

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 - June 2013						
	June 2 Pentecost 2	June 9 Pentecost 3	June 16 UCA Anniversary Pentecost 4	June 23 Pentecost 5	June 30 Pentecost 6	
Time	8.00 am	8.00 am	10am	10am	10am	
	Rev Evan Laidlaw Communion	Lois Hosking	10am Combined Service	Rev Brace Bateman Communion	10am Combined Service	
	Alanee Hearnshaw Communion	Belinda Clear Heather Hon Free Spirit	Rev Greg Fry Alanee Hearnshaw	Rev Greg Fry	Rev Greg Fry to preach	
	Alanee Hearnshaw	Rev Dr Warren Bartlett		Rev Greg Fry	Alanee Hearnshaw to facilitate	
	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear		Belinda Clear		
	Alanee Hearnshaw	State Youth Games Worship at Warrigal		Alanee Hearnshaw		
Lectionary	1 Kings 18:20-21, (22-29), 30-39 Psalm 96 Galatians 1:1-12 Luke 7:1-10	1 Kings 17:8-16, (17-24) Psalm 146 Galatians 1:11-24 Luke 7:11-17	Psalm 100 1 Corinthians 3:10-17 John 15:1-8	1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a Psalm 42 and 43 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62	
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green

MAY

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11 May	10am	Connecting & Communication with People in our Community
12 May	All services	Congregational Meeting for Joint Nominating Committee Elections
19 May	12.30pm	Hub Volunteer Luncheon & Meeting
23 May	10am	Cancer Council Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at The Hub
26 May	12pm	Special Morning Tea
26 May	2pm	Pleasant Sunday Afternoon of Popular American Music
JUNE		
15-16 June	All day	Craft and Collectables Fair
16 June	10am	Church Anniversary
30 June	10am	Final Service for Rev Greg Fry



THE HUB
Glen Waverley Uniting Church
& The Body Shop at The Glen
are hosting



ALL donations to the Cancer Council

Come along, bring your family and friends
enjoy morning tea together and
support the Cancer Council

Thursday 23rd May 2013
10.00 am to 12.00 noon

ALL AGES WELCOME

Glen Waverley Uniting Church
cnr Bogong Avenue & Kingsway, Glen Waverley

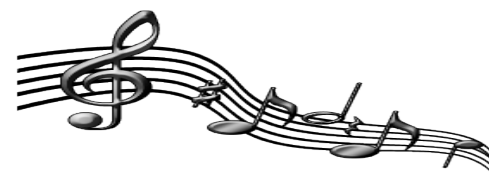
*Please add your name to the list on the Office Counter if you
are planning to attend. Thank you.*

UNITING VOICES
OF
GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH
Presents

A PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON
OF POPULAR AMERICAN MUSIC

BY

THE MONASH CHORALE



A fun show of American music including Spirituals, Swing,
Musicals & All That Jazz

Sunday, 26 May 2013 at 2pm

Glen Waverley Uniting Church
Corner Kingsway & Bogong Avenue, Glen Waverley

Admission: \$22 (Adults), \$20 (Concession)
Afternoon tea provided

Proceeds support our church programs & activities

Ticket enquiries: 9560 3580 (Church office) or 9884 4061



Attention Flower Roster Ladies (anyone who can arrange flowers!)

Mt View Primary School is a local primary school whose major fundraiser is their Art Show which is being held from 13-16 June. Every year a local florist donates her time to do some flower arrangements for the show and a few thank you bouquets. The school gives the florist money to purchase the flowers and then she arranges them.

This year there is a chance that the florist may be in hospital at the time of the show but she may not know until the week before. If she is in hospital, the school is trying to find someone else in the community who could be a “back up” and donate their time to do this task.

It may not even happen but it would be a lovely gesture from our church if someone were able to offer to support a local school in this way.

For your kindness you would receive two free tickets to the opening night of the Art Show (drinks and food provided).

If you are interested, you can contact either:

Debbie Brewster (formally Davey) on 0409 798 496, or
Sue Gadler-Hele (Art Show convenor) on 0431 778 545

The Hub Volunteers Lunch and Meeting

A lunch and meeting for all Hub volunteers and anyone else interested in The Hub will be held on Sunday 19 May at 12.30pm at the church.

Please bring a plate of food to share. It would be helpful if you can please let Judith Greenwood (9803 8373) know if you are able to attend.

Thank you.

Connecting and Communicating with People in Our Community

There will be a time of share for The Hub volunteers and anyone else who would like to come on Saturday 11 May from 10am until 12.30pm at the church.

