



**UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA
12 December 2010**



WELCOME TO GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH

If you are new to our congregation please fill in a Visitor Card so we may have the privilege of contacting you. Cards are available at the door, at the end of the pews, and on the Welcoming Table in the Foyer.

Please make yourself known to one of our members and join us for a 'cuppa'.

Vision Statement:

GWUC is a faithful, Christ-centred community that meets God and shares that unconditional love. meet_god@anytime.with.us

SUNDAY 12 December

Advent 3

8.00 am	<u>Ross Mackinnon</u> (Holy Communion)
10.00 am	<u>Rev Greg Fry</u> "Lessons & Carols" Choir, Deo Volente, Free Spirit
12.30 pm	Church Lunch
4.30 pm	4.30 Worship & Kids Church <u>Alanee Hearnshaw</u>
7.00 pm	"Advent Exploring" <u>Alanee Hearnshaw</u>
<u>Lectionary</u>	Isaiah 35: 1-10 Psalm 146: 5-10 or Luke 1: 47-55 James 5: 7-10, Matthew 11: 2-11

SUNDAY 19 December

Advent 4

8.00 am	<u>Ross Mackinnon</u> (Holy Communion)
10.00 am	<u>Rev Greg Fry</u>
7.30 pm	<u>Rev Ineke Gyles</u> "Carols by Candlelight"
<u>Lectionary</u>	Isaiah 7: 10-16, Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19 Romans 1: 1-7, Matthew 1: 18-25

Leaders of Church Groups for 2011

Leaflets

Please take the relevant Information Leaflet/s containing information about your Group, (from the Welcome Table in the Foyer), make the necessary alterations and amendments to the information contained therein, and return the edited leaflet/s to me as soon as possible, for printing for 2011.

Many thanks, Wendy



Today's "Thoughtful Flowers" are given in loving memory of

Diane Graham

by

Neil, Kate, Andrew & Jackie Graham

Our Empty Christmas Tree is in the Church Foyer waiting for your donations



of gifts, toys, toiletries, gifts for teenage boys and girls etc - all gratefully received. Your gifts will be given to some members of our own church family and also to Orana Family Services for distribution to families in need.

Please have your donations to the church by 19 December so that we have time to distribute them before Christmas.



Best wishes to Shirley Wise who celebrates her 90th Birthday this weekend!

As 2010 comes to an end and 2011 fast approaches, it is again time to think - **ROSTERS!**

Volunteers are needed to help out on the following Rosters:

Bible Reading, Door Stewards, Finance, Flowers, Morning Tea, Welcoming Table, and Hub.



Please give some serious consideration to helping out in one (or more) of these areas and place your name on the list on the Office Counter.

Ann and Eric Wardell, Geoff, Allan & Ian Lamb

and Family sincerely thank the community at GWUC

for their wonderful prayerful and caring support given to us as we mourn the loss of our daughter Janette.

Your cards, visits, prayers and flowers have been very uplifting and much appreciated.





Christmas Alight is coming...

No experience necessary, although you do need a valid Working With Children Check.

1. Registrations: This involves helping parents find their names on a list to sign their child in and out, and helping children find their name badges. You will be seated, and will have heaps of time to chat and socialize during the session!
2. Group Assistant: This involves helping the group coordinator and children with games and craft activities.
3. Morning Tea: Serving tea and coffee to the parents who remain behind during the session, and cleaning the children's cups.

If you are able to **help us** with this special outreach program, **please** put your name on the lists in the foyer. We ask for your help from around 9.30 am-12.00 noon on Monday 20 December, and/or 9.00 am-1.00 pm on Tuesday 21 December (there is a BBQ lunch provided on Tuesday!)

Many, many thanks for your support,
Belinda Chung 0417 595 599

COMMUNITY OF FAITH MISSION GROUP

December 2nd 2010 Meeting

At our meeting the following matters were addressed:

- * Preparation of the format of the new 9.30 am services is proceeding with a small, but active, group meeting regularly.
- * The possibility of seminars or workshops being held at Glen Waverley on a range of community subjects was put forward. No concrete ideas were advanced. Suggestions would be welcomed.
- * A Music Workshop is to be held in March 2011 to evaluate our resources and explore different styles.
- * Preliminary plans for Study Groups during Lent 2011 were discussed. It was felt that thought should be given to the possibility of Advent Studies also in 2011.
- * A Family Camp is being planned for the April school holidays.
- * We are pleased that we have increased our group's numbers recently with four new members. Our Convenor from the beginning of 2011 is Colin King.



The Presbytery of Port Phillip East Presbytery Pastoral Care Minister, Rev Dr Mark Lawrence, has advised that the Induction of our new Minister, Rev Rosemary Carter will be held on Sunday 8 February.

