



#### Welcome

GWUC is a faithful, Christcentered 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 10 December - Advent 2

- 8am Contemplative incl. Holy Communion
- 9.15am Interactive (+live broadcast)
- 11am Traditional (+live broadcast)

Rev. Neil Peters Rev. Chris Waddell Rev. Neil Peters

4pm Multicultural Christmas Worship & Celebration Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3: 8-15a; Mark 1: 1-8

## Sunday 17 December - Advent 310amNativity Worship & Service of Release for Rev. Neil Peters

All are invited to come along dressed as Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise people, angels or stars and be a part of the Christmas Story. Some dress ups will be available on the day.

Following the service, a luncheon celebrating Neil's retirement will be held in the hall.

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 or Luke 1: 46b-55; 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28

#### 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 <u>click here</u> to log in.

Glen Waverley Uniting Church | Corner Bogong Avenue & Kingsway, Glen Waverley, VIC, 3150 www.gwuc.org.au

#### **Multicultural Christmas Worship & Celebration**

A Multicultural Christmas worship, celebration and dinner will be held at GWUC TODAY (Sunday 10th December) commencing at 4pm. The program will include worship at 4pm, celebration performances at around 5pm and dinner at 6.30pm. Come and experience worship led by various members representing some of the wonderful cultural diversity of our congregation. This will be a special evening and all are warmly invited.

#### Remembrance Service Tuesday 12th December - 8pm

You are invited to participate in a special Service of Remembrance for those who have lost loved ones. The service will be held in the church on Tuesday 12 December 2023 at 8.00pm. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Go to www.gwuc.org.au/live to watch the service online.

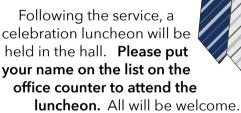


#### **Christmas Cards**

Christmas Cards are **now available** from the church office. All proceeds support the work of Uniting (Share).

# YOU ARE

You are warmly invited to share in the "Release of Ties" Service & Retirement Celebration for **Rev. Neil Peters** on **Sunday 17 December at 10am**.



Pages are available from the stewards table if you would like to contribute to a "Memories & Greetings Book" for Neil and Lynn. *Please return pages to the church office by Friday 15 December.* 

Monetary contributions towards a gift are also 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.

#### Advent Postcards - Walkers Needed

We would like to promote our Advent Services by delivering postcards to houses in the area around the church. If you can help to letterbox-drop the postcards by Friday 15 December, please take a bundle of the postcards (about 200), with an instructions sheet and a delivery area map, from the church office counter. We need 9 people. Your help would be much appreciated.



#### GWUC Christmas Lunch Thank You.

Thank you to all those who helped at our Christmas Lunch either before or on the day. 98 people enjoyed a delicious Christmas Lunch together. After paying the expenses for the lunch we are able to give \$607.80 to GWUC Welfare to use for needy families at Christmas.

#### **Empty Christmas Tree**



Our tree is now in the foyer and waiting for your donations of toys, gifts, nonperishable food. Please DO NOT WRAP Our gifts are given to Lentara vour aifts. UnitingCare at Broadmeadows and also to some families within our local community. Last Sunday for gifts is December 17th.

#### **Christmas Bowl**

This congregation is a strong supporter of the Christmas Bowl appeal, and as is our usual practice at Glen Waverley UC, all Open Plate offering received at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services will be donated to the Christmas Bowl appeal. Online donations can be made via their website using the link Christmas-Bowl-GWUC. If you prefer to donate using the Christmas Bowl Envelopes, these are now available from the steward's table, and they can be placed in the offering plate or left in the church letterbox to be sent on to the Christmas Bowl Appeal.



An Inexpected Experience

Join us here this Christmas

17 December 10am Nativity Worship 24 December Christmas Eve Services @ 10am, 7pm & 11pm

25 December Christmas Day Services @ 8.30am & 10am

> **31 December** 11pm New Year's Eve Service

Services in January 10am each Sunday

go to www.gwuc.org.au/live to watch online

### Save the Date! Book Sale

Saturday, February 24, 2024 8:30am-4pm

We would love you to be part of this event. The summer holidays is a great time to sort through 1 those books you no longer



need. We will be setting up on Friday 23, packing up on Sunday 25, and would appreciate your donations of books and your help over those 3 days.

#### Contact Us:

#### Ministry Team

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#### Church Office

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#### **GWUC Westpac Bank Account Details:**

Account Name: Uniting Church Glen Waverley BSB: 033 052 Account Number: 92 2198

What's On		
MONDAY 11 DECEMBER		
10.00am	GOMERs	Fellowship
8.00pm	Badminton	Hall
TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER		
2.00pm	Mindful Meditation	Zoom
8.00pm	Service of Remembrance	Church
WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER		
8.00pm	Free Spirit	Church/Rm 1
THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER		
8.00pm	Badminton	Hall
MONDAY 18 DECEMBER		
10.00am	GOMERs	Fellowship
8.00pm	Badminton	Hall
TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER		
2.00pm	Mindful Meditation	Zoom
WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER		
7.00am	Prayer Time	www.gwuc.org.au
8.00pm	Free Spirit	Church/Rm 1
THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER		
8.00pm	Badminton	Hall