



**Uniting Church in Australia
Glen Waverley Congregation
Monthly Bulletin – August 2011**



GWUC is a faithful, Christ-centred community that meets God and shares that unconditional love:

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- **Monday 8 August** - Helpful Hints to Remain Safe 7.30pm
- **Wednesday 10 August** - Inclusive Community and Community Hub meeting with Rev Hoon You 9.30 am
- **Wednesday 17 August** - Morning Coffee at Cafe Moretti 10.30 am.
- **Sunday 14 August**—Pastoral Care Lunch and Healing Service. 12pm
- **27 August** - 'Your Generation Trivia Night' - 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start. \$10 per head. Funds raised to support the Kenya project.
- **Sunday 11th September**- Hub Volunteers Meeting and Lunch
- **12 November** - 'Kountry Dancing for Kenya' - 7.30 pm.
- Funds raised to support the Kenya project.
- **1 December** - 20th Birthday of our building. Any slides, photographs and or recollections of that special day would be very much appreciated.

Community Outreach Group



(National Council of Churches in Australia).

Our Church continues to receive many requests for assistance from **Act for peace** showing their diverse range of interests.

There are two current requests, fundraising support for drought stricken areas of Horn of Africa, and a petition urging the Australian Government to respond to the UN move to recognise Palestine as a state. See Outreach Notice board for details.



On Saturday 23 July at a property on the Buxton Marysville Road a huge pile of dead wood was cut and split for the land-owner. This was another event in the "Brush with Kindness" series.

Future event dates are 20th August, 17 September 22 October and 19 November.

MISSION ~~IM~~POSSIBLE

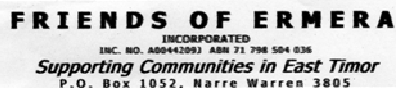
We have provided some background and past information on the Church website at <http://gwuc.org.au/index.php/news/mission-impossible> about the flood assistance efforts.

A couple of us are planning to go to Charlton in August to meet some of the local flood affected people at the recently established, fortnightly afternoon teas. Dennis (our contact) is using some of the money forwarded from GWUC to help fund these events.

We might be looking for your assistance to provide some fruit cakes etc to take up for these events – we will keep you advised.

There is an idea being developed in an attempt to carry out some repairs on various flood damaged houses but it is early days at present.

Pastor John Russell of Donald Uniting Church, in a hastily arranged video clip by Greg Fry last Friday and presented at Outreach Sunday, thanked GWUC for ALL we are doing for the flood ravished town of Charlton. Good to have the feedback.



Friends of Ermera, recipient of a COP 2010 grant have provided a short writing Report and a number of photos. See these on the Outreach Notice board.

Community Outreach Group

Outreach Sunday: Love Thy 7 Billion Neighbours

On Sunday 31 July 2011, the Outreach Sunday service challenged us to do something for our Neighbours

Cheryl Emms told us of her planned physiotherapy outreach to the people of China as was presented with her grant from GWUC 2010 COP.

The **High Tea for Habitat** raised \$234.10 for the Habitat Home Building program with that wonderful motto, "A hand up, not a hand out". It was the young adult women who baked those lovely cakes and set them attractively on the cake stands; thanks to Alanee, Nicole, Sarah, Belinda, Bron and Alice.



We heard a little bit about the work Kaye and Rose Morgan did in early July, assisting a family in Bali, to build a house from scratch!!!!

Inclusive Community Group

Our “Munch with a Bunch” lunch was held on Sunday 17th July at the Village Green. Thirty-three people attended, despite the cold weather and enjoyed a delicious lunch and pleasant company. Some photos will be put on the Inclusive Community notice board, shortly.

We have just found out that the “Munch with a Bunch” lunch, which was planned for Sunday 9 October, clashes with the next Seniors’ Service. We will let you know the new date, for our lunch, in the September monthly bulletin.

We enjoyed morning tea at the Hub last Thursday 28 July. We would like to thank Judith, Laurel, Lois and other HUB volunteers for providing such a lovely morning tea. Our next morning tea will be at Café Moretti on Wednesday 17 August. Please let Wendy know by lunchtime on Tuesday 16 August if you plan to attend so that we can make a booking.