Two members of the Intercultural Training Association (a ministry focused group) will be sharing with us ideas and resources that will help us at The Hub or in other situations, as we have conversations with people in our community who come from overseas.

Morning tea will be provided. We hope you can come.

It will be helpful if you can please contact Judith Greenwood (9803 8373) or Laurel Muir (9560 1518) if you would like to attend.

Inclusive Community Report

Our "Munch with a Bunch" lunch was held on Sunday 14 April at Waverley RSL. Forty-two people attended and enjoyed a delicious lunch and pleasant company. Some photos will be put on the Inclusive Community noticeboard, shortly.

Club 2013 will meet today.

There will be a special morning tea after the 11am service on 26 May. We will have visitors from other churches attending that service. There will also be a concert in the afternoon.

The May Inclusive Community meeting will be held at the church on Tuesday 28 May at 10am.

Pastoral Visiting

Are you interested in becoming a pastoral visitor within our church family? Do you want to know what a pastoral visitor does? Do you want to develop skills to enable you to make visits more effective?

The Ministry Team and the Pastoral Team are organising a visitors' workshop on Thursday 6 June at 7.30pm. If you wish to attend would you please let Jan Clear know by the end of May (9803 6820).

At present, we have 23 people who would love a visitor or a phone call, now and then. Jan would be pleased to talk to you about these current needs.

"Craft, Collections, Coffee and Cake"

Yes, this event is fast approaching, and will be held on June 15th & June 16th [the weekend of our Church Anniversary]. Faye and Margaret have decided that this will be the last time they organise this event, and would love this year's display to be just as wonderful as the last two events.

YOU are what makes this event successful – by being willing to allow us to exhibit your craft, hobby, or collection. **SO DON'T MISS OUT ON THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR HOBBY WITH OTHERS. ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST ON THE OFFICE COUNTER OR TALK TO MARGARET OR FAYE** and we will be delighted to include your items in the exhibition.

NEW TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY and not sure what this event is? Have a talk with Margaret [9560 8710] or Faye [9560 7598] and find out how you can be involved. We would love you to be part of it.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO BE INVOLVED – ANY AGE
CHILDREN'S ART/CRAFT/COLLECTIONS
ESPECIALLY WELCOMED.**



TRADING TABLE There will be a trading table at the exhibition and your contributions of good quality craft items to sell are welcomed.

DRESSMAKER'S MODELS - Do you have one that we could borrow?

WEDDING DRESSES, Bridesmaid dresses, Deb frocks, Christening Gowns. Do you have one for display? Also wedding memorabilia welcomed.



HELP WANTED

Floor Walkers, Cake/slice makers
Overnight security

Entry to display : \$10 includes coffee & cake, and ticket in door prize. All proceeds to church funds.

Farewell to Greg:



Greg Fry's last service at GWUC will be on Sunday June 30th – this service will be a combined service at 10.00am, during which formal recognition of Greg's conclusion of ministry here will take place.

Following the service there will be an informal time [in the church] when we have opportunity to celebrate Greg's time with us and to honour his work here.

This will be followed by a light luncheon in the hall, where you will have time to say your personal thanks. Sandwiches will be provided, but we ask that those attending bring a plate of sweets [slices, cake, fruit] to share.



It is appropriate that we acknowledge Greg's time with us with a gift, and we ask that if you wish to contribute towards this gift, please see Faye Wagon, Alanee Hearnshaw or leave your contribution at the church office.

ANNUAL FETE

PLANNING FOR THE 2013 FETE IS UNDERWAY!



The date: SATURDAY OCTOBER 12

Yes, the date is correct. It is being held a week earlier than usual because a very important member of the Fete Committee is going overseas – so we thought we had better not let her miss out on all the fun!!!!

IDEAS NEEDED: Due to a few changes there is space for some new stalls. We would love some suggestions and ideas for these stalls. Please give this some thought and talk to Yan Emms, Cliff Baker or Murray Lowe.

Yan Emms 0419 365 913 Murray Lowe 9885 8514
Cliff Baker 9802 8990

Congregational Meeting - Joint Nominating Committee (JNC)

Presbytery, through Rev Greg Crowe, has initiated the process to fill the vacant placement that will be created when Rev Greg Fry leaves. Part of that process requires that we nominate up to 9 members of the Joint Nominating Committee.

The following nominations are to be put to the vote at the Congregational Meeting to be held over all services on 12 May 2013. Voting slips will be handed out, and you are to vote for up to 9 members of the Joint Nominating Committee. The process of the JNC for a Priority Placement (which this is) is described on the Synod web page at:

http://wr.victas.uca.org.au/assets/686/Placements_Handbook-2006.pdf under section 3 (Priority Placements).



