



# Glen Waverley Uniting Church

*An Unexpected Experience*



## 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 24 December - Advent 4 - Christmas Eve

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| 10am | Worship (+live broadcast)  | <i>Rev. Neil Peters / Rev. Chris Waddell</i> |
| 7pm  | All-Age Worship (+live broadcast)                                      | <i>Rev. Neil Peters / Ps. Di Paterson</i>    |
| 11pm | Cocoa & Carols ( <i>Hot Chocolate from 10.30pm</i> ) (+live broadcast) | <i>Rev. Chris Waddell</i>                    |
- 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

### Monday 25 December - Christmas Day

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|--------|---------------------------|--|
| 8.30am | Worship (+live broadcast) | <i>Rev. Neil Peters / Rev. Chris Waddell</i> |
| 10am   | Worship (+live broadcast) | <i>Rev. Neil Peters / Rev. Chris Waddell</i> |
- Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2: 11-14; Luke 2: 1-14, (15-20)

### Sunday 31 December - Christmas 1

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| 10am | Worship (+live broadcast)                | <i>Rev. Chris Waddell</i> |
| 11pm | New Year's Eve Worship (+live broadcast) | <i>Rev. Chris Waddell</i> |
- Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4: 4-7; Luke 2: 22-40

### Services in January 10am each Sunday

Glen Waverley Uniting Church



Join us for a

## Cocoa & Carols Service

December 24, 2023

10:30pm-11:00pm

Hot Chocolate

11:00pm-12:00am

Church service

Join us for an informal and interactive service where we reflect on the true meaning of Christmas as it is celebrated all over the world

*You are invited*  
**Induction Service for  
Rev. Ian Ferguson  
Sunday 4th February 2024 at 2.30pm  
followed by afternoon tea**  
**All are welcome**

Come along and welcome our new minister and his family. Please bring a plate of food to share for afternoon tea. *Please NO nut products & NO hot food or food that needs reheating.*

## GWUC Playgroup

We have an awesome playgroup that runs every Tuesday, which is solely run by volunteers at GWUC. For the past 4 years, Chris Krahn has headed up the team that runs this great ministry.

Chris has decided to hang up the paint brush and stop coordinating playgroup and we want to thank Chris for her dedication to this valuable ministry.

Chris will still be an emergency volunteer, and Kaye McKinnon will step back into the coordinator's role.

We want to thank Kaye for stepping into this role.

We will be looking to do some bigger advertising in 2024, so if you would like to volunteer or you have someone that might be interested in a playgroup or you just want to know more information please contact Kaye McKinnon.

PLAYGROUP

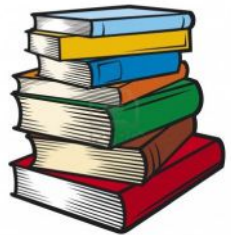
Save the Date!

## Book Sale

Saturday, February 24, 2024

8:30am-4pm

We would love you to be part of this event. The summer holidays are a great time to sort through 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. Donations of books welcome from 19 Feb.



## 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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent



### Showing Love to the most vulnerable

Sisters Srinidhi\* and Mahira\* are Sri Lankan refugees who have been living in refugee camps in India for decades and aren't able to access medical care outside the camps. OfERR, a refugee-run organisation supported by Act for Peace, has been providing crucial support in the camps for over 40 years. Through the Christmas Bowl you can help send health workers into the camps and provide medical care to those who need it. **Please give today.**



\*Names changed for safety reasons



CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: [christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au](http://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au)



The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188



## Empty Christmas Tree

Thank you all for your generous donations to our Empty Christmas Tree this year. Donations were also received from Wesley College, as well as the teachers and staff from Mount View Primary School. We have sent a 'truckload' of items to UnitingCare at Broadmeadows, and will be sending another to them in the new year. If you would like to donate toys, gifts or non-perishable food, they can be left under the tree to be sent to Broadmeadows or given out through our own welfare program.



## Annual Leave

The church office will be closed between Christmas and New Year, and then from 15 January, reopening 29 January 2024. During this time, messages and emails will be monitored. Please email [office@gwuc.org.au](mailto:office@gwuc.org.au) or leave a message at 9560 3580 if you have any queries.

### **Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom:**

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



## **2024 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER -PALESTINE**

### Date & Time:

**Friday 1st March**  
**10.30am Service**  
10am Morning Tea

### Location:

**GLEN WAVERLEY  
UNITING CHURCH**

Cnr Bogong Avenue & Kingsway  
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### **Contact Us:**

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

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