



Glen Waverley

Uniting Church

Welcome

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

PREACHING PLAN - April 2012						
Time	April 1 Palm / Passion	April 8 Easter Day	April 15 Easter 2	April 22 Easter 3	April 29 Easter 4	
8.00 am	Ross Mackinnon Communion	10:00 am Combined Rev Rosemary Carter Rev Greg Fry	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Rev Rosemary Carter Communion	10.00 am Combined Rev Greg Fry Belinda Clear Children & Families Celebrating Baptism	
9.15 am	Rev Greg Fry Communion		Rev Greg Fry	Rev Rosemary Carter		
11.00 am	Rev Dr Warren Bartlett	Rev Rosemary Carter Rev Greg Fry	Rev Rosemary Carter Communion	Rev Greg Fry		
4.30 pm	Rev Greg Fry Communion		Family Activity	Rev Greg Fry		
7.00 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw		
Lectionary	<i>Liturgy of the Palms</i> Mark 1:1-11 or John 12:12-16 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 <i>Liturgy of the Passion</i> Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 1:14 - 15:47 or Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)	John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8 Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43	John 20:19-31 Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1 - 2:2	Luke 24:36b-48 Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7	John 10:11-18 Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24	White
Liturgical Colour	Purple	White	White	White	White	White

MARCH

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4 March	All day	Church Council Elections
11 March	2.30pm	Senior Service
19 March	7.30pm	Congregational Meeting
23 March - 25 March	Fri pm - Sun pm	Children & Families Camp
APRIL		
2 April - 4 April	7.30 pm	Easter Week Services each night
5 April	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
6 April	9.15 am 11.00am	Good Friday Combined Service Stations of the Cross
8 April	10.00am	Easter Day Combined Service



Community Hub



The COMMUNITY HUB is changing.

In the past the COMMUNITY HUB and THE HUB was one in the same thing. Now, the “COMMUNITY HUB” is still the name of our Missional Group and the current “Hub” will be called “THE HUB” which most people call it anyway.

There are four groups that now come under the umbrella of the Community Hub Missional Group. These are Playgroup, Leisure Time, Cooee Scrabble Group and The Hub.

Each of these groups are similar in that they all invite people from the community into our church regularly for their activities. Leisure Time and Cooee Scrabble Group operate one a week and Playgroup and the Hub operate 3 days a week.

Our hope is that these groups will be able to have activities together at different times and we will support each other in our desire to connect with the people in our community, and through our actions, show God’s love to them.

A special Launch week will be held in April to start off this exciting adventure as the new Community Hub.

If you would like to know more about the Community Hub, please contact Judith on 9803 8373.

We will be having a lunch and meeting for all Hub volunteers, and anyone else who is interested in The Hub, on Sunday 18th March, between 12.15pm - 1.30pm in the fellowship area at the church.

Please bring a plate of food to share.

It will be helpful if you could please let Judith know if you are able to come.

Judith 98038373

The Kenyan Experience

Like some experiences in life, you can’t really imagine what the Kenyan experience is like until you’ve been there! And the experience probably differs for different people. My Kenyan Experience includes YOUR support in all the various ways;

- the Fete that raised money for the Kenya Project grant from COP which went to the Playground at Mission In Action, Nakuru Baby Orphanage,
- the various donations, whether by buying calendars etc or straight gifts,
- the prayers for the team, and
- the communications we received whilst there – SMS’s, emails and Skype’s.

Kenya would not have happened without all of this support, so thank you!

My life long memory about Kenya will be about the people.

Isn’t the second commandment about people, “Love thy neighbour..”? Isn’t that what “Outreach” is all about?

Isn’t that the second most import thing about our Church – loving the people? (The first, of course is “Love God ...”).

We made life-long friends,

- Melanie who enabled our Group to achieve so much more than we would have just by ourselves (white people – “mzungus” are fair game for increased prices – we don’t know the “lingo” well nor our way around the city and rural areas of Nakuru). She is a very capable, loving and caring woman.

- Mary, not only for the hair dos but her deep friendship,
- Joseph & Ibrahim the Evangelists – I think the word “pastors” better describes for me their loving care of the communities in their care.

Lyn McDonald

Leisure Time AGM

Invitation to Volunteers and the Congregation

You are invited to attend the Leisure Time Annual General Meeting.

