



# 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!

### Sunday 7 April - Easter 2

8am Contemplative *incl. Holy Communion* *Ross Mackinnon*  
 10am Combined Worship (+live broadcast) *incl. Holy Communion*  
*Rev. Ian Ferguson / Di Paterson*  
 Acts 4: 32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1 - 2:2; John 20: 19-31

### Sunday 14 April - Easter 3

8am Contemplative *incl. Holy Communion* *Ross Mackinnon*  
 10am Combined Worship (+live broadcast) *Rev. Chris Waddell / Rev. Ian Ferguson*  
 Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

### Sunday Squad

*...are on school holidays for a few weeks, and will return on Sunday 21 April. We are looking forward to seeing you again then!*



If you are new or visiting our church, look out for the people wearing yellow flower 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.

## Material Aid Offering

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During the month of April, the Outreach and Social Justice Missional group will be running a Food drive for The Refugee Resource Hub and encourage your support.



The Refugee Resource Hub, powered by the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, is a place of welcome, community and support for people seeking asylum and refugees living in Melbourne's Southeast. Located in the heart of Dandenong, the Hub brings multiple support services and organisations together under one roof to better help people with their daily and long-term needs to rebuild their lives in safety.

Giving food is the most immediate and tangible way to support people seeking asylum. Every donation makes a difference. The aim is to reduce food insecurity by providing access to sufficient nutritious and culturally appropriate food. The ASRC Foodbanks supports approximately 1200 people per month, approximately 40% of them are children.

Urgently needed items: Tuna in oil, Tomato paste, Basmati rice, Coconut cream/milk, Honey, Full cream UHT milk 1L, Instant coffee, Black tea bags, Biscuits, Tinned vegetables, Oil 750ml-1L, Dried legumes (chickpeas, split red lentils, yellow split peas), Spices (cumin, turmeric, chilli, coriander), Laundry powder/liquid 1kg pack, Unsalted dried nuts, Dried fruit.

Food drive donations can be placed in the marked coloured bin by the office door throughout April, final day for donations is **Sunday May 5th**.

## Planned Giving

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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 130 active pledge contributors – 79 using Direct Giving and 51 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.

*Ken Hutchinson on behalf of the Giving Recording Committee*

## Congregational Outreach Projects (COP) in 2024

### *It's time to start planning for COP2024.*

Our annual church fete raises substantial funds through the generous and faithful work of our whole congregation. These funds are then distributed to projects which benefit people outside of our own congregation through our Congregational Outreach Projects.

This year, the newly re-formed Outreach & Social Justice Mission Group, with the approval of Church Council, has simplified and updated the Congregational Outreach Project selection process.

Members of the congregation are **warmly invited to propose projects** which they feel are worthy of our fete funds and which meet the GWUC assessment criteria. Applications for local, national and international\*\* projects are all eligible.

The assessment criteria and process will be similar to those applied previously.

### **Applications will open on 2 April and close on 26 May 2024.**

In recent years, the congregation has found it difficult to appoint a Congregational Outreach Project selection committee. From 2024, the COP Selection Panel will be drawn from those members of the Outreach and Social Justice Mission Group without involvement or connection with any of the submitted projects. In practice, this has been happening for some years.

The COP selection panel will assess applications and have recommendations ready to present to the congregation by early July. These

recommendations will be presented to a meeting of the congregation in July or August. In the event that there are insufficient suitable congregational outreach project applications from the congregation, the selection panel will be permitted to recommend one or more Uniting Church of Australia Outreach services (e.g. UnitingWorld, Frontier Services, our local welfare program) which meet Glen Waverley Uniting Church selection criteria.

The COP process, including the application form to be used, may be found at

<http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/CopProjects2024>

The COP assessment criteria may be found at <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/CopAssessmentCriteria>.

Hard copies of these will be available at the church office after March 12.

For those who are interested, GWUC's overall COP procedure is defined in detail at <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/CopOverallProcedure>.

*\*\*For those contemplating proposing an international project, please note that there are additional due diligence and reporting requirements. They support the Church in meeting the [External Conduct Standards](#) set by the Australian Charities Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) and ensure that any international activities and giving goes to reputable organisations, maximising the impact that it may have for the intended recipients.*

If you have any questions about the COP process, ask John Snare, chair of congregation ([john.snare@bigpond.com](mailto:john.snare@bigpond.com)), or Margaret Fraser, chair of the Outreach & Social Justice Mission Group ([marjanfraser@gmail.com](mailto:marjanfraser@gmail.com)).

## What's On...

### MONDAY 8 APRIL

10.00am	<b>GOMERS</b>	Fellowship
10.00am	<b>Craft Group</b>	Room 1
2.00pm	<b>Leisure Time</b>	Fellowship
7.30pm	<b>Property Committee</b>	Room 1
8.00pm	<b>Badminton</b>	Hall

### TUESDAY 9 APRIL

2.00pm	<b>Mindful Meditation</b>	Zoom
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### WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL

8.00pm	<b>Free Spirit</b>	Church
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### THURSDAY 11 APRIL

8.00pm	<b>Badminton</b>	Hall
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### MONDAY 15 APRIL

10.00am	<b>GOMERS</b>	Fellowship
8.00pm	<b>Badminton</b>	Hall

### TUESDAY 16 APRIL

10.00am	<b>The Hub</b>	Fellowship
10.00am	<b>Playgroup</b>	Room 2/3
2.00pm	<b>Mindful Meditation</b>	Zoom

### WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL

1.00pm	<b>Community Hub Meeting</b>	Room 2
8.00pm	<b>Free Spirit</b>	Church

### THURSDAY 18 APRIL

11.15am	<b>English Conversation Class</b>	Room 4
8.00pm	<b>Badminton</b>	Hall

### FRIDAY 19 APRIL

10.00am	<b>Choir of Hope</b>	Church
7.00pm	<b>Youth Group</b>	Hall

## Temporary Change to Worship Times

The Ministry Team has decided that until further notice the 9.15am and 11am worship services will be combined at 10am. This arrangement will be continually reassessed on the basis of Ian's health and his returning to full time work. The 10am services will include the Sunday Squad Program (excluding school holidays) and the usual rotation of 8am, 1pm and 5pm services will remain. The weekly rosters have been adjusted to reflect the change in worship times. Please check the wiki and regular emails to confirm if you are rostered on.

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

Account Name: *Uniting Church Glen Waverley*  
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Account Number: 92 2198

#### **Zoom link - Mindful Meditation:**

Meeting code: 901 146 0982  
(passcode: 599029)