



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 9 February - Epiphany 5

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

Sunday 16 February - Epiphany 6

10am Worship (+live broadcast) *Rev. Ian Ferguson / Rev. Chris Waddell*
including Sunday Squad Kids program

5pm FEAST - Friends Eating And Sharing Together *Rev. Chris Waddell*
Please bring a plate of food to share

Notice of Election - Church Council

There will be an election of church councillors on **Sunday 23 March**. Nominations are open from Sunday 9 February until Sunday 2 March. Our congregation cannot operate without an effective Church Council, so please give prayerful consideration to making yourself available if you think that you can serve in this way. Please also consider nominating people who you think might be suitable. More information is available on the combined Information & Nomination form available from the stewards table. Please see John Snare (john.snare@bigpond.com) or any member of Church Council if you would like more information or assistance with nomination.

Please forward completed nomination forms to the church office.



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.

2025 Lunar New Year - Year of the Snake



The City of Monash's Lunar New Year Celebrations are on this Sunday 9th February in Kingsway. The GWUC Stall will be at the 'church' end of Kingsway and will be open from 10am to 3pm.

... come and visit our stall - We would love to see you!

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

Ash Wednesday



A service of worship will be held on Wednesday 5 March 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Pancake Morning Tea



Pancake Day
Flip for a good cause.

Learn more
unitingvictas.org.au/pancake-day

Uniting

...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.

Thank you to all of my dear church friends for your prayers, cards and messages during my five month hospitalisation. I greatly appreciated all of your care during this difficult time and I praise God for my ongoing recovery. - Margaret Riddett



Today's flowers are in loving memory of John Thompson. A Service of Thanksgiving for John will be held at Glen Waverley UC on Monday 10 February at 10.30am.



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" is held each week.

"Sunday Squad Teens" starts today and will meet fortnightly.

All are welcome.

Glen Waverley Uniting Church Book Sale

Used books for adults and kids

Saturday
1 March
8:30am-4pm



Donations of books welcomed from Feb 24

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.

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. Please collect your flyers from the table in the foyer, for delivery between 16-22 February.

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

SAVE THE DATE

A "Musical Matinee" of music and hymn singing will be held on Sunday 9 March at 11.30am. Hymn requests will be taken on the day. A light lunch will follow. All are welcome.

Did you know...

... that Barbara Bateman has an art exhibition on now? *Where Bush Meets Sea: A Retrospective* can be seen at Quadrant Gallery, 72 Barkers Road, Hawthorn until 28 February. Go to <https://www.quadrantgallery.com.au/barbarabateman2025/> for more details.

What's On...

SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY

10am-3pm **Lunar New Year Festival** Kingsway

MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY

10.00am **GOMERS** Fellowship

10.00am **Patchwork & Craft Group** Room 1

10.30am *Service of Thanksgiving for John Thompson*

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

MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY

10.00am **GOMERS** Fellowship

8.00pm **Badminton/Table Tennis** Hall

TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY

10.00am **The Hub** Foyer

10.00am **UCAF** Room 1

10.00am **Playgroup** Room 2/3

WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY

8.00pm **Free Spirit** Church

THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY

11.15am **English Conversation Class** Room 4

8.00pm **Badminton/Table Tennis** Hall

FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY

10.00am **Choir of Hope** Church

7.00pm **Youth Group - Splash Night** Hall

VICTORIAN MOSQUE OPEN DAY



Monash
Interfaith
Gathering Inc

The Victorian Mosque Open Day is an annual event that seeks to bring the Victorian community closer with Muslims around the state. The Islamic faith believes in the power of community, outreach and sharing their faith traditions with all who wish to learn more.

Our local mosque is the Monash Mosque at 16 Beddoe Avenue, Clayton. The mosque will be open on Saturday 15th February from 11:00am - 2:30pm. Get to know the Muslim community and enjoy their hospitality. Tours of the mosque will be available.



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