Peter Baker:

If deemed useful I would bring to the committee contributions including experience, insight and perspective based on:-

- The experience of appointments at both local and Synod levels of the UCA in both NSW and VIC (including Selection Committee),
- Exposure to Theological Education,
- A breadth of reading (and attending lectures) across ecumenical and inter-faith literature and issues.
- Training and experience in Spiritual Direction and small groups,
- An awareness of current issues and life choices (both Church and State),
- Planning and leadership roles in both worship, and pastoral care (GWUC and Cumberland View), and
- Experience in business, market research and strategic planning.



Lynne Boyer:

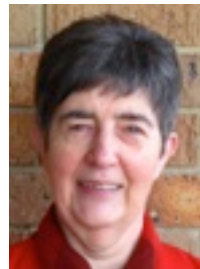
Concerned for the past, caring for the future, and looking forward to the future!



Jacob Davey:

As an active member of GWUC for the last 5 years, I've been able to engage in a variety of worship styles, and get to know wonderful people of all ages and backgrounds. Being an intern in the last year has allowed me to develop an understanding of the church's outreach with youth and young adults, as well as explore how the church can expand its music ministry. I

feel in the months to come, through much listening, prayer and thought, I would be able to help discern whether a potential minister would complement the ministry team and congregation at GWUC, while passionately leading GWUC to continue striving to be a faithful, Christ-centered community that meets God and shares that unconditional love.



Geraldine Fleming:

I have been a member of this congregation for 40 years and I am concerned for its future. I taught in primary schools in the Glen Waverley area for 25 years, and following retirement at the end of 2000 I was able to participate more fully in church activities, namely UCAF, the Community Hub Missional Group. The Hub, Yellow Fish Group, Council and Elders. This involvement has

enabled me to get to know many congregational members, and I have enjoyed their confidence and been privileged to share some of their confidences. The congregation need a very carefully selected new minister at this time, and I believe that I can contribute significantly and with an insightful manner to the selection process.

NewView - June 2013

Our theme for this issue will be 'Spiritual Gifts' which is particularly relevant at this time when we are planning for the future directions of our church in Glen Waverley.

Spiritual gifts are not confined to those who lead, or preach. They take many forms, and we do not always recognise that we have an abundance of them in our church community. What spiritual gifts have you seen at work in our congregation? How have they been used to bring us closer to God's kingdom here on earth?

Have you an anecdote to tell of how someone's spiritual gift, however small or apparently insignificant, helped you at a difficult time? Were they words spoken, a gesture of support, a story shared, a task done, a material gift of some sort?

Share your experience, or insights with us as we prepare to elect our leaders, drawing on the talents, and interests among us.

In addition, we welcome your reports of recent events involving our members, reviews of useful books you have read, reflections and discussions on your faith.

Deadline for your contributions is June 3. Queries? Contact Robin Pope, 9561 7021 or popesr@aapt.net.au

DOG and KAT

DOG - Discoveries Of God: This exciting new group for children in grade 4 to year 8 started at the beginning of this school term. We have been having a great time getting to know each other and learning new things about each of the members of our group. It is exciting, that as we grow as a group, we are learning about the growth of the early Christian church and some of the challenges they faced. We are looking forward to the rest of the year.

KAT - Kids Activity Time: This group that has been going for a few years now, has a new and invigorated group. With D.O.G starting this term, K.A.T has put it's focus to preschool to grade 3 children. The children and leaders of this group are having a great time exploring Bible stories together and doing crafts related to these stories.

It has been exciting to see these groups reinvigorated and to see the children excited about learning about their faith. We look forward to seeing the children continue to grow as the year progresses.

If you would like any further information about either of these programs, don't hesitate to contact Belinda Clear on 0400 559 423.



Kenya again? Yes definitely.

We are off to Kenya again for the 3rd time in 18 months, on 4th June for about 5 weeks.

We plan to carry out two major projects at the Cherish Exchange Foundation, Nakuru. Cherish looks after about 60 “street kids” daily. The Projects are;

- * building a Kitchen, and
- * establishing a 12 month Food supply for the children’s midday meals.

If time and money allow we also have other plans for Cherish and other places.

Support in the following ways would be appreciated;

- * Interest in the Projects we will carry out,
- * Prayers for our journey, the Projects, and our Kenyan friends,
- * Being on our email list to receive updates from us in Kenya.

The Projects we will carry out cost money so logically we are looking for financial support.

