



# 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](mailto:meet_god@anytime.with.us)*

#### SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - July 2015

Time	July 5 Pentecost 6	July 12 Pentecost 7	July 19 Pentecost 8	July 26 Pentecost 9
8.00 am	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Rev Neil Peters Communion
9.15 am	Rev Neil Peters Communion Children's Activities in Church	Rev Neil Peters Children's Activities in Church	Rev Neil Peters Worship Team	Alanee Hearnshaw
11.00 am	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters Alanee Hearnshaw	Rev Neil Peters Alison Clarkson Communion	Alanee Hearnshaw
2.30pm	-	-	-	Seniors Service Alison Clarkson
4.30pm	School Holidays	School Holidays	Children & Families	Children & Families
7.00 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw
Lectionary	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29	2 Samuel 7:1-14a Psalm 98:20-37 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	2 Samuel 11:1-15 Psalm 14 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green	Green

### JUNE

9 June

10am

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Ivan's Pie Order Due

10 June

2pm

Monash Refugee Week Celebration

14 June

All services

Material Aid Offering - Lentara

14 June

Morning

Nepal Handwork Stall

14 June

1.30pm

Pastoral Partners Workshop

21 June

12.15pm

Outreach BBQ Forum

28 June

10am

Combined Anniversary Service

29 June

7.30pm

Business, Faith, Law & Morality: The Asylum Seeker Debate

### JULY

15 July

10am

Celebration Morning Tea at The Hub

26 July

9.45am

150th Anniversary Anglican Parish of St Stephen & St Mary, Mt Waverley.

31 July

6.30pm

Intergenerational Dinner and Fun Night



# Last chance to order your IVAN'S PIES

SUPPORT THE  
GWUC TENNIS  
CLUB  
AND ORDER SOME  
DELICIOUS PIES



Order forms on the office counter

**ORDERS MUST BE IN BY 10.00am**

**TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

Orders may be picked up from the church  
hall on Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
between 2.00—6.00pm.

**THE DELICIOUS PIES ARE AN IDEAL  
QUICK MEAL NOW THAT THE WINTER  
WEATHER IS HERE.**

## ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. STEPHEN AND ST. MARY MOUNT WAVERLEY

Vicar: Revd Dianne Sharrock



Glen Waverley Uniting Church  
Cnr Kingsway and Bogong Streets  
GLEN WAVERLEY 3150

Dear Friends

The Anglican Parish of St Stephen and St Mary Mount Waverley is celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Stephen's Church. The anniversary will be celebrated on Sunday 26 July at a Choral Eucharist at 9.45am presided by Archbishop Philip Freier followed by brunch in the parish centre.

St Stephen's original church is the oldest church in the former City of Waverley and has a beautiful stained glass window in memory of the men from this area who served in World War 1. There will also be a display of historical items and memorabilia will be available for purchase.

You and your parishioners are invited to join us at this celebration either for the service or if you wish you are welcome to join us during the afternoon to inspect the old church and display. Afternoon tea will be available.

For catering purposes for the brunch following the service please RSVP to 150<sup>th</sup> Committee, 383 High Street Road Mount Waverley or to [150anniversary@stephenandmary.com](mailto:150anniversary@stephenandmary.com)

We look forward to you being able to join us for this important celebration.

Yours in Christ



Joan West on Behalf of Reverend Dianne Sharrock

# Refugee Week



## Join in a Refugee Week 2015 Celebration

**When:** Wednesday 10 June  
**Time:** 2 - 4pm  
**Where:** Clayton Community Centre Theatrette  
9-15 Cooke Street, Clayton

This FREE event will feature guest speaker Tarik Bayrakli, General Manager of Sports without Borders, and young refugee people who will share stories of their journeys as refugees, and how they are faring after their arrival in Australia.

Monash Council, the Southern Ethnic Advisory & Advocacy Council (SEAAC) and the Monash Multicultural Settlement Services Network have organised this event in partnership.

Refugee Week is Australia's peak annual activity to inform the community about refugees and celebrate the positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society. Every year Refugee Week is celebrated in Australia for one week during June. This year's celebrations will be held from Sunday 14 - Saturday 20 June.

**RSVP:** Please confirm your attendance by calling Monash Council by Monday 8 June.



Call 9518 3555



customerservice@monash.vic.gov.au



## A Letter to the Congregation

Dear Friends,

By now I expect that you may have had the opportunity to use the sacred space adjoining the church vestry. Maybe you were looking for a quiet place to pray or meditate in solitude. Another idea is to gather in the sacred space with some friends for small group prayers or meditation. These might be based on a passage of scripture or an inspiring poem or passage. The group might pray for one of its members going through a time of sorrow or joy using short, simple prayers, direct, honest, authentic, sincere and from the heart. Silent prayers are fine too. Someone may guide the prayer but let the Holy Spirit lead. I believe that our sacred space can be a real blessing if we use it well.

