



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 23 February - Epiphany 7

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| 10am | Worship (+live broadcast)
<i>including Sunday Squad Kids and Teen programs</i> | <i>Rev. Ian Ferguson / Rev. Chris Waddell</i> |
| 1pm | Indonesian Fellowship <i>incl. Holy Communion</i> | <i>Rev. Ian Ferguson</i> |
| 5pm | FEAST Screen - "Christian-ese"
<i>Please bring a plate of food to share</i> | <i>Rev. Chris Waddell</i> |

Sunday 2 March - Transfiguration of Jesus

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| 10am | Worship (+live broadcast)
<i>including Sunday Squad Kids program</i> | <i>Rev. Ian Ferguson / Rev. Chris Waddell</i> |
| 5pm | FEAST <i>Please bring a plate of food to share</i> | <i>Rev. Chris Waddell</i> |



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.

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.

HELP NEEDED - Pancakes at GWSC

Do you enjoy making pancakes? Do you enjoy interacting with teenagers? Each Thursday morning before school during term, a team from the Church make and hand out 100's of pancakes at Glen Waverley Secondary College. We are needing a few extra helpers to provide this much appreciated service. Are you able to help? If interested, please speak to Chris Waddell, Glyn Howells or the Morgans.

"Thank you. The mood at the School is different on a Thursday" - quote from teacher



Remember me...

an opportunity to read and reflect together on the Holy Week story in the Gospel of Luke.

Led by Rev Ian Ferguson.

When

3x Thursday evenings (20 March, 27 March & 3 April)
at 6:30pm. *Light meal provided.*

Where

Glen Waverley Uniting Church
– Fellowship Area and Room 2.

RSVP to Glyn Howells (glynh117@icloud.com | 0439 490 679)
or the church office (office@gwuc.org.au | 9560 3580)

Lent Bible Study 2025

Please bring
a bible in the translation or language of your choice.

An interpreter will be present for Mandarin speakers.

UCAF

... meets on Tuesday 4th March for a cup of tea, followed by a meeting and guest speaker, who is to be Rev. Ian Ferguson our minister. Visitors are always welcome. Non-perishable goods brought for Welfare may be placed in the boxes near the office. Enquiries - Margaret Duncan 9803 1507

Honey Sales

Please self-serve, place your money into the small bag provided and post it into the church letter box outside the doors near the office. Thank you for supporting the Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre. We appreciate your return of empty jars with labels removed if possible. *Margaret & David Fraser*



Service of Worship
Ash Wednesday



5th March
7.30pm
All are welcome

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Pancake Day

Flip for a good cause.

Sunday ☺☺☺
2nd
March

Come and
enjoy a
pancake or
two after the
10am service.

Eng: Jan Clear
0419 589 175

All are welcome!

All donations received
will be sent to Uniting
to support people
who are struggling

Uniting

Learn more
unitingvictas.org.au/pancake-day

**GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH
CORNER BOGONG AVENUE & KINGSWAY**

Musical Matinee
**MUSIC RECITAL
& HYMN SINGING**

Organist: Matthew Boldiston

**SUNDAY 9 MARCH
11.30AM**

**HYMN REQUESTS
WILL BE TAKEN
FROM THE FLOOR
SO COME ALONG
WITH YOUR
FAVOURITE
HYMNS IN MIND!**

*followed by a light
luncheon*

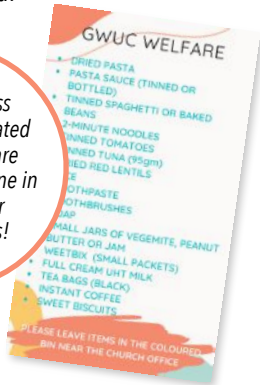
All Welcome

More information: 9560 3580 | office@gwuc.org.au

GWUC Welfare Pantry

The items of most need: Dried Pasta, Tinned/ bottled pasta sauce, Dried red lentils, Rice, Tinned spaghetti & baked beans, 2minute noodles, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned tuna 95g, Small jars of Vegemite/peanut butter/jam, Weetbix (small packets), Full cream UHT milk, Black teabags, Instant coffee, Sweet biscuits, Toothbrushes and toothpaste. Goods can be placed in the coloured bins near the office door. Shopping lists to assist you can be taken from the Outreach and Social Justice display board.

Handy business card sized laminated shopping lists are available - keep one in your wallet for shopping days!



Housekeeping Reminder

At the conclusion of your meeting or event, it is your responsibility to return any chairs, tables or equipment you have moved. Please switch off lights, fans, heaters and air conditioners; empty rubbish bins, turn off the dishwasher (if used) and lock all external doors. We are a busy church and our rooms are used by many groups. Your assistance in keeping our buildings clean and tidy is appreciated.

Name Tags

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!

Call for Volunteer Support

GWUC has an extensive Welfare Support program, which has successfully provided support through counsel and the provision of food and vouchers to a growing client list of almost 400 people annually. It is an important service to people really needing assistance.

As you know, our current Welfare Coordinator, Ray, will be leaving at the end of February, and we are seeking to recruit another Welfare Coordinator who will work with Faye McDougall and we will update you on our progress.