If you would like to support the Kenyan’s in this way (absolutely no pressure) we suggest you direct donations through Heather (in the Church Office) into the **Kenya, Cherish Donations** Account. (*We are covering all our own costs*).

At an event on Thursday 9th May 2013 at 7:30pm, we’re sharing our reasons for returning to Kenya; location TBA. This will include some talk, photos, supper and time for your questions.

If you are interested in being on our email list and/or being at the Thursday event please advise us by email to lynmcd@chariot.com.au or by phone on 9560 9798.

RSVP Tuesday 7 May; we will respond with the events location.

Pam & Lyn McDonald

JNC Continued ...



Herb Fleming:

I think that part of my input would be to bring to the Committee the aspirations of the more senior members of the congregation. This would include such things as type of worship and pastoral care needs. However I also understand that we are a diverse community and that striking a balance to try to cover the needs of the majority of the congregation will not be easy, but is vitally important. Having been a member of the Congregation for 45 years, I feel I understand our roots,

but also have a vision for a more loving, caring and inclusive community in the future.



Vida Foo:

I believe that being nominated for the JNC is a privilege and I am confident that my

- involvement in our community helps me understand how our congregation feels during this fragile time
- having the privilege of people coming to me for a chat gives me an insight of their frustrations and needs and this in turn will help me in my discernment process

• experience having served in previous JNCs will give me deeper understanding as to how the process works.

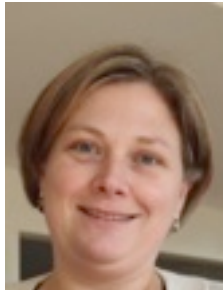
If elected, I am not afraid to voice the special needs of our congregation during this vital transition period neither am I afraid to question where appropriate.

I believe with prayers from everyone in the congregation, we will be able to move forward.



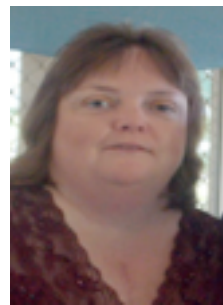
Lois Hosking:

I have been attending GWUC for about 12 years now, and attending the 8am service for the past 6 years, after transferring membership from High Street Road Uniting Church. I am currently supporting Alison Clarkson in Seniors Ministry, volunteering for Hub duty and catering for special fund raising Morning Teas. I also attend a Bible Study Group and am a member of Free Spirit Choir.



Katie Hunter:

I would bring to the Joint Nominating Committee a broad understanding of Glen Waverley Congregation and its members. I have been a member at GWUC for over 30 years and I have been involved in many and varied groups and committees. I have also served on Church Council. I am passionate about GWUC, what it offers to the community and how its members are sustained on their Christian journey. I feel the next move forward as a congregation and the next ministerial placement is an important one for the life of the congregation



Gail Irvine:

Hello everyone, I'm very humbled to be nominated for the JNC. What I can bring to this committee is 39 years of faithfulness and loyalty to the Glen Waverley Uniting Church Community. In the past and present years I've been an active member in the congregation, this is shown in my contributions as a young Sunday School teacher to presently being a Elder, Church Council Member, Pastoral member for playgroup and working with the Children's and Family committee and the Pastoral committee.

I know and understand the emotions our community has felt now and in the past, I myself and my family have felt that to.

With God as our centre of all discussion I pray that we make our community a harmonious faithful community one that our children and grand children can grow in.

Steering Committee Letter continued ...

We hope no one will feel displaced. The talents, gifts and interests each one of us have are important to our Church. While the Church Council may reduce in size there are many opportunities for everyone to participate in the life and mission activities and groups of GWUC. We will be writing and talking to you about them very soon.

We plan to provide further explanation of the roles and duties of the new smaller Church Council and to conduct a "gifts and talents" workshop open to all. There will be opportunities for more people, not less, to lead and participate in the life and mission activities of GWUC. We anticipate that if the proposed structure is approved, an election for all Church Council positions will be held soon.

We thank you for your connection with this your Church. This is a wonderfully exciting time for us all. Change is scary at times but we hope it will lead to big strides ahead, if we are clearly seeking to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

We thank you for your prayers and support, your ideas and your willingness to consider the proposal that we will bring to you for your consideration. If you would like to discuss any of these matters, please contact any of us.

GWUC Future Directions Steering Committee

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Letter to the Congregation from the Steering Committee

30 April 2013.

Dear Friends of the Glen Waverley Uniting Church,

We are writing on behalf of the recently formed Steering Committee.