Make sure you mark this date in your diary.

DIARY DATES 2010

(Legend: R1-Room 1, R2-Room 2, R3-Room 3, R4-Room 4,
K-Kitchen, F-Fellowship Area, C-Church, H-Hall, V-Vestry, O-Outside Venue)

Monday 13 December

- 10.30 am Leisure Time Christmas Lunch H, C, K & R1
- 8.00 pm Meditation Group O (Contact: Bobbie Rooks 9803 0379)
- 8.00 pm Badminton H (Contact: Ian McMillan 9803 1813) **Breakup Party to be held!**
- 8.00 pm Young Adult Group O (Contact: Helen Boucher 8819 3714)

Tuesday 14 December

- 9.00 am Tennis - Ladies Social O (Contact: Eileen Scott 9800 4005)
- 7.30 pm Communications Committee R2

Wednesday 15 December

- 8.00 pm Young Adult Group O (Contact: Alanee Hearnshaw 0402 030 342)
- 8.00 pm Free Spirit C (Contact: Deb Leigh 0411 778 417)

Thursday 16 December

- 7.30 pm Band Practice R3
- 8.00 pm Choir C (Contact: Barbara Hurst 9803 9346)

Friday 17 December (School Holidays commence)

- 10.00 am Ineke's Friday Morning Group R2
- 11.30 am Coeee Come along for a cuppa/chat/lunch/scrabble. BYO lunch.
Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. (Contact: Ailsa Stewart 9802 3229)

Saturday 18 December (School Holidays)

- 1.00 pm Social Tennis O (Contact: Graeme Pratt 9560 7991)
- 6.30 pm Chinese Church K & H

Sunday 19 December (School Holidays)

- 10.00 am Kids Church Roster: Everyone

Monday 20 December (School Holidays)

- 8.00 pm Meditation Group O (Contact: Bobbie Rooks 9803 0379)
- 8.00 pm Young Adult Group O (Contact: Helen Boucher 8819 3714)

Tuesday 21 December (School Holidays)

Wednesday 22 December (School Holidays)

Thursday 23 December (School Holidays)

Friday 24 December (School Holidays)

- 7.00 pm Christmas Eve Family Worship
- 11.00 pm Christmas Eve Youth & Young Adults Worship

Saturday 25 December (School Holidays)

- 8.30 am Christmas Day Service
- 10.00 am Christmas Day Service
- 6.30 pm Chinese Church

Sunday 26 December (School Holidays)

- 10.00 am Combined Service

Hotham Mission ASP has again called for assistance in being able to offer their clients a gift (of something **new**) for Christmas, so they too can share the joy of this season. They have some specific suggestions: movie vouchers, lip gloss, nail polish, store vouchers (Target, Sportsgirl, Cotton On, Supre, JB Hi Fi etc), cd/dvd vouchers, sporting clothing, aftershave/shaving cream, USB memory sticks.

Any donations need to be left at the office in the labelled box, by Tuesday December 14, so we can deliver them to Hotham in time for distribution.

ELECTION FOR CHURCH COUNCIL

A ballot was held after our 10.00 am worship service on Sunday 28 November 2010 to endorse seven members who had been nominated for appointment to our Church Council.

A total of 124 ballot papers were received. Many thanks to all those members who participated.

Each candidate required at least a majority of the valid votes cast to be elected. All seven candidates - Belinda Chung, Belinda Clear, Geraldine Fleming, Meagan Lowe, John Muir, Bev Richardson and Jit Tan - received over 90% of the votes cast, and so have been elected as members of the Church Council. We are grateful to each of them for their commitment to serve the church in this way.

A Commissioning Service will be arranged for some time in the near future.

Graeme Frecker
Chair of the Church Congregation

Want to feel good once a month???? Join a winning team!

There are vacancies in our Leisure Time Team, especially serving meals to our guests. This is a wonderful chance to experience enjoyment and satisfaction as you bring pleasure to others in our community.

You need to be available only one Monday morning each month.



Fill out a Volunteer Form (outside the Office window), drop it in the Volunteer Box, and look forward to a rewarding year. Or talk to Margaret Fraser 9803 7653, Pam McDonald 9560 9798 or Elwyn Pederson 9803 1378 for more information.

The Christmas Bowl supports People to People Peacemaking in Sudan.

Share Christmas! Your support will help those most in need this Christmas.





Christmas Cards

now available from the Office.

Usual great assortment and supporting * Orana

* Ryder-Cheshire Foundation * Share

* Strathdon.

Retirement of Rev Ineke Gyles



The time has come! Our loss is Tom's gain. We will say farewell to Ineke at her final service on 30 January 2011. This service will be at 10.00 am followed by some 'Farewell Fun'.