Recently I have been thinking about "trust". We would not truly understand the meaning of trust if we merely relied upon a theoretical explanation. True understanding of trust comes through lived experience. Trust has to be earned. We trust people who do what they say, who are transparently honest, who do not gossip and who live lives of integrity. Sadly, we may realise how valuable trust is because of its absence, for instance at times in our lives when we are deeply disappointed by people. Trust develops when we are with people who are authentic and consistent. Trust flourishes when a graciousness of attitude and an understanding that 'forgiveness opens the heart' are present.

In our church trust grows when our lives are both communally and personally attuned to and consistent with the Gospel. The scriptures point to the wisdom and value of trust in our relationship with God: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6).

I pray that as members of Glen Waverley Uniting our trust in Christ will shape our lives, and continually strengthen us to truly be a congregation who embody both the integrity and faithfulness of Christ.

Helen Stewart - Chair of Church Council.

## Special News - Rev Bill Morgan

Please make sure that you check out the June edition of Crosslight and the June edition of Newsbeat. Both of these publications make mention of Rev Bill Morgan, and the celebration of his 70 years of Ordination.

Definitely something that is worth a read.

## How can you contribute to the life of the congregation?

We are looking for someone who feels they could take on the role of Congregational Meeting secretary. This is not a demanding role, as its tasks are only related to a Congregational Meeting. If you could help, or you would like more information, please talk to Warren Greenwood (9803 8373) or Rev Neil Peters. It would only take about 4 hours work for each meeting.

The tasks are:-

- Assist in the preparation of the congregational meeting agenda.
- Record minutes during the Congregational Meeting. ##
- Finalise the minutes. ##
- Follow up any small matters and prepare thank-you letters and emails.

## Usually presenters provide written reports that make it much easier to prepare the minutes.

Please consider if this is a contribution you could make.

Thank you.

## The Christian Church in the World (cont) ...

Romans 8:38-39 - "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything in creation, will be able to separate us from the Love of God, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen."

## Asylum Seeker Clothing Collection

Until further notice only winter-weight items should be left in the Clothing box in our church foyer. The recipient location in Dandenong for all our donated goods currently has insufficient storage to also store lighter garments.

## Monthly Material Aid Offering - June - Asylum Seekers Month

The response we have received to date for the Monthly Material Aid Offerings has been exceptional.

Congregation members are again being invited to contribute to the Monthly Material Aid Offering. Recipients for the offering in the month of June will be Lentara - Asylum Seekers.

The collection basket will be placed in the foyer for the preceding week so that those unable to attend church on the day of the offering, Sunday 14 June, may participate.

Specific items requested by Lentara include: personal hygiene products, household cleaning products, Miki cards, various long-life food items listed on the basket.

For further details contact Andrew Hosking or Heather Wilkins.

## The Christian Church in the World

### Christians Imperilled in North-east Syria:

Before Islamic State fighters raided the Assyrian villages on the Khabour River on 23 February this year, some 8000 Assyrians still lived there. Now they number less than 2000 and are dwindling rapidly. Many are displaced and taking refuge in the provincial capital. A Christian militia comprising some 450 Assyrian men has been formed to defend the remnant. Whilst they have the support of some Kurdish fighters, nobody else is helping them. Turkey has sealed the border and Islamic State fighters have besieged the Syrian border town which now hosts some 100 Assyrian families displaced from the Khabour River region. Over 200 Assyrian Christians remain in IS captivity. Please pray for the Church in Syria, whose leadership describes the situation as 'catastrophic'.

### The Christian Kachin Terrorised in Burma:

Burma is ruled by a Burman-supremacist Buddhist regime that marginalises and persecutes all Burma's non-Burman and non-Buddhist peoples. Whilst the junta's long-running war against the Christian Kachin of Burma's far north is motivated by greed for the Kachins' resources, the Burmese military's extreme violence is motivated by deep-seated racial and religious hatred. In January two young Kachin women missionaries were raped and clubbed to death by Burmese soldiers in the Kachin Baptist Convention church compound in Northern Shan State where they lived. Civilians are routinely targeted - over 100,000 have fled their homes. The West turns a blind eye to the persecution to protect its economic and geo-strategic interests and to ensure Burma does not drift back into China's sphere of influence. Please pray for the Church in Burma.

*From Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin*

A thought on Romans 8:

O Living Lord,  
You are here in the world you made,  
Not sitting in the sky,  
remote, untouched,  
But here, sharing it with me.  
Sharing the pain and disappointment,  
Sharing the joy and the love.  
(Eddie Askew)

## Inclusive Community Report - June 2015

**Prayer Chain:** If you have a prayer request and you don't want it placed on the weekly prayer list, we do have a prayer chain. All requests for prayer are kept confidential and are only passed on to chain members. We don't need to know why you are requesting prayer, just a name is fine. If you are interested please contact Heather in the office.

**Medical Cards:** were given out a few weeks ago. If you didn't get a card, there are extra cards on the Stewards' table. If you received a card a few weeks ago, please make sure that you have filled it out and placed it in your wallet or handbag. These cards will be very useful if we need to contact family members or doctors, in the case of medical emergencies. (The cards are yellow.)

**Transport:** We are looking at alternate modes of transport for those who are unable to drive to the church for worship and other functions. If you are finding driving difficult, would you please speak to Heather in the office. Thanks to those people who have already passed on information.

**Name Tags:** Do you need a name tag