Green F.I.S.H. would like some new members. If you have been thinking about joining a F.I.S.H. group or want more details please let us know.

We are continuing to discuss ideas for the 20th Birthday Celebrations for our building, later in the year. We hope to tell you dates and some more information in the September bulletin.

Our next meeting (combined with representatives from the Community Hub committee) will be held on Wednesday 10th August and we will be concentrating on preparing the service for Sunday 30th October and having discussions with Rev. Hoon You who will be our guest preacher for the service.



An Invitation to all who worship at

GWUC

GRIEF & LOSS come in many forms

We at GWUC have experienced these emotions in many ways this year. We have lost many loved friends and family members. The changes in worship have resulted in personal adjustments for some.

The *Pastoral Team* is aware of this and invite you to come and share in a

“Pastoral Healing Service”

When: Sunday 14th August at 12 noon.

Where: A BYO shared lunch in the fellowship area, followed by the service in the church at 12.30pm.



Community of Faith Mission **Group**

The process of Review of the 9.30 service will be set in motion with a survey of our members to try and establish a picture of our needs and desires in worship matters, with a particular focus on those who wish to attend 9.30. The survey and the questions within are, of course, optional, but it would be good if as many as possible took part in this exercise. There is the opportunity to add extra comments and a consultative process will be available for those who wish to take part. The results will be analysed and recommendations taken to Church Council. The timeline being: survey in August, present the results to Faith Community and Church Council in October and present the recommendations to the Congregational Meeting in November.

Ahead of us is consideration of the goals and purposes of this Missional group. It is important for any group to be sharply focused on set objectives and aims. We are primarily committed to the development of faith and designing ways and events through which our people grow and share what, for them, is the meaningfulness of Christian Life. Do we have a role in worship matters or would that be better served by another committee? Should our resources be focused on the small group format, where the sharing and learning has proved successful? Would large scale seminars be well received? The area of leadership and discipleship development would deserve more of our time. These concerns will be our main focus at the September meeting. It is important to direct the time and resourcefulness of this group into areas of spiritual growth that will be most beneficial to our church community.

4.30 Service

PRESENTS

THE AMAZING RACE

When: Sunday 5th September at 4.30!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Where: Glen Waverley Uniting Church.

Who: Everyone Welcome!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

More details to follow– please check Weekly Bulletins



COMMUNITY HUB



Have you been to The Hub lately?

Come and join us for a cuppa and a biscuit, a chat or some company on a Tuesday or a Thursday, from 10am – 2pm, during the school term. We would love to see you.

The Munch with a Bunch group enjoyed a delicious morning tea at The Hub on Thursday 28th July. The next date for this group to have morning tea together at The Hub is Thursday 22nd September. We look forward to seeing them again then.

During the next month we have a few special dates for you to remember.

Our special Big Morning Tea for this term will be held at The Hub on Thursday 11th August when we will be having a “Muffin Morning” between 10am and 12noon. Hub volunteers will be making muffins for you to eat and we will have copies of the recipes so you can take home the recipe for your favourite muffins. We would love you to come and bring your family, friends and neighbours.

It would be helpful if you could please add your name to the list on the shelf outside the office if you are coming.

The next Hub Prayer and Reflection Time will be held in the church on Thursday 4th August between 11am and 11.30am. Take some time out in your busy day to come and listen to a Bible reading and reflection, light a candle and pray for someone with a particular need. Anyone who would like to come to this is most welcome.

A meeting and lunch for all Hub volunteers and anyone interested in The Hub will be held on Sunday 11th September at 12.30pm at the church. Please bring a plate of food to share.

If you would like to help at The Hub or know more about The Hub, please contact Judith on 98038373.



Seasons of the Spirit Workshop

Wednesday 10 August– 7.30– 9.30pm

A free workshop run by MediaCom Education, which is a Christian Resource Publisher aiming to assist congregations and faith communities grow and develop, is being held in Room 1. The workshop will be conducted by Susan Burt and Deidre Palmer and will provide an opportunity to preview the up– coming Seasons of the Spirit resource and experience how it can integrate worship and education for the faith community.