In addition, we are seeking expressions of interest from volunteers from our congregation to meet with clients to provide pastoral care, referrals and food distribution. Volunteers would be people who are comfortable dealing with people from all different walks of life and backgrounds, who enjoy talking to people and listening to their stories. We are seeking several people who could contribute and regularly commit to a couple of hours each week and would appreciate expressions of interest in providing assistance and support. Training and support will be available. Should you be interested or have questions about this volunteering role, please call Ken Coutts our People & Culture convenor on 0412 766 761.



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Book Sale

Used books for adults and kids

HERE this Saturday 1 March
8:30am–4:00pm

Donations of books to be sold may be left at the church from today. If you would like us to collect them, please add your name to the list on the table in the foyer, or contact the office.

How else might you help?

Friday 28 February. We will be setting up the tables from 9:00am. Books will be sorted and displayed from 10:00am. This is a mammoth task which will be ongoing for most of the day, so we would really appreciate your help. Come when you can and there will be a job for you! Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

Saturday 1 March. If you would like to assist at a sales table or in serving refreshments, please add your name to the roster on the table in the foyer.

Sunday 2 March commencing at noon. The cleanup! Books will be packed for delivery to other charities (or for recycling if unsaleable) and trailers loaded. Any and all help appreciated.



Glen Waverley Uniting Church
Corner Bogong Avenue & Kingsway



Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea

AT THE HUB

THURSDAY 3RD APRIL 10AM - 12PM

ALL DONATIONS
TO THE ROYAL
CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL GOOD
FRIDAY APPEAL



ALL
WELCOME!

Groups of 10 or more,
please call 9560 3580

**GLEN WAVERLEY
UNITING CHURCH**

**FRIDAY NIGHTS
7PM - 9.30PM**

**USUALLY AT GWUC AND
USUALLY ONLY \$2!**

**FOR YOUTH IN
YEAR 7 TO
21 YEARS OLD**

GWUC

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CHRIS WADDELL ON 0418373065.



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" meet fortnightly.

Both programs will be held today, Sun 23 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!

Sunday 23 February at 5pm - FEAST Screen - Christianese

Come watch a short clip about the words Christians use and discuss what they mean and how we use them.



COP2024 projects say "Thank You"

Following distribution of our COP2024 funds, we have received acknowledgement and sincere thanks from the five COP recipients.

Asylum Seeker Project \$5,010.45 - "Thank you...This donation provides not just the supplies and services people need in times of crisis, but also the profound comfort of knowing someone like you cares enough to offer hope in times of trouble.

Choir of Hope \$2,226.87 - "Our heartfelt thanks...to the COP committee and the church for availing funds to the Choir of Hope."

Kids under Cover \$4,453.73 - "Thank you so much...we really appreciate your generous donation. One of our staff members came along to the fete and said it was fabulous."

UnitingWorld \$5,010.45 - "We are beyond thrilled that you are supporting us in this way. That is a huge fundraising effort and we are so grateful that you have chosen to support the Disaster Readiness work in Fiji.

GWUC Welfare \$5,000 - "We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation and unwavering support.....your donation will be put to good use and will make a difference in the lives of individuals and families who rely on the services and support provided...."

Our Annual Church Fete is a huge effort by many, but it brings joy and comfort to many more. Thanks be to God.

COP2025 applications will open on April 6th, so please start thinking about projects that we may support this year.

Margaret Fraser, for Outreach and Social Justice Mission Group

World Day of Prayer 2025

focus country: the Cook Islands



Friday 7 March - 10.30am

10am Morning Tea

St Luke's Uniting Church

94-96 Essex Road, Mt Waverley

Contact Jan Clear 0419 589 175

Invitation: Are you interested?

GWUC members will be returning this year to visit our sister church, the Riedel congregation in Tondano, North Sulawesi, Indonesia.

Rev. Dr Dan Sompe and the church council look forward to hosting us again from 8th May 2025 for about 10 days.

Please speak with Ian Ferguson, Lucky Kalonta or Glyn Howells if you are interested.

"It is an inspirational part of the world to visit and there is great potential for us to share faith and learn from our diverse histories, traditions, strengths and weaknesses. One does not truly know where one comes from until one "leaves home" and is exposed to other cultures and ways of being church." Glyn Howells 10 November 2022

Click [here](#) for information about the last visit.

What's On...

MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY

10.00am	GOMERs	Fellowship
10.00am	Patchwork & Craft Group	Room 1
8.00pm	Badminton/Table Tennis	Hall

TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY

10.00am	The Hub	Foyer
10.00am	UCAF Committee	Room 4
10.00am	Playgroup	Room 2/3

WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY

4.00pm	Communications C'tee	Room 2
8.00pm	Free Spirit	Church

THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY

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

FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY

BOOK SALE SET UP 10am-7pm

10.00am	Choir of Hope	Church
7.00pm	Youth Group - Card Crazy	Room 1

SATURDAY 1 MARCH

BOOK SALE 8.30am - 4pm

SUNDAY 2 MARCH

BOOK SALE PACK UP from 12pm

MONDAY 3 MARCH

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

TUESDAY 4 MARCH

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

WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH

7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Church
8.00pm	Free Spirit	Church

THURSDAY 6 MARCH

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

FRIDAY 7 MARCH

10.00am	Choir of Hope	Church
7.00pm	Youth Group - Pancake Party	Hall



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