Afternoon tea will be served from 2pm.

Under the Constitution all Volunteers and Church members are eligible to attend and cast a vote so come along and participate.

Agenda papers will be available from the Church Office from 15 April - 22 April, 2012.

NOTICE OF MEETING

**The Annual General Meeting
of the
Glen Waverley Uniting Church
Leisure Time**

will be held at the
Glen Waverley Uniting Church
on
Monday 23 April, 2012, at 2.30pm

The Agenda includes:

- Annual Report
- Audited Annual Accounts
- Election of Committee Members
- Appointment of Auditor

Pam McDonald
Secretary
5 March 2012

(COP Process 2012 Continued ...)

Closing Date for ALL submissions is Sunday 25 March, 2012.

Note:

- Receipt of Applications will be acknowledged in writing.
- The Selection Panel will contact you regarding discussions with you about your Project.
- After Project selection all applicants will be advised in writing of the recommendations to the July Congregation Meeting.
- Successful applicants (or their deputy) will be required to attend the 2 July 2012 Congregational Meeting to respond to any questions concerning their Application.

If you have questions or queries regarding Applications please contact any member of the COP Selection Panel via cop@gwuc.org.au

To **DOWNLOAD** the COP 2012 documents click on the documents below:

[COP Application Form 2012](#)
[CopAssessmentCriteria](#)

Working With Children Check

Congratulations to the 105 GWUC members who have a current WWCC. The WWCC lasts for a period of 5 years and many of you are nearing your renewal date. A letter should be sent to you approximately 8 weeks prior to the expiry date on your card. This includes the information you need to renew your card. If you have changed your address you should go online www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren and update your information.

Any questions should be directed to Lynne Boyer.

Men's Fellowship

The April meeting of Men's Fellowship will be at 2pm on Tuesday April 3. The speaker is Graeme Frecker who will be speaking about "Who Do You Think You Are?"

Enquiries: Malcolm Chamberlain 9764 0975

Glen Waverley Uniting Book Club

The Club meets and amicably discusses books which members have selected to read from the CAE Library.

Meetings are held at 8pm on the first Wednesday of each month at a members home.

Club membership is unfortunately restricted by the number of books available to members each month.

However, vacancies now occur because of unfortunate resignations. Expressions of interest in participating in the club are welcome.

Please contact either John Boucher (ph 9560 8183) or Don and Bev Reid (ph 9802 4609).

Calling all ladies ...

Come along for a night with the ladies.

Have a look at Intimo's lovely range of lingerie. There will be an opportunity to be professionally fitted.

Date: 20 March

Time: 7.15pm

Place: Glen Waverley Uniting Church

10% of all sales will go to Mission in Action - Kenya. If you can't make it on the night but would like to have a look at a catalogue, please see either Heather Hon or Belinda Clear.

SPECIAL MORNING TEA

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THE HUB

GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE

ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



JOIN US

for Hot Cross Buns, Tea or Coffee

INVITE

your family, friends & neighbours

SUPPORT

this worthy cause

Where : Glen Waverley Uniting Church

When : Thursday 29th March 2012

Time : 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

Please add your name to the list on the Office Counter if you are planning to attend. Thank You.

Congregational Outreach Projects Process 2012

To submit an application:

Glen Waverley Uniting Church is again offering the proceeds of the Annual Fete for Local, State, National and Community Projects.

Community Outreach Group now invites applications for Congregational Outreach Project (COP) grants from the 2012 Fete proceeds.

To make an Application, go to <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/CopProjects2012> and download the documents on that page, or collect the documents from the Church Office.

The documents that you will receive are:

- The COP Assessment Criteria and,
- The COP Application Form 2012.

These documents give the guidelines and the information required on the Application Form for each submission.