This is instead of the Elders meeting. All Welcome to attend

Strathdon Event

8th Annual Children’s Art Competition and Show

Local primary school students’ display their works of art that are for sale at \$5 each. Friday 12 August– 3– 8pm. Presentation of prizes at 7pm. Wii Mario Kart Bundle Raffle, every adult admission receives a FREE ENTRY into the draw to win. Winner announced at 7pm. Adult admission \$5– children free. Enq. Ann Chan 9845 3105.

Strathdon is always looking for volunteers, it makes you feel good and has proven health benefits too. Strathdon has a great community of skilled volunteers who work with the Life-style Team to provide many stimulating and varied activities for its senior residents each week. We are always in need of new kiosk volunteers, friendly visitors and would love to hear from a retired person with some woodworking skills to help with a men’s shed activity. We have great facilities and a great bunch of men.

If you have a few hours a week or each month, you can make a difference in the life of an older person.

Call Lorna 9845 3130

Help Required!!!

Ladies Probus Club of Glen Waverley, who meet monthly at GWUC, are looking for someone to set out chairs on the 4th Wednesday of each month in the morning and to pack the chairs away in the afternoon.

Enquires to: Jan Crocker ph 9560 3181

Connections Uniting Care

Seeking Board Members

Do you have an interest in the wider mission of the Uniting Church?

Would you be interested in contributing to the work of Connections UnitingCare?

We are seeking expressions of interest from suitably skilled and experienced members of the Uniting Church to join our Board of Governance. Members with skills in management, finance, human services or government administration would be of particular relevance as would skills in strategic planning or marketing.

Expressions of interest: Chairperson Fiona Hanlon– chairperson@connections.org.au

Further information– Executive Assistant to the CEO June Roy– 9271 0800

Vacant Position - Cleaner

Property Committee is looking for someone who would be willing to clean the church toilets each Monday morning. As you will be aware, we have volunteers who clean the church property each week, but with the large number of people who use the complex over the weekend and during the week, the toilets can no longer survive with a once a week clean.

Although we would love a volunteer, our cleaning roster is already short of people and so we would like to offer a small gratuity (\$) to someone who would be willing to just clean the toilets (3 sets) every Monday morning before about 10.00 am

If you see this as something you can do to help GWUC, please talk to me ASAP.

Thank you.

Warren Greenwood 9803 8373

Church Office Administrator

We are seeking applications for the full time position of Church Office Administrator as advertised on Seek (www.seek.com.au) and Christian Jobs (www.christianjobs.com.au). If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please go to either of these websites for information on the job and how to apply. Applications close on August 18th.

The following links will allow you to view the job descriptions:

<http://www.seek.com.au/Job/church-office-administrator/in/melbourne-eastern-suburbs/20233870>

http://www.christianjobs.com.au/view_job.php?id=9997

Your Generation Trivia Night

**Saturday 27th August
@ 6.30pm**

**(for a 7pm start)
\$10 per head
BYO Nibbles and Drinks**



All funds raised support the Kenya project including food hampers, school supplies and school shoes.

SAVE THE DATE!

KOUNTRY DANCING FOR KENYA



Saturday 12th November
7.30pm @GWUC



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school supplies and school shoes.

GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH

Presents

FREE SPIRIT IN CONCERT



*Featuring a variety of gospel style songs, jazz,
Negro spirituals & traditional sacred music*

Guest Artist Jacob Davey

Sunday 18th September 2011

2:00pm

Glen Waverley Uniting Church

Corner Kingsway & Bogong Avenue, Glen Waverley 3150

Admission \$10.00 including Afternoon Tea

Tickets available from Church Office 03 9560 3580

or Vida (0411 246 254)

(Proceeds support our Church Programme & Activities)

ABOUT ME



Name: Jacob Davey

Age: 18

Education: First year Uni

Studying: Arts & Science

Hobbies: Music, composing, bush walking, bike riding!

Favorite places: Tasmania, New Zealand & Dandenong Ranges

Books/movies: Harry Potter, Dan Brown, Mr Bean

TV appearances: Letter & Numbers.....Retiring champ & Future Finalist!

