - it is helpful for those of us who forget names !

Book Sale - Calling all Walkers!

The 2023 Book Sale is on Saturday 4 We look forward to working March. together to make this event a great success. Volunteers are needed to help deliver 5000 flyers advertising the Book Sale in assigned areas in Glen Waverley. The flyers will be available from 10 February for delivery during the week 19-25 February. The sign-up sheet is on the office counter. If you helped last year, please tick your name on the sheet to indicate you are able to assist again this year. New walkers are always needed please add your name to the list. Please contact Peter Anderson at pjanderson253@gmail.com or 0411 123 253 for more details. Thank you!

Donations of books will be accepted from Monday 27 February. If you need your donation collected, please put your name on the list on the office counter.

A Week at Glen Waverley 2023 Diary Dates Uniting Church... Not all events are held each week -World Day of Prayer please contact the church office for details. Friday 3 March MONDAY 10.00am GOMERs 10.00am Playgroup **Book Fair** 10.00am Craft Group Saturday 4 March 2.00pm Leisure Time 8.00pm Badminton TUESDAY **Church Fete** 10.00am The Hub Saturday 21 10.00am Playgroup 2.00pm Mindful Meditation 4.00pm Meditation Online 7.30pm Bible Study WEDNESDAY Contact Us: 7.30am Prayer Time Online **Ministry Team** 8.00pm Free Spirit Rev. Neil Peters - Minister of the Word THURSDAY 0417 580 532 11.15am English Conversation Class 7.00pm Monthly Reflection Online revneilpeters@gmail.com FRIDAY Di Paterson - Pastoral Care Worker 9.30am Choir of Hope 0400 961 052 5.30pm/7.00pm Uthies/Youth dpaterson7@bigpond.com check out the diary at gwuc.org.au Jemma Graham - Children's Worker to find out when programs jemmagrahamm@gmail.com begin for 2023 Church Office

COVIDSafe Advice: As COVID infections remain in the community, we will continue to take all reasonable steps to protect our members & visitors from COVID infections. Following the latest government advice, face masks are strongly encouraged to be worn in indoor & crowded settings, church windows & doors may be open to allow for good airflow, and if you have symptoms you are encouraged to please stay home. For the health & safety of everyone, please continue to use sanitiser on arrival.

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