Please forward your Application;

- by email (in WORD format) to cop@gwuc.org.au (preferred), alternatively,
- in hard copy to

COP Selection Panel
Glen Waverley Uniting Church
Cnr The Kingsway & Bogong Avenue
GLEN WAVERLEY VIC 3150

The 2012 COP Selection Panel comprises:

- Alice Barelli (9560 0365 or 0409 597 301)
- Katie Hunter (0408 990 682)
- Neil Leister (9561 5256 AH)

Church Council

The church council, over the years, has approved a number of policies concerning church life, together with various guidelines to help people understand the rapidly changing church scene. It is important that where people are involved in activities governed by these policies that they be aware of the content of the policies. In particular, Council is concerned that in these days of easily disseminated electronic information, people need to be aware of the church's Privacy Policy, and the attention of all church members is drawn to that policy. The following policies and guidelines are available on the web at the following URLs:

- * wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/PrivacyPolicy policy on the use of personal information (approved CouncilMinutes20100915, item 4.6)
- * wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/ElectronicCouncilCommunications motivations for electronic communications with the church
- * wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/EmailEtiquetteGuidelines guidelines for the use of email within the church (approved CommunicationsMinutes20100928)
- * wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/CouncilEndowmentPolicy policy on establishing and maintaining the Endowment Fund (approved CouncilMinutes20110216)
- * wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/CommunicationsCommittee sets out a number of communications guidelines

All of these policies and guidelines can be viewed on the web (or on the Office Window Computer), or you can ask Heather in the Church Office for a paper copy if you prefer.

<http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/CouncilPolicies>

John Hurst
Chair of Church Council

Church Organ Review

An Invitation: Members of the congregation are encouraged to come along to an evening in the church on Friday 16 March commencing 8pm to be informed about issues with the existing church organ and to hear a modern electronic organ played by a very accomplished visiting organist. Although you will hear some fine organ music, this will be a “workshop” rather than a concert performance, designed to allow the audience to understand problems associated with our 30 year old organ and to compare its sound with that of a modern electronic organ.

The congregation must soon make an important decision as to refurbishing the current organ or acquiring a new instrument. This evening is designed to inform congregation members so that they are better equipped to participate in a subsequent decision.

Background: Early in 2011 our organists began to notice certain distortions in the sounds of the church organ. As a result, Church Council established a small committee to examine the issues and eventually make recommendations regarding repair or replacement of the organ. Many of the committee are the organists Robert Fleming, Geoff Willis, Elwyn Pedersen and David Williams, plus Ross Lennon and John Snare. Throughout 2011 the committee have made various investigations, consulted potential new organ suppliers, received advice from electronic organs in other church environments.

A major source of music distortion of our organ was found to be due to “blown” loudspeakers in the units mounted in the enclosures on the left hand wall adjacent to the large screen. These loudspeakers have now been temporarily removed, substantially reducing the level of distortion. The organ sound currently emanates virtually solely from the loudspeaker units mounted in the wall above the organ. There remain, however, more subtle levels of distortion within the organ requiring attention, and 30 years of keyboard and pedal board wear requiring repair.

Aside from issues of distortion, it is generally accepted that the pipe organ sound achievable from the 30 year old electronics of our organ, falls well short of the richness of sound produced by a

modern electronic organ. This is accentuated by the fact that our organ does not have a reverberation unit installed.

Potential Actions: One course of action would be to refurbish the present organ, possibly fitting a reverberation unit in the process, to give its music more “life” and to replace its “blown” loudspeakers. The cost of this action is not yet firm but is expected to be in the vicinity of \$4000 to \$6000. Whilst the reliability of our organ has been excellent and its manufacturer, Allen, continues to provide strong product support, this level of expenditure on a 30 year old organ must be considered carefully.

An obvious alternative would be to purchase a new organ whose modern electronics would provide a “brighter” sound with more flexibility of music styles. We could then look forward confidently to another 30 years instrument life with low maintenance. The cost of this alternative, however, would obviously be greater, about \$22,000 to \$28,000 depending on what features were thought desirable.

Another possibility would be to convert our organ to a computer based system, the best known of which is the Hauptwerk system. This system simulates closely the majestic sound of many famous pipe organs such as the Salisbury Cathedral organ. Despite the allure of the amazing sounds which can be produced this way, the committee has rejected this approach, mainly on the grounds that the level of technical support currently available is inadequate to ensure prompt correction of faults which might occur on a new instrument.

The Decision: The Congregation must in due course take a decision on the course to pursue, taking into account the costs involved as well as factors such as the appropriateness of organ music as the basis for worship music in the future, and the likelihood of having organists capable of exploiting the upgraded capabilities of a new organ.

We urge you to come, hear and discuss the arguments for and against the various possibilities, and thus be prepared to contribute to the decision to be made at a subsequent date.

Ross Lennon