



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 - February 2013							
Time	February 3 Epiphany 4	February 10 Transfiguration of Jesus	February 13 Ash Wednesday	February 17 Lent 1	February 24 Lent 2		
8.00 am	Rev Rosemary Carter Communion	Ross Mackinnon			Ross Mackinnon		
9.15 am	Rev Greg Fry Communion	Two-way with Beecac Rev Greg Fry at Beecac Rev Rosemary Carter Free Spirit		10am Combined Service	Rev Greg Fry Belinda Clear		
11.00 am	Rev Rosemary Carter	Rev Rosemary Carter	7.30 pm Rev Rosemary Carter	Rev Greg Fry Rev Rosemary Carter	Rev Greg Fry		
2.30 pm	-	Senior Service Alison Clarkson Alanee Hearnshaw		Communion Uniting Voices	-		
4.30 pm	Belinda Clear Rev Greg Fry	Belinda Clear Rev Rosemary Carter			Belinda Clear		
7.00 pm	-	-			Alanee Hearnshaw		
Lectionary	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30	Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2 Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 51:1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35		
Liturgical Colour	Green	White	Purple	Purple	Purple		Purple

JANUARY

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6 January	<i>10am</i>	Combined Service - Communion Rev Rosemary Carter & Belinda Clear Traditional Style with Children's Focus
13 January	<i>10am</i>	Combined Service Alison Clarkson & Belinda Clear Reflective
20 January	<i>10am</i>	Combined Service - Communion Rev Rosemary Carter & Alison Clarkson 9.15am Style
27 January	<i>10am</i>	Combined Service Rev Greg Fry & Alison Clarkson "Taste and See for the Lord is Good"

As we have five diverse worshipping communities, the combined services will reflect some of this diversity. It would be wonderful to see you worshipping with us.



Communications - Building up our Community

The Communications Committee of the Church Council works behind the scenes to find improved ways for us to communicate with each other. Did you know that in the Communications Strategic plan there are 23 identified communications pathways that we can use in various combinations to inform or be informed? (Anyone can look at these options on the wiki at <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/CommunicationsStrategicPlan>.) However, as we enter a new year, along with the usual good wishes for the advent season, we ask you to consider the importance of talking to each other about: What is going on and what we are doing. Personal word of mouth is a great way of using all the information we have at our disposal and making the personal connections that are so essential to our church community. Maybe a personal suggestion to join in might be all that is needed to encourage the person you are talking to become involved. So how about we make 2013 a year when we focus on talking to each other more?

Careful Kitchen Crew (CKC) Notice to Kitchen users

In an effort to encourage responsible recycling and improve our rubbish removal system, the CKC are trialling a new recycle bin in the church kitchen. It should be easily identifiable as it is a different style and colour from the ordinary waste bin. Please consider which bin is best for your rubbish BEFORE tossing, and even better, RINSE out any food or liquid from recyclables before placing in the bin. Thank you so much for your co-operation and helping the CKC keep our 5 star kitchen rating.

Social Media

Can you imagine how the use of social media such as Facebook can help us realise our mission? Maybe the use of Facebook can add a new dimension to our study groups, or allow more people to join in other activities. The Communications Committee is looking for someone with a vision of the possibilities for using social media to join us and help make our Glen Waverley Uniting Church Facebook site a dynamic place leading us into the future. If this could be you, please contact John Snare (9802 3170 or john.snare@bigpond.com).



JOIN US

*for a fun night & help raise much
needed fund for our Church*

ENJOY

*Pasta, Pizza & Dessert
Sing-a-long with our own talents*

Saturday 16th February 2013

6.00 start

\$15.00 per person

\$10 per child 12 years & under

[\$50 for family: 2 adults + 3 children below 12 yrs]

**Tickets available after Church Services
or from Church Office 03 9560 3580**

Proceeds support our Church Programme & Activities

Nadrasca Community Farm

The Nadrasca Community Farm on Morack Road, Vermont was established so people who attend Nadrasca Day Services can enjoy the great open spaces and freely express themselves without the constraints of bricks and mortar. The intention is to create a place where people can grow vegetables, herbs, flowers, strike cuttings, plant shrubs and fruit trees, engage in art, maintain the grounds or just kick a football.

Since 2005 through Government Grants, Community Groups, Businesses and Schools, the facilities have been improved and the Farm is now well established and is accessed and enjoyed by various local community organisations and groups.

