



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 2 February - Epiphany 4

8.30am Contemplative *incl. Holy Communion*

10am Worship (+live broadcast) *incl. Holy Communion* Rev. Chris Waddell / Rev. Ian Ferguson
including **Sunday Squad Children's program** and **Back to School & Backpack Blessing**

Sunday 9 February - Epiphany 5

10am Worship (+live broadcast) Rev. Ian Ferguson / Rev. Chris Waddell
including **Sunday Squad Children and Teen programs**



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.



Sunday Squad & Sunday Squad (Teens)

Providing opportunities for children and teens during 10am worship - to explore the Christian faith through stories, questioning, craft & creativity.

"Sunday Squad" weekly from 2 Feb

"Sunday Squad (Teens)" fortnightly from 9 Feb
All are welcome.

5PM FEAST

"Friends Eating And Sharing Together"



A casual place to share Faith, Food and Fellowship. We will have a rotation of studies, testimonies, crafts, movies and reflections, all while sharing a meal together. All ages are welcome!

Returning on Sunday 16th February, 2025.

UCAF

...resumes on Tuesday 4th February. We start at 10am in the Fellowship area for morning tea before adjourning to Room 1 for our General meeting and Commitment Service. All welcome. What a great chance to catch up with old friends or meet some new Church members.

Food for Welfare can be placed in the red bin near the office door. Enquiries: Margaret Duncan 9803 1507

Adult Group

Our next Adult Group lunch will be on Friday 7th February at 12:30pm for lunch & fellowship at the Mountain View Hotel, Glen Waverley. Please ring if you would like to attend. Bev & Lindsay Brown, 0403 350 187.

Pancake Morning Tea

...will be held on Sunday 2nd March after the 10am service. Donations will go to Uniting. If you would like to help with cooking etc. or have any questions, please contact Jan Clear 0419589175.



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Book Sale

Used books for adults and kids

**Saturday
1 March
8:30am - 4pm**



Donations of books welcomed
from Feb 24

2025 Book Sale

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 28 February, packing up on Sunday 2 March, and would appreciate your donations of books and your help over those 3 days.

**Donations of books
welcome from
24th February**

Delivery of Book Sale Flyers

Thank you to those people who have offered to deliver flyers for the Book Sale. The flyers will be available at the church from 7 February, for delivery between 16-22 February.

With Love to the World

...is a daily Bible reading guide based on the Revised Common Lectionary. The latest issue is now available from the rack near the library. There are also some extra copies available for those who do not have a subscription but would like to give it a try.



2025 Lunar New Year - Year of the Snake

This church has been invited to participate in the City of Monash's

Lunar New Year Celebrations to

be held in Kingsway on **Sunday 9th February**.

We intend to offer craft and information about our church programs, and we **need your help** to make this a success!

Sunday 2nd Feb - Volunteers needed: We

will be packing our show bags after worship TODAY **Sunday 2nd February** - please come and help if you are able!

GWUC STALL - Sunday 9th February

Our stall will run from 10am to 3pm on Sunday 9th February. We are seeking a *set up crew* from 8:30am to assist with moving furniture & items, and a *close up crew* from 3pm to assist with moving things back to the church. We are also seeking at least 3 - 4 volunteers for each time period (2 hrs) to help man the stall, this will include assisting the arts and crafts area as well as a couple of people in front to engage with the community. With the warm weather we would like to remind the volunteers to stay hydrated and perhaps to pack a drink bottle.

Can YOU help? If so, please put your name on the list on the office counter or contact Lorraine Chee lorrainechee1@gmail.com or the church office.

**...don't forget to come and visit
our stall on Sunday 9th Feb!**

Future directions for our Welfare Program

In early December, whilst finalising our annual Performance Review, Ray advised that whilst he loves his work of each Friday, his health and work situation at his Church, where he is a pastor, is causing significant pressures and he is considering his role here at GWUC.

After those confidential discussions with Ray, he followed up the next week with a Resignation letter confirming that he will finalise his time here at GWUC on 28th February 2025. We accepted the situation and his resignation and he has confirmed his willingness to assist in training volunteers from our community.

We thank Ray, he has been a professional in every manner, much liked, and has aided our Welfare function in a variety of ways.

We wish him well in all of his activities and sincerely thank him for what will have been 18 months of excellent service and support.

Our Welfare program has been an important part of this congregation for many years. The congregation have always been very supportive in budget allocation, fundraising and supply of food items. For the last 5 years we have hired a part-time qualified coordinator, most recently Ray. Along with his resignation, he made some suggestions about how we could improve our program. Church Council and People & Culture Committee have agreed that a full review is appropriate before looking to hire a replacement. We are now looking for church members to undertake this review, in conjunction with Ray.

This is a unique opportunity to help shape this ministry for the years to come. The commitment is for February and perhaps March. If you are interested, please contact the church office, Ken Coutts or David Morgan.

Ken Coutts
Convenor People & Culture

What's On...

MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY

10.00am	GOMERs	Fellowship
2.00pm	Leisure Time Group	Room 1
8.00pm	Badminton/Table Tennis	Hall

TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY

10.00am	The Hub	Foyer
10.00am	UCAF	Room 1
10.00am	Playgroup	Room 2/3

WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY

2.00pm	Inclusive Community Committee	Rm 1
8.00pm	Free Spirit	Church

THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY

11.15am	English Conversation Class	Room 4
8.00pm	Badminton/Table Tennis	Hall

FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY

10.00am	Choir of Hope	Church
7.00pm	Youth Group - Summer Games!	Hall

SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY

10am-3pm	Lunar New Year Festival	Kingsway
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MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY

10.00am	GOMERs	Fellowship
10.00am	Patchwork & Craft Group	Room 1
10.30am	<i>Service of Thanksgiving for John Thompson</i>	
7.30pm	Property Committee	Room 2
8.00pm	Badminton/Table Tennis	Hall

TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

10.00am	The Hub	Foyer
10.00am	Playgroup	Room 2/3

WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY

1.00pm	Community Hub Meeting	Room 2
8.00pm	Free Spirit	Church

THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY

10.00am	Outreach & Social Justice C'tee	Room 2
11.15am	English Conversation Class	Room 4
7.30pm	Church Council	Zoom
8.00pm	Badminton/Table Tennis	Hall

FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY

10.00am	Choir of Hope	Church
7.00pm	Youth Group - Love me Crazy!	Hall

The Patchwork and Craft group

...meet 2nd and 4th Monday each month from 10am to 2pm. Stay the whole time or come and go. BYO Lunch. Tea and Coffee provided. Cost \$2. All are welcome. Enquiries: Susan Karoly 0433 692 862

Name Tags

A new order for name tags will be completed soon. If you would like to purchase a name tag, please put your name on the list on the office counter. Cost \$10 each. Please also remember to wear your name tag - it is helpful for those of us who forget names !

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