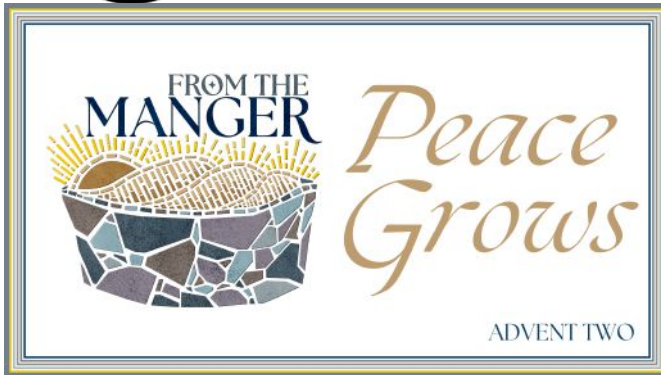




Glen Waverley Uniting Church

Weekly Bulletin

8 December 2024



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 8 December - Advent 2

10am Worship (+live broadcast)

Rev. Ian Ferguson / Rev. Chris Waddell

11.30am Multicultural Christmas Celebration & Lunch

Please note, Morning Tea will not be served today.

5pm FEAST Share: Christmas (*Please bring a plate of food to share*)

Rev. Chris Waddell

This week's Bible readings: Luke 2:14; Luke 10:1-6

Sunday 15 December - Advent 3

10am Family Nativity Worship (+live broadcast)

Rev. Chris Waddell / Rev. Ian Ferguson

All are invited to come along dressed as shepherds, angels, or animals (sheep, cows, kangaroos, dogs, donkeys, horses & kookaburras!) and be a part of the Christmas story. Some dress ups will be available on the day.

Sunday 22 December - Advent 4

10am Carol Service (+live broadcast)

Rev. Ian Ferguson / Rev. Chris Waddell

featuring Free Spirit Choir

Tuesday 24 December - 7pm Family Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday 25 December - 8.30am & 10am Christmas Day Services



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.



Christmas Cards

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

Remembrance Service

Christmas can be a difficult time for families who have experienced a bereavement. You are invited to participate in a special Service of Remembrance for those who have lost loved ones. The service will be held at GWUC on Tuesday 10 December 2024 at 8.00pm. The service will be short and reflective, and there will be opportunity to come forward to light a candle to remember your loved one. Refreshments will follow this service. Please share this invitation with your family and anyone else who has had a close relationship with your loved one, so that you may all have the opportunity to participate. If you are unable to attend in person, you can view a live stream of the service at www.gwuc.org.au/live. This is a special time to honour our love for one another in joy and in sorrow.

GWUC Annual Christmas Lunch

Thank you to everyone who organised, shopped, set up, decorated and helped on the day with the GWUC Annual Christmas Lunch last Sunday. Thank you to everyone who came and supported this lunch. We were able to give \$802.59 to GWUC Welfare to help needy families.

Empty Christmas Tree

Our tree is now in the foyer - waiting for your donations of toys, gifts, non-perishable food. Please **DO NOT WRAP** your gifts. Our gifts are given to Lentara UnitingCare at Broadmeadows and also to some families within our local community.



Last Sunday for gifts will be December 15th.

Cash Poverty Uniting Church
Corner Roggey Avenue & Kingsway

Remembrance Service

Tuesday 10th
December
at 8pm

Go to www.gwuc.org.au/live
to watch the live stream

Light refreshments will be served following the service

All are invited to stay following the service today to join in the Multicultural Christmas Celebration from 11.30am!



November Material Aid Offering - Share the Dignity: It's in the Bag

Thank you to all who contributed to our collection for It's in the bag - Share the Dignity. We were able to deliver 27 handbags brimming with essentials and treats. These will be gifted to women in refuges and shelters over Christmas.



Minutes of the November meeting of the congregation

Minutes of the meeting of the congregation held on Sunday November 24th are available at <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/CongMeetingMinutes20241124> or from the office. If you have any questions or think that the minutes contain errors or omissions, please contact John Snare (john.snare@bigpond.com).

Foreign Currency Donations

Thank you for your donations to the Foreign Currency exchange project. Tuesday the 10th December will be the final day for donation of your notes and coins. We will be finalising the exchange with the bank shortly after and updating the congregation on the proceeds. Please contact George Abraham 0413 431 888 if you have any queries.



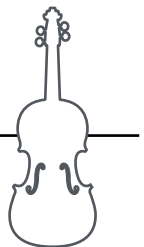
Annual Leave & January Office Hours

- Ian Ferguson - Annual leave - 6-17 January.
- Chris Waddell - Annual leave - 6-17 January.
Please contact Di Paterson 0400 961 052 for any pastoral care matters.

The church office will be closed from 6 January, reopening 28 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.

Did you know...

... that Ben Leister received an "A" on his recent Cello examination? Well done Ben!
We can't wait to hear you play sometime...



Some Housekeeping...

- The church office will be closed on Friday 27 December (as well as the usual public holidays!).
- Please provide requests for expense reimbursements to the church office by Monday 16 December to ensure payment before the end of our financial year.

What's On...

MONDAY 9 DECEMBER

10.00am	GOMERs	Fellowship
10.00am	Craft Group	Room 1
8.00pm	Badminton	Hall

TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER

10.00am	Playgroup	Room 2/3
8.00pm	Remembrance Service	Church

WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER

8.00pm	Free Spirit	Church
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THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER

11.15am	English Conversation Class	Room 4
7.30pm	Church Council	Offsite
8.00pm	Badminton	Hall

FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER

10.00am	Choir of Hope	Offsite
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MONDAY 16 DECEMBER

10.00am	GOMERs	Fellowship
8.00pm	Badminton	Hall

WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER

8.00pm	Free Spirit	Church
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THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER

11.15am	English Conversation Class	Room 4
8.00pm	Badminton	Hall

Don't' forget to check the letter rack (near the GWUC library). There are quite a few letters - and there may be something for you?



Book Sale

Saturday 1st March 2025

8.30am-4pm

Save the Date! We would love you to be part of this event. The summer holidays is a great time to sort through those books you no longer need. We will be setting up on Friday 28 February, packing up on Sunday 2 March, and would appreciate your donations of books and your help over those 3 days.



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