The Nadrasca Farm is located on the Healesville Freeway Reservation (from Springvale Road to Boronia Road), which is not required for future road purposes. The potential sale and development of the land for housing and other purposes would negatively impact on the Community in terms of a loss of Open Space. It would also be a huge shame if the Farm had to relocate or be dismantled altogether, having built up a sustainable infrastructure over the years. You can help ensure that part of the Healesville Freeway Reservation remains an Open Space and that the Nadrasca Community Farm continues to be accessed by the Community.

There is a 2 to 3 year waiting list for new Community Garden plots within the City of Whitehorse and we see this as an opportunity to work with the general community in a role reversal - the general community coming to Nadrasca! The challenge is for everyone to create a society in which people with a disability are welcomed and have opportunities to prosper.

If you would like to sign the petition, or find our more information, please go to the office counter where you will find what you need.



COMMUNITY HUB

The activities of the Community Hub Missional Group will be starting again in 2013 on the following dates.

Playgroup:

Monday 4 February, Tuesday 5 February and Wednesday 6 February.

Leisure Time:

Monday 4 February.

Coee:

Friday 18 January.

Story Hub:

Thursday 7 February.

The Hub:

Tuesday 5 February, Wednesday 6 February and Thursday 7 February.

If you would like to know more about any of these groups, or if you would like help to help in any way, please contact Judith Greenwood on 9803 8373.

2012 - Another Record Year for Sammy Stamp

I am pleased to report that sales and grants approved have broken all Sammy Stamp's records since founding in 1977.

Up to and including 6/12/2012, sales had reached about \$42,006, a record (last year's total \$33,624). This brings to about \$656,572 raised in sales since 1977.

Sincere thanks to all the volunteers who attended regularly on Thursdays. Also for the extra work you do for the UCAF Stamp Fund's ministry; at home, in the community, collecting, trimming and sorting stamps, etc.

Average attendance this year has been 21.5 (last year 21.1) from a pool of about 42 personages.

I only spoke at 4 locations during this year, compared with 9 in 2011, whilst the Sammy Stamp DVD requests were 15, down from 25 in 2011.

Here follows the list of grants approved by the Sammy Stamp team this year, a record \$39,975 (last year \$32,021).

Mission Liaison Group - towards transport costs of sending charitable goods overseas	\$ 2,000
Vanuatu Prevention of Blindness Project	\$ 1,000
Frankston Uniting Church - Operation Larder supply of food to needy people	\$ 1,000
SHARE - Victoria and NSW Flood Appeal	\$ 2,000
SHARE/St Andrews UC Mildura - Andrews Cafe serving food to needy people	\$ 1,000
Uniting World - to provide to a village in Zimbabwe, 5 pigs to breed, fatten for sale	\$ 1,500
Frontier Services - towards replacing out-door furniture at Rocky Ridge aged care facility NT	\$ 3,000
UnitingCare Harrison - providing emergency accomodation for families in East and SE Melbourne	\$ 2,375
Western Heights UC - The Listening Post drop-in centre and coffee shop	\$ 3,000

SHARE/Queenscliff - Pt Lonsdale UC - assist in purchasing dishwasher for Community Meal Programme	\$ 1,000
Mission Liaison Group - to gravel access road to packing shed	\$ 1,000
Mission Liaison Group - two new tyres for the donated goods collection trailer	\$ 200
Uniting World - Philippines Typhoon General Emergency Relief Appeal	\$ 2,000
Uniting World - towards training maternal health workers in South Sudan	\$ 2,500
UC Vic/Tas Synod - Culture & Context Unit - assist in setting up essential oils industry and allied health clinic in East Timor	\$ 2,630
UC Bendigo - Towards assisting refugees and families in Bendigo	\$ 1,000
SHARE/UnitingCare Options - Good Grub Tuesday, Free Lunch and Social Inclusion Programme, Kew	\$ 2,000
SHARE/Ringwood Biala - Respite programme for parents of high needs children.	\$ 3,000
Uniting World - Support children trafficking prevention in North India (\$2,500) and the construction of a water-bore well for a village in Zimbabwe (\$2,500)	\$ 5,000
SHARE/Hotham Mission Asylum Seeker Project Basic Living Allowance support	\$ 2,500
TOTAL:	\$39,705

This brings the total of grants approved by Sammy Stamp since 1977 to \$648,975.

Allan J Clark
Convener