

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 22 December - Advent 4

10am Carol Service (+live broadcast)
featuring Free Spirit Choir

Rev. Ian Ferguson / Rev. Chris Waddell

This week's Bible readings: Luke 2:30-32; Matthew 9:35-37

Tuesday 24 December - Christmas Eve

7pm Family Christmas Eve Service (+live broadcast)

Rev. Chris Waddell

Wednesday 25 December - Christmas Day

8.30am Worship (+live broadcast)

Rev. Ian Ferguson / Rev. Chris Waddell

10am Worship (+live broadcast)

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Sunday 29 December - Christmas 1

10am Worship (+live broadcast)

Rev. Chris Waddell

Services in January 10am each Sunday



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 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 offerings 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.



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.



Christmas Cards

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

Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre - Emergency Appeal

Recently, a fire occurred at the Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre in Brunswick destroying some of the facilities and many of the resources used to help the community. Thankfully, no one was injured, but the fire caused considerable disruption to the service, which will be impacted for at least the next several months. Uniting are asking for urgent monetary gifts to enable the ASWC to continue to serve the community over the coming Christmas period. Your donations will pay for food vouchers, enable people to be supported at alternative sites, and will provide essential funds for them to effectively coordinate services into the new year.

Go to <https://www.unitingvictas.org.au/donation-form-aswc-emergency-appeal/> to learn more.

GWUC also support the Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre through our sales of honey, and this year through our COP Funds from the 2024 Fete.

Foreign Currency Donations - Extension to collection date



Thank you to all for the generous response from the congregation. We have collected about 20kg of foreign coins and the value of the notes

added up to AU\$190.

The coins have been donated to UNICEF and the notes are being held at the GWUC Westpac Account.

The final date for donations of foreign currency has been extended to the 31st December 2024. Please deposit any coins or notes with the office or in the collection container at the front of the office. Please contact George Abraham 0413 431 888 if you have any queries.



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.

2025 Dates for Your Diary!

- 2 Feb** Backpack Blessing
- 9 Feb** Lunar New Year & Lantern Fest: Year of the Snake
- 1 Mar** Annual Book Sale
- 9 Mar** Musical Matinee & light lunch
- 3 Apr** Hot Cross Bun M.Tea @ The Hub
- 22 May** Aust. Biggest M.Tea @ The Hub
- 21 Aug** Muffin Morning Tea @ The Hub
- 18 Oct** Annual Grand Fete!
- 30 Oct** Seniors Morning Tea @ The Hub
- 30 Nov** Annual Christmas Lunch
- 4 Dec** Christmas M.Tea @ The Hub

Annual Leave & 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 for Friday 27 December and then 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.

Hall Floor Resurfacing

The church hall will be closed from Thursday 2nd January until Thursday 16th January for resurfacing of the floor. During that period the hall will be **completely out-of-bounds** for **ALL** access. All doors to the hall will be locked and must not be opened under any circumstances. By extension, this means the storerooms at the back of the hall (**Store B** and **Store C**) will be completely inaccessible. All groups/persons who may need to use items that are presently in those two storerooms during that fortnight, please contact Michael Boldiston (0408 338 893) to arrange for those items to be placed in Store A ahead of 2nd January. Access to Store A will be through the roller door **only**.

Cleaning and Mowing Roster

We have a small team of dedicated volunteers who clean the church facilities and mow the lawns on a regular basis. Many of these people have been on the roster for many years. If you have the time to help out a few times a year for a couple of hours on a weekend (times are flexible), please add your name to the sign up sheet outside the Church Office and/or contact Fairlie Mackinnon at f.mackinnon@bigpond.com. The Church provides all the cleaning equipment. I am happy to answer any questions you may have. All volunteers are welcome. *Fairlie Mackinnon (Property Committee)*

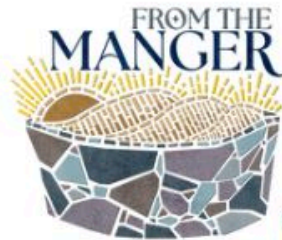
What's On...

MONDAY 23 DECEMBER

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| 10am | GOMERS | Fellowship |
| | and each Monday at 10am over January | |
| 8pm | Badminton & Table Tennis | Hall |
| | - this will be the last Badminton & Table Tennis for 2024. They will begin again on Monday 20 January - after the hall resurfacing is complete! | |

2024 Christmas
Exhibition
Christmas Traditions
from around the World

On now in
Room 1 until
end of
December



All Welcome

Contact Us:

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