YOUTH TERM 3



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July 22: Pajama Party - 7-9:30pm \$2 @ GWUC (Warm (trackie's) PJ's only)

July 29: It's your Birthday! - 7-9:30pm \$2 @ GWUC

Aug 5: Small Groups - 7-9:30pm \$2 @ small group houses

Aug 12: Camp Chill - 7:30pm leave from GWUC!

Aug 19: GAME SHOW - 7-9:30pm \$2 @ GWUC

Aug 26: Small Groups - 7-9:30pm \$2 @ small group houses

Sept 2: Lights Camera Action - 7-9:30pm \$2 @ GWUC

Sept 9: Small Groups - 7-9:30pm \$2 @ small group houses

Sept 16: Formalish Dinner - 7-9:30pm \$10 meet @ GWUC & go to surprise location!

Sept 23: Small groups - 7-9:30pm \$2 @ Small group houses

FYI

New Youth study group starts this week, Friday's at Al & Joel's @

5:30 pm

Sunday Evening Worship, creative interactive & thought provoking Sunday's @ GWUC @

7 pm

Small groups, places for you to share, learn & support each other, during youth group terms

7 pm,

Dates

For your diary

Outreach Sunday	31st July
Camp	12-14th Aug
Trivia Night	27th Aug
Fete	15th Oct
Country dance	12th Nov
Christmas lunch	11th Dec
Christmas Allight	1st & 8th Dec



UTHIES TERM 3



Uthies is a part of the Children's & Family Ministry at GWUC and aims to provide a safe and fun environment for children to build Christian community.

\$2 per night from 5:30-7pm.

Term Dates:

29th July:

Blind Trust

12th August:

Rockstar Training

26th August:

Dress Up Night

9th September:

Letters & Numbers with guest!

(Bring a friend night)

23rd September: (\$5)

Platinum Club Movie Night

(Bring your own bean-bags and pillows)

Contact Details

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GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH



CNR. BOGONG AVENUE & KINGS WAY, GLEN WAVERLEY, 3150.




UTHIES IS OPEN TO GRADE 4, 5 & 6 AT PRIMARY SCHOOL



2011 EVENT

August	Septe
<p>7- 11am- Service involving Country Womens Association</p> <p>8- 7.30pm- Helpful hints to remain safe.</p> <p>11- 10am- 12pm- Muffin Morning at The Hub</p> <p>12- 14- Youth Camp</p> <p>14- 12pm- 1.30pm- Pastoral Care Lunch and Healing Service.</p> <p>27- 7pm start- Trivia Night (Fundraising for Kenya)</p>	<p>17- 21- Synod</p> <p>18- 2pm start- Free Spirit Conc</p>
November	Dece
<p>12- 7.30pm start- FUN NIGHT (Fundraising for Kenya)</p> <p>27- 10am- Combined Service. (1st week in Advent)</p> <p>29- 7.30pm- Remembrance Service</p>	<p>3- Celebration of 20 years in lunch included—watch for fur</p> <p>11- 11am- Senior Service</p> <p>12.30pm- Church Family Cl</p>

EVENTS CALENDAR

<p>September</p> <p>Concert at GWUC. (Fundraising)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">October</p> <p>9- 2.30pm Senior Service</p> <p>13- 10am- 12pm—The Hub special morning tea- Seniors Week</p> <p>15- 9am- 2pm- Fete</p> <p>30- 10am- Combined Service</p>
<p>December</p> <p>Events in our building for further information</p> <p>Family Christmas Lunch</p>	

**2011 FUND RAISING EVENTS
To Support Our Church Mission**

Programme & Activities

EVENT	ORGANISED BY	AMOUNT RAISED
Book Fair \$4,060.90 Morning Tea \$279.50	GOLD FISH / CHOIR	\$ 4,194.75
Craft Exhibition	Margaret Lemke & Faye Wagon	\$3,000.00
International Dinner	AQUA & RED FISH	\$ 2,812.00
CONCERT	FREE SPIRIT	
TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED TO DATE		\$10,006.75