We have been charged with the challenge of responding to the calls for change being heard from members of our GWUC community. We are looking for a God centred way forward for our Church. We are listening to many who are sharing their current pain and hopes for the future with us. We are reading the Kitto Report. We grieve over the Ministry team breaking up. We are hoping to provide a life-giving vision of our community which values our present and future members, and our diverse gifts and needs.

We see our key mandate as helping the congregation to become a 'Community of Love' and to focus on our Spirituality.

We intend to:

- Provide a proposal to the congregation, not to give instruction.
- Put what we believe is God's plan for the future of GWUC into writing for your consideration.
- Enable the congregation, including current Elders and members of the Church Council, to understand the vision that we have, and to help them find roles and a personal calling, under the proposed new structure, which allow them to use their gifts and talents in refreshed and effective ways.

We will soon be providing a draft structure as the basis for further discussion and decision making. Please take the opportunity to talk with us about what you think God is saying to you about our desire to move forward spiritually and harmoniously as a congregation.

At our last meeting, the Steering Committee members each contributed our response to "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matt 22:37). It is a good starting point for any forward planning.

The vision we have should strengthen our commitment to the 'On The Way Together' program already supported by the congregation, and for the Glen Waverley Uniting Church to be stronger tomorrow than it is today. We are looking for ways to honour the work that so many of you have put into this Church over its life, and to ensure its future strength and support for members and the world.

JNC Continued ...



Judy Lowe:

I would like to represent this congregation on the JNC as we discern God's plan for the leadership over the next few years. I certainly don't have the answers for where we should be heading as a congregation, but I listen conscientiously, to God and to those who worship here. Now is an opportunity to stop our business and make time to listen, to love, just to 'be'.

I am involved in a number of ministries in the church, most recently in bible study group, elders and outreach group, and have been blessed to see our two girls grow up and remain involved in, the life of this church. We have so much to be grateful for here, and I know that God will continue to walk amongst us, to guide and strengthen us into the future.



Jason Mann:

I would bring a passion for the progression of our church having attended GWUC for the last 15 years and would like to continue worshipping here well into the future. I am keen on ways that help us join in on God's mission, not just in the church but also in our local and global communities.



Kaye Morgan:

I was born into GWUC in 1983 and have been coming ever since, from Sunday School, through Youth Group and now as a young adult. At the moment I attend 9.15am and 7pm services and am involved in the Monday night young adults small group, the Mighty GWUCs netball team, Free Spirit choir, Elders, Kid's Activity time and music at 9.15am and I chair the Youth Committee. During the day I work at Monash University as a research fellow and lecturer in

the School of Physics, developing new methods of medical imaging.

I would bring a love for our community and a passion to see our church continue to be a place that has God's Kingdom in mind.

JNC Continued ...



Chris Owen:

I'm 46 and live in Vermont South with my partner Sharon and our daughter Rhian. I grew up and was educated in the UK, establishing a career in market research. We moved to Australia in October 2011 when I got a job with a firm based in the centre of Melbourne. I am now a member of GWUC and as a family we are active in various parts of the life of the church.

I was christened and brought up in the Congregational Church, which became the United Reformed Church on union with the Presbyterian Church in 1973. I became a URC church member in 1985, at the age of 18. During a university gap year I undertook voluntary youth and community work with the Methodist Church. Whilst at university I was heavily involved with the University Anglican Society and the Student Christian Movement. I have actually been to Iona, and spiritually and theologically, that's probably pretty close to where I stand. I'm a strong advocate of Christian recognition and acceptance of same sex relationships, an enthusiast for the many benefits of cultural diversity, and committed to the ministry of women.



Jit Tan:

I see the role of the JNC is to have discernment about these two essential characteristics and personality of the would be minister of GWUC and these are - to be able to discern if the minister has the care and concern of his flock to do visitation of his members in their homes regularly, and be able to question if the minister has passion to hold Bible Study sessions in his home regularly and will also encourage and facilitate such home groups to be formed.

JNC Continued ...



Andrew Wheatland:

I have been part of the Uniting Church all my life, firstly at Ferntree Gully UC, and for the past 7 years at Glen Waverley UC. I was first drawn to Glen Waverley because of the strength of the youth and young adults program. The community I found at GWUC has encouraged and empowered me to get out in the community and share my faith.

I participate in Monday night young adults group and have formed part of the COP panel for 2013. Over the past 2 years, I have been co-producing a specialist community radio program with the aim of exploring issues of faith and spirituality in our modern context.

Please take some time over the next week to prayerfully and thoughtfully consider those who have been nominated.

You might feel that you don't know all those nominated but they have been nominated by a cross section of our community, and after careful consideration have accepted that nomination.

Join them in praying for our congregation and our future Minister.