2 March 2025



Welcome

GWUC is a faithful, Christcentered 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 March - Transfiguration of Jesus

10am Worship (+live broadcast) incl. Holy Communion Rev. Chris Waddell / Rev. Ian Ferguson

including **Sunday Squad Kids program**

5pm FEAST Share-Lent

Please bring a plate of food to share

Rev. Chris Waddell



Pancake Day

Sunday 2nd March

All donations received will be sent to Uniting to support people who are struggling Come and enjoy a pancake or two after the 10am service.

All are welcome

Sunday 9 March - Lent 1

10am Worship (+live broadcast)

Rev. Ian Ferguson / Rev. Chris Waddell

including Sunday Squad Kids and Teen programs.

After morning tea today, please join us in the church for our **Musical Matinee**

- Recital & Hymn Singing (followed by a light luncheon). All are welcome.

5pm FEAST Reflect - Luke 4:1-13

Rev. Chris Waddell

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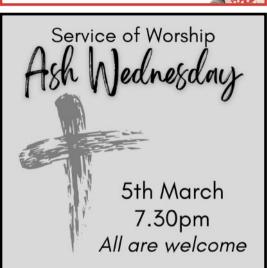
If you are new or visiting our church, look out for the people wearing yellow flower brooches. They are part of our welcoming team, and would love to have a chat and get to know you! Also, don't forget to fill in a 'Welcome' card so that we can stay in contact.

Book Sale

A HUGE **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who have helped with sorting, setting up, and selling - we couldn't have done it without you!

Our next Book Sale will be at the Annual Fete on 18th October 2025.





GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH CORNER BOGONG AVENUE & KINGSWAY MUSIC RECITAL & HYMN SINGING Organist: Matthew Poldiston SUNDAY 9 MARCH HYMN REQUESTS WILL BE TAKEN FROM THE FLOOR SO COME ALONG WITH YOUR FAVOURITE HYMNS IN MIND! More information: 9560 3580 | office@gwuc.org.au

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.

Invitation: Are you interested?

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

Click <u>here</u> for information about the last visit.



COP2024 projects say "Thank You"

Following distribution of our Congregational Outreach Projects 2024 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 2025, so please start thinking about projects that we may support this year.

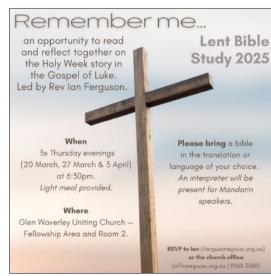
Margaret Fraser, for Outreach and Social Justice Mission Group

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.



Adult Group Luncheon

Our next Adult Group lunch will be on Friday 7 March 2025 at 12:30pm for lunch & fellowship at the Mountain View Hotel, Glen Waverley. Please ring if you would like to attend. Bev & Lindsay Brown, 0403350187.

Sunday Squad & Sunday Squad Teens

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





5PM FEAST

"Friends Eating And Sharing Together"

A casual place to share Faith, Food & Fellowship. Studies, testimonies, crafts, movies and reflections, all while sharing a meal together. All ages are welcome!

Sunday 2 March at 5pm - FEAST Share - Lent *Come, talk, listen, learn & share your thoughts on Lent.*

What's On...

MONDAY 3 MARCH

10.00amGOMERsFellowship2.00pmLeisure TimeFellowship8.00pmBadminton/Table TennisHall

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

World Day of Prayer 2025

focus country: the Cook Islands





Friday 7 March - 10.30am

10am Morning Tea

St Luke's Uniting Church

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