MEMORY BOOK - as is the tradition at GWUC, we will make a Memory Book for Ineke and your contribution to this book is welcomed. Please take a page (or 2) from the box on the Office Counter and return it to Fay Wagon, Graeme Frecker (or the Church Office) when completed.

There will be other things happening - watch the Bulletin for further details.

GIFT - We want to recognise and thank Ineke for all that she has given to our Church Family, and welcome your contribution to a gift for her. Please leave with Faye Wagon, Graeme Frecker, or the Church Office.

2010 Congregation Outreach Projects

In case you missed out last Sunday, 2010 Project funds total \$24,645 and the following grants were presented to representatives of this year's Congregation Outreach Projects:

Frontier Services	\$4101 (total)	Hotham Mission Asylum Seekers Project	\$4034
Friends of Baguia	\$3689	Friends of Ermera	\$5673
Kenya Outreach Group	\$5498	Kids Hope (GWUC)	\$1010

Lyn McDonald
Community Outreach Group

ROSTERS - 2010

BIBLE READERS

December 12 10.00 am Judy Lowe
December 19 10.00 am Barbara Hurst

DOOR STEWARDS

December 12 10.00 am Bruce & Margaret Walker, Betty Evans
December 19 10.00 am Graeme Schober, Kaye Mackinnon, Bill Norquay

ELDERS - COMMUNION STEWARDS

ELDERS

December 12 10.00 am
December 19 10.00 am

DOOR

Barbara Krieger, Sue Morgan
Jan Clear, Jit Tan

VESTRY

Judy Lowe
John Hurst

FINANCE STEWARDS

December 12 10.00 am Michael & Joanne Boldiston
December 19 10.00 am Bruce Graham, Doug Newberry

FLOWERS

December 12 Barbara Thompson
December 19 Margaret Frecker

MORNING TEA

December 12 David & Anna Yeo, Pam Graham, Sandy Whitfield
December 19 Geraldine Fleming, Margaret Walsh, Glenda Cox

ORGANISTS

December 12 8.00 am Wallis Gandell
10.00 am Robert Fleming/Geoff Willis
December 19 8.00 am Elwyn Pederson
10.00 am Robert Fleming
7.30 pm Geoff Willis

WELCOME TABLE

December 12 John & Laurel Muir
December 19 Murray & Judy Lowe

CHOIR INFORMATION: <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/ChoirPage> or phone 9803 9346

CLEANING - 18 December 2010

Area 1: Don & Bev Reid
Area 3: Peter Anderson, Arthur Davey

Area 2: George & Jenny Abraham
Lawns: Neil & Joel Leister



Advance Notice - Used Book Sale



As part of the Church fundraising next year, we will be holding **Used Book Sale** at the Church on **Saturday 5 March**. Donations of books will ensure that we are able to repeat last year's success. **For further information contact Sue Morgan.**

SUPPORTIVE CARE LINK SERVICE

Please contact **Laurel Muir 9560 1518** if you are aware of people needing the support provided through our Care Link Service.
We are glad to be of service.



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COUNT DOWN TO KENYA...

Only 7 days until we take off!

Alanee, Joel, Sarah, Jason and Kat from the congregation are volunteering at Mission in Action - Nakuru Baby Orphanage from the 19th of December to the 17th of January.

Mission in Action is an orphanage run by an Australian couple, Mary and Ivan Budulica, who care for 43 children from a variety of challenging backgrounds and has a wider purpose of missional outreach in the local community. They have the first stage of a school in operation, a general store and a hairdresser, all available to the local community. They employ evangelists who identify needs in the community and work to meet these needs with the support of Mission in Action sponsors.

THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO HAS MADE A DONATION AND SUPPORTED OUR PROJECT.



How you can help:

Buy the NEW 2011 Kenya Calendar (\$25)

All proceeds from this calendar go to the purchase of Christmas hampers for families in the local community. Each calendar provides one hamper.



NEW Mission in Action GIFT CARDS

Buy sporting equipment for a child (\$10), a couple of chooks (\$15), an education pack (\$20) or a food hamper (\$25) for the kids in the Nakuru community (this is a lovely gift card you can give your friends and family for Christmas!)



Would you like to make a direct donation to the groups' work in Kenya?

You can pay directly to the Kenya Fundraising account: BPAY 50179
Account # 4215 2900 0181 3716
or see Kat Mann or Alanee Hearnshaw.
If you would like to follow our adventures in Kenya, we will be completing a daily blog as was done last year.

katandjasinafrica.wordpress.com

Community HUB

The Community Hub at Glen Waverley Uniting Church has been operating successfully over the past twelve months.

