



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 - September 2012						
September 30 Pentecost 18	10.00am Combined Service Frontier Services Centenary Celebration including Lunch		September 23 Pentecost 17	Rev Greg Fry Communion	Rev Rosemary Carter	Green
September 16 Pentecost 16	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Rev Greg Fry	Rev Greg Fry Communion Organist: R Fleming Uniting Voices	Rev Rosemary Carter Communion Organist: D Williams	Rev Rosemary Carter Belinda Clear	Alanee Hearnshaw
September 9 Pentecost 15	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Rev Greg Fry Free Spirit	Rev Rosemary Carter Organist: G Willis	Rev Greg Fry Belinda Clear	Alanee Hearnshaw	Proverbs 31:10-31 Psalm 1 James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37
September 2 Pentecost 14	Rev Rosemary Carter Communion	Rev Greg Fry Communion	Rev Rosemary Carter Organist: E Pederson Uniting Voices	Rev Greg Fry Belinda Clear	Alanee Hearnshaw	Proverbs 1:20-33 Psalm 48 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38
8.00 am	Rev Rosemary Carter Communion	Rev Greg Fry Communion	Rev Rosemary Carter Organist: E Pederson Uniting Voices	Rev Greg Fry Belinda Clear	Alanee Hearnshaw	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125 James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17 Mark 7:24-37
9.15 am	Rev Rosemary Carter Communion	Rev Greg Fry Communion	Rev Rosemary Carter Organist: E Pederson Uniting Voices	Rev Greg Fry Belinda Clear	Alanee Hearnshaw	Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:~8, 14-15, 21-23
11.00 am	Rev Rosemary Carter Communion	Rev Greg Fry Communion	Rev Rosemary Carter Organist: E Pederson Uniting Voices	Rev Greg Fry Belinda Clear	Alanee Hearnshaw	Green
4.30 pm	Rev Rosemary Carter Communion	Rev Greg Fry Communion	Rev Rosemary Carter Organist: E Pederson Uniting Voices	Rev Greg Fry Belinda Clear	Alanee Hearnshaw	Green
7.00 pm	Rev Rosemary Carter Communion	Rev Greg Fry Communion	Rev Rosemary Carter Organist: E Pederson Uniting Voices	Rev Greg Fry Belinda Clear	Alanee Hearnshaw	Green
Lectionary						
Liturgical Colour						

AUGUST

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5 August	4pm	Commissioning Service for Belinda Clear
12 August	10.30am	Newcomers Morning Tea
12 August	2.30pm	Senior Service
16 August	11am	Story Hub
25 August	8.00pm	John Atwell & Free Spirit Concert
30 August	10am	The Hub Muffin Morning Tea
SEPTEMBER		
15 September	6pm	Footy Fun Night
25 September	10am-2pm	Frontier Services Mural Opening
30 September	10am	Combined Worship and Luncheon Celebrating 100 Years of Frontier Services



Card Ministry

Cards are sent to those members of our church family following a bereavement, to those who are ill or experiencing difficult times and often when there is a special event being celebrated.

Below are some of the messages of thanks we have received recently.

"Thank you very much for your comments on Peter's Thanksgiving Service. After initial hesitation, I - and the family, too - felt strongly that we wanted to give tribute to the person he was, his gifts and achievements, and share treasured memories of our family life. We thank all for their loving thoughts and prayers."

Alison Barr

"Thank you for your love, support and prayers. Happily my progress is in line with expectations, and although that is slow, it opens new doors of opportunity for me to experience and view life. At the moment, having just said goodbye to a visiting friend, I am listening to a Handel Concerto, looking at colourful flowers and cards with such caring messages, and I think to myself how fortunate I am. Indeed I am bestowed with many and much love. I give God my thanks. Peace and love to all."

Evelyn

"My sincere thanks for the card you sent me on behalf of the church family while I am feeling 'a bit under the weather'. I am improving and my doctor is keeping a close eye on me, but I have decided to have a month off and build up my strength. It is a great comfort knowing people are praying for me and I am in their thoughts."

