



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!



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 12 November - Pentecost 24

8am	Contemplative <i>incl. Holy Communion</i>	Ross Mackinnon
9.15am	Interactive (+live broadcast)	Rev. Chris Waddell
11am	Traditional (+live broadcast)	Rev. Chris Waddell
1pm	Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom	
5pm	Shared Dinner and Study - <i>please bring a plate of food to share</i>	

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Sunday 19 November - Pentecost 25

8am	Contemplative <i>incl. Holy Communion</i>	Ross Mackinnon
9.15am	Interactive (+live broadcast)	Rev. Neil Peters
11am	Traditional (+live broadcast) <i>incl. Holy Communion</i>	Rev. Chris Waddell
	<i>please remain in the church following the 11am service for the Meeting of the Congregation at 12noon.</i>	
1pm	Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom	
5pm	Shared Dinner and Study - <i>please bring a plate of food to share</i>	

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30



Giving

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

SCAN ME

Thoughtful Flowers

Today's flowers are to celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary and what would have been Don's 100th birthday. Margaret and Don were wonderful parents who are sadly missed and never forgotten.

*Chris Drummond, David
and the rest of the Drummond family.*

Baptism and Confirmation

It is with excitement that we will be celebrating baptism and Confirmation in the 9.15am service on Sunday 26 November. We anticipate two young members of our church being confirmed at the service. We plan to make a special presentation to those involved at the morning tea on that day. We have not celebrated a confirmation in this congregation in over 10 years.

Planned Giving

The Giving Recording Committee acknowledges with much gratitude the personal gifts given for the work of our church. Your financial gifts are very much appreciated, particularly during the difficult time of the past three years. Currently we have 143 active pledge contributors - 79 using Direct Giving and 64 through the envelope system.

To those who give through the Open Plate system, you may like to consider changing to either the envelopes or the Direct Giving system which allow you to make regular gifts. The Direct Giving system means no need for envelopes or cash, regular donations are assured and a reduced workload on the Finance Stewards. Please contact the Recorder, Ken Hutchinson on 9884 4002 if you would like to make a change. Planned Giving Letters are now available from the office counter. Please check and take yours and any you can deliver. Please advise the office if any name or address details are incorrect.



Remembrance Service

12 December 2023
at 8pm

Light refreshments will be served following the service

Live Stream will also be available at www.gwuc.org.au/live

Meeting of the congregation Sunday November 19th

A meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday November 19th at 12 noon following 11am worship. An important item to be considered is the proposed budget for next year. A draft agenda is available at <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/CongMeetingAgenda20231119> or ask at the office. Please let John Snare (john.snare@bigpond.com) know if there are other matters that you would like discussed.



2023 Annual Christmas Lunch

Sunday 3 December
12pm - 2pm

COST: Adults \$16,
Children (Primary School) \$6

Forms available from office counter, or contact the office for an emailed copy!

Bookings essential as seating is limited.

RSVP: Sunday 26 November 2023

November Material Aid Offering



SHARE THE *Dignity*

This month we are collecting for "It's in the Bag - Share the Dignity". Donations can be left in the purple 'Material Aid' bin. A list of items required can be found near the office door. All items must be new and sealed for hygiene reasons. No food, aerosols or scissors. If you haven't a suitable bag, you can still donate the essential items alone.

Please place your donations in the Material Aid Bin, last day 26th November.

Christmas Cards

Get in early. Buy your Christmas Cards to support the work of Uniting (Share). Now available from the church office.

CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA
@ The Hub

When: Thursday 7 December, 10am - 12pm
Where: Glen Waverley Uniting Church
Cnr Bogong Avenue & Kingsway

Everyone is Welcome!

Donations welcome for needy families in our Community

Christmas Photos at The Hub

Tuesday 28th November 10am - 12pm

Come along to The Hub at Glen Waverley Uniting Church and be a part of the Christmas story!

Dress up as Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise men or angels and have your photo taken as part of the Nativity.

Celebrate the real reason for Christmas - the birth of Jesus. Children, grandchildren, parents & grandparents are all welcome!

Photos taken on the day will be available for collection on Tuesday 5 December between 10am and 12noon.

Christmas Installation

The ministry team is planning an Installation in Room 1 in the lead up to Christmas. To ensure success we need your help. Our theme is "Christmas Traditions from around the World". We invite you to share with Joanne or the ministry team about your experiences of Christmas Traditions in your country of birth. We hope that this will create a lot of interest but for that to happen we do need help.

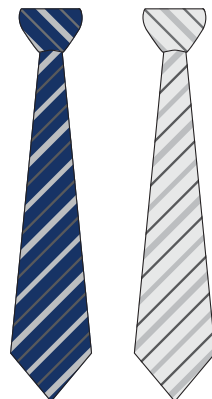
YOU ARE INVITED!

As you probably know, Rev. Neil Peters is retiring at the end of this year. His final services will be on Christmas Day.

Our Living Nativity service on Sunday 17 December at 10am will include a formal "Release of Ties" for Neil and will be followed by speeches and celebrations for his retirement.

A celebration luncheon will be held in the hall. Please put your name on the list on the office counter to attend the luncheon. All will be welcome.

Monetary contributions towards a gift for Neil and Lynn are now being received. These can be given to Joanne (church office) or Rev. Chris Waddell, or deposited into the church bank account - please use code "Neil Retire". BSB 033-052 Account 92 2198.



Annual Leave

Neil will be on leave from Monday 6th Nov and returning to work Wednesday 15th Nov. Neil is required to use up outstanding annual leave before concluding his time at GWUC.

What's On...

MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER

10.00am **GOMERS** Fellowship

8.00pm **Badminton** Hall

TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER

10.00am **The Hub** Fellowship

10.00am **Playgroup** Room 2/3

2.00pm **Mindful Meditation** Zoom

WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER

7.00am **Prayer Time** www.gwuc.org.au

8.00pm **Free Spirit** Church

THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER

11.15am **English Conversation Class** Room 4

8.00pm **Badminton** Hall

FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER

10.00am **Choir of Hope** Church

7.00pm **Youth** Hall

MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER

10.00am **GOMERS** Fellowship

8.00pm **Badminton** Hall

TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER

10.00am **The Hub** Fellowship

10.00am **Playgroup** Room 2/3

2.00pm **Mindful Meditation** Zoom

WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER

8.00pm **Free Spirit** Church

THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER

11.15am **English Conversation Class** Room 4

8.00pm **Badminton** Hall

FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER

10.00am **Choir of Hope** Church

7.00pm **Youth** Hall

Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom:

Meeting code: 980 1882 3667
(passcode: 773026) or [click here](#) to log in.

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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.