Over the year we have held two very special morning teas, the first was held with the Body Shop from The Glen. Over \$900 was raised for Cancer Research and was held in conjunction with "Australia's Biggest Morning Tea" conducted by the Cancer Council.

The second morning tea was to celebrate and promote the work done by the many volunteers in the Community and was held during "Seniors Week" in October. Over 60 people of all ages enjoyed a morning of chatter, food and entertainment.

In 2011 we plan to have "special" morning teas four times a year, one each term. The first one will be towards the end of Term 1 and will be a fundraising opportunity for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

Over the year we have got to know mums and children from Playgroup and Mini Maestros. Having the toys and play mat out on a Tuesday has worked well and the parents appreciate what we do. We have regular "outsiders" now who come in for a chat and a cuppa. One of our regulars has come up with a suggestion for improving the HUB and we are so pleased that he feels comfortable enough with us to be able to do this.

We are going to distribute a Christmas story colouring book and pencils to the Playgroup and Mini Maestro children, together with a Christmas message to the parents. This will be done this week.

Many of the HUB volunteers have got to know other members of our church family as people pop into the building for various reasons during the week.

The HUB Committee thanks each volunteer for the time given each week and trust all will return next year for a bigger and better HUB. Please feel free to bring any suggestions to improve the HUB to the Committee.

We wish one and all a holy, happy and healthy Christmas season celebrated with family and friends, and look forward to 2011's HUB activities.

Laurel Muir

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY REPORT.

The Inclusive Community Committee met on 11 November and made a list of dates for morning teas and lunches, in 2011. Our first morning tea for 2011 will be on Tuesday 8 February (Shrove Tuesday) and we will enjoy pancakes and good fellowship with other members of our church family and the community. Put this date in your diary now. On Thursday 10 March, we will have morning tea at the Community Hub. We are hoping that this will suit people who are busy on Wednesdays.

Nine people attended the last morning tea on 17 November at Café Moretti. We have had many positive and enthusiastic responses when we have asked people about our morning teas and lunches. Those who have attended have been glad to have somewhere to go when they have felt lonely, have enjoyed meeting people who attend different services and have made new friends.

Green F.I.S.H. met on the 11 November and welcomed five new members. The group has planned the first meeting for 2011 and will have dinner together on the 5 February.

Kaye MacKinnon expressed concern that some playgroup parents attending playgroup have limited English, as they are very new arrivals. We have linked up with one playgroup mother and will continue to meet with her, during the school holidays. We are sure that there will be more need for short conversation sessions in 2011 when a new group of parents will bring their children to playgroup.

We are looking forward to the Church Family Christmas Lunch today, 12 December, our special Christmas services and Christmas Alight (20 and 21 December).

Jan Clear

TWO IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

FIRST EVENT

EASTER - The schools **EASTER EVENT** will be held here at Glen Waverley from Monday March 28th to Friday April 1st, 2011. From information gathered so far, it looks like we will have in excess of 1200 children coming. HOW GOOD IS THAT!

BUT - to make this event successful we will NEED LOTS OF HELP - so PLEASE PUT THIS EVENT IN YOUR DIARY, and when we ask for help, you will be ready.

There will be a couple of changes to the program this time - the main one being that we will not be building the caves, but using the new rooms instead. We will need hosts/hostesses, men to be centurions, ladies to be the innkeeper's wife, bus jockeys, helpers in the kitchen - etc.

At this time I am looking for someone who would be prepared to be the 'convenor' of the centurions. This involves organising the roster, and being available to help the centurions get into their costume. *It is not an arduous task!*

SO - please, if you feel able to help in any way,
see Faye Wagon or Greg Fry.

Easter

SECOND EVENT

"Craft, Collections, Coffee and Cake"

Many of you will remember this event which was held in 2009 - well, we are planning another one for 2011. June 18th and 19th - which is the weekend of our Church Anniversary.

YOU are what makes this event successful - by being willing to allow us to exhibit your craft, hobby, or collection.

We are giving you lots of notice, because that will give you time to make some new items to display.

Crafts could include WOODWORK, MODEL RAILWAYS, EMBROIDERIES, CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS, SCRAPBOOKS, KNITTING, PHOTOGRAPHS, SEWING, JEWELLERY, TAPESTRIES, PATCHWORK, PAINTINGS,

THE LIST GOES ON . .

Collections might include TEACUPS, TEAPOTS, STAMPS, THIMBLES, CHINA, COINS, OLD WOODWORK TOOLS, LEGO DISPLAY, MECCANO . . .

THE LIST GOES ON . .

Please talk to Margaret Lemke or Faye Wagon if you would like to know more.