Beverly McGlead

Senior Service - Sunday 12 August at 2.30pm

You are invited to "Remember when ..." with us at this Senior Service. The service will be led by Alison Clarkson and the preacher will be Rev Bill Morgan. Communion will be celebrated.

Following the service there will be afternoon tea.

Transport is available if needed. Please contact the church office (on 9560 3580) by Wednesday 8 August to arrange this.



Fundraising Concert - John Atwell & Free Spirit

Saturday 25 August - 8pm

New Hope Baptist Church, Blackburn North (Melway Ref 47 H7)

John Atwell (Internationally Acclaimed Theatre Organist) and Free Spirit (Glen Waverly Uniting Church Gospel Choir) are performing at a concert to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity. Light refreshments will follow the concert.

Tickets (\$30 Adult, \$25 Student and Concession, \$75 Family) are available from Marj Snare and the Church Office.

For more information, please see the detailed poster on the outside notice boards.

Eleven Weeks to GWUC Grand Fete - Saturday 20 October, 2012

8.30am - 2pm

All the usual stalls and events - and there are lots of ways you can help. Put Thursday afternoon October 18 and Friday October 19 in your diary and come along and help with 'set-up' day. Work for all - so all welcome.

Craft and sewing: Talk to Judith Greenwood (9803 8373) or Laurel Muir (9560 1518). They would love some help.

Plant stall: Start potting up some cuttings and make a donation to this popular stall.

Silent Auction: Donations of items for this stall always welcome. Talk to Cliff Baker (9802 8990). He would love to hear from you.

And start your spring cleaning. Don't forget to put aside items for our stalls, pre-loved clothing, books and treasure!

Need more information? Contact:

Murray Lowe - 9885 8514

Yan Emms - 0419 365 913

Cliff Baker - 9802 8990

David Fraser - 9803 7653

Special Service and Luncheon - Sunday 30 September Celebrating 100 Years of Frontier Services

You are invited to come and share in this historic occasion
Combined Worship - 10am
Guest Preacher - Rev Paul Bartlett

Light Lunch will follow the service

Tickets for the lunch are on sale now
Adults \$10 - Children \$5

Tickets from Barbara Chamberlain, Shirley Williams,
Faye Wagon or the Church Office.

Something Special ...

Our own David Williams has prepared an amazing 30 metre Collage Mural depicting the work and history of Frontier Services. This will be unveiled in the Hall on Tuesday September 25.

The mural can also be viewed on Tuesday Sep 25, Wednesday Sep 26 (from 1pm until 3pm), Thursday Sep 27, Tuesday Oct 2, Wednesday Oct 3 & Thursday Oct 4 from 10am until 2pm. Tea and Coffee will be served.

Frontier Services, the successor to the Australian Inland Mission, is today the largest provider of aged and community care in remote Australia and delivers a wide range of other services, including health care, children's services, community support, remote ministry and volunteer assistance.



Inclusive Community Report

Special Morning Tea: Next Sunday 12 August, we will have small welcoming segments in all services and we will provide morning tea for newcomers. Please come and mingle with these people. It's a great opportunity to meet those who worship at other services. (We are having morning tea instead of a newcomers' lunch.) We have sent out 27 invitations. There will also be a Seniors' Service on that day.

Our "Munch with a Bunch" group met for lunch at the Village Green on Wednesday 11 July at 12noon. About twenty people attended. This was the first time that we had organised a midweek lunch and people seemed to think that it was a good idea but maybe only once a year. Jean and Joyce enjoyed chatting with others whom they didn't know and this was easier in a smaller group.

During July, we took baby bundles to the Hunter family and the McKellar family to welcome their little girls Nekita and Mathilde. The Hunters attend 9.15 am worship and the McKellars attend 4.30pm worship.

It was great to visit Beac last weekend and enjoy the hospitality there and participate in the two way service. After the service, we had lunch with the people from Beac and other Uniting churches in the area. Jit, Alison, Anne, Mona and Joy spoke very well on the DVD about the meaning of Inclusive and activities that they attend. Thanks to Greg, Rosemary, Judith and the technical team including Warren and Russell for their hard work. The relationships that are being built up through Broadcast Ministry are very important and worthwhile.

Our next Inclusive Community meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 August at 10am in the outer vestry. The agenda includes evaluating our programs and thinking about our plans for 2013.

Jan Clear

MUFFIN MORNING @ THE HUB



**Join us for a variety of homemade muffins,
tea and freshly brewed coffee
a n d
take home the recipe
for your favourite muffins**

Where: Glen Waverley Uniting Church

When: Thursday 30th August 2012

Time: 10am and 12noon

ALL WELCOME

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

Name Badges

The following Name Badges are in the office for collection. Please come and collect yours if your name appears below. If you have not paid for your badge please bring \$8.50 to the office when you come to collect your badge.

Nick Andress - Harry Hodgins - Lily Hodgins - Helen Logan - Sharon Harper-Wilkinson - Chris Owen - Philip Read - Yuan Yuan Wong - Kerrie

Footy Fun Night - Saturday 15 September

Footy Finals Fever is nearly upon us. So why not come and join us on 15 September for a night full of fun and entertainment.

Come dressed in your favourite footy colours and join in all the fun from 6pm.

More details will follow in the next Monthly Bulletin but please keep the date free now. All monies raised will go into the general funds for Glen Waverley Uniting Church.

Fund Raising for Asylum Seekers - Sunday 16 September

On Sunday September 16, Free Spirit will give a concert at The Avenue Uniting Church, Blackburn at 2.30pm. The funds raised will go to the Outer Eastern Support Network of Hotham Mission, to help cover the considerable costs of accommodation for asylum seekers. Tickets (\$15 adults, \$10 concession and children) will be available from Free Spirit from late August.

Mark this date in your diary now!

Enquiries: Robin Pope 9561 7021.

Our New Organ

As indicated in previous bulletins, an Organ Fund has been established in order to reduce the impact of the cost of the new instrument on general funds. Many thanks to those who have already donated. Additional donations are encouraged, and should be made through the Church office. It is also possible to “underwrite” a specific existing stop on the organ, e.g., the Trumpet on the Great (thereby blowing your very own trumpet), or the Waldflute on the Swell (with a toot on your flute); if you wish to do this please contact Geoff Willis.

The Organ Committee is in process of organising an Organ Recital to be given on our instrument by a talented Melbourne organist. We have in mind a Sunday afternoon later this year.

Robert Fleming

Next Issue of NewView: Loyalty

Are you watching the Olympics and cheering for Australian competitors? Do you barrack for a football team and hope it will make the finals? The theme for the next issue of NewView is loyalty! Is it the same as faithfulness? What is involved in ‘being loyal’? In a world where commercial organisations are vying for customer loyalty we need to consider - apart from the merely venal - what attracts our loyalty. How does loyalty impact on our faith, our families, our workplace, our sporting allegiance? Has loyalty a place in our modern world? Can it be misguided? How does it affect your life? Have you an inspiring or personal story to tell about loyalty?

Your contributions on the theme, as well as reports on activities within our church community and any other relevant contributions would be welcomed by September 5.

Enquiries Robin Pope 9561 7021 or popesr@aapt.net.au



Community Hub

The four groups of the Community Hub continue to connect with many people from the community each week.

Something new and exciting is happening at The Hub. Story Hub will be commencing on Thursday 16th August at 11am. Story Hub is for preschool children and their parents or grandparents. It will include stories, singing and a craft activity for the children, also a cuppa for the adults.

Our next special morning tea at The Hub will be held on Thursday August 30th when we will have a Muffin Morning, 10am - 12noon. We hope you, your family and friends will be able to come and enjoy some yummy muffins.

A few of our Leisure Time volunteers have been attending training workshops at the Monash Volunteer Resource Centre. The first workshop was “What to do in an Emergency”.

An ambulance paramedic told us about the Ambulance Service and encouraged us to quickly call 000 if a medical emergency arises. He also explained the latest information about CPR (30 compressions followed by 2 breaths) and he told us about a simple CPR training kit designed for seniors groups which we now have. It includes a 20 minute DVD and other resources, including practical simulation, and is suitable for home or group use. Our day leaders have now used the kit and found it useful. If you would like to borrow this helpful material for personal use or with your GWUC church group, please contact Margaret Fraser (9803 7653).

If you would like some company on Friday lunchtime, call in at Cooee and bring your lunch. After lunch enjoy the company of others while playing scrabble or other games.

Playgroup has recommenced for term 3. It continues to be a multicultural group with 11 - 16 children attending each session. Mothers come and play with their children in a relaxed atmosphere, and discuss their mothering problems with other mothers. We welcome all congregational members to pop in anytime to see how successful this outreach group is.

If you would like to help with any of the Community Hub activities, or know more about them, please contact Judith on 98038373.

Are you interested in Faith Conversations?

“Did you watch such and such yesterday? Wasn't it hilarious? I really like so and so's acting. The dialogue is interesting.”

“Did you know that ... is having a sale on all cosmetics? Most of the products are 25% off and some even 50%. I spent \$200 there last week getting many bargains.”

“Have you tried the new restaurant at...? The food is great. “

“I allow my kids junk food only once a week, but they call me the world's worst mum and say I don't love them. They say that their friend's mums are great because they are allowed to eat anything they like. It's not easy to be a good parent.”

“My dad's cancer has come back. For the last 6 months he was in the clear and we thought he had finally beaten it but last week at his checkup he was told it has come back. He is so depressed and doesn't want any more surgery. I don't know what to say to him. He has given up on life.”

“My gran is 93 years old and is still so active. She takes so much interest in what is going on around. I don't think I want to live so long. I don't see any purpose. I don't know what I will do after retirement. Life is boring.”

As I listen to the chatter of my work colleagues I think, “They are so enthusiastic in telling others about the bargains they got, the food they tasted, the movies they have seen. Lord, I believe you love me and have created me for a purpose. You want me to bring light and love to all those I meet and that includes all my work colleagues. How do I tell them that it is You who bring excitement and purpose in my life. It is You who bring meaning. How can I gossip naturally about You?”

I asked X if she is happy in her work and she said, “Not really, it is just the means to pay the bills.” She seems not to have an anchor or meaning in her life. She has family problems. I chatted a little about how finally money or possessions do not bring satisfaction and she agreed. I spoke a little about finding fulfillment in using your talents in doing a job well and being of service to others. Where do I go from there? What else can I tell her to help her find meaning?

I asked Y if his father is frightened of death. I told him I believe God has power to heal physical illness but finally God's healing is the help you get to accept your physical frailty and life's impermanence and prepare yourself to be with him. He said he as a child was

taught to believe in God but he could not understand if He was all powerful why He allowed so much sickness and suffering. I said that it was difficult to understand.

How do I share that God doesn't answer the question “Why suffering?” Instead, God suffers with us, standing side by side, weeping as we weep. How do I share that I know this? How do I share the music “O Death, where is thy sting? Where is thy victory?” How may I share with Y that I think that accepting death makes us live our lives fully? Where do I go from there?

Do you struggle to “gossip” about God and your faith naturally with friends, colleagues and neighbours who do not share your faith? Are you asked questions about your faith which you do not know how to answer? When you hear chatter around you, do you think “How can I love them? How can I relate to these people, walk in their shoes? How do my life, my actions and my words reflect God's character?”

How can you tell somebody, who looks at you with amazement and shock on their face when you tell them you meet with the church regularly, that you think your faith will help them too?

Do you have similar stories to share, questions to discuss, topics to explore? Would you like an opportunity to talk about these things?

Write to: Sharmini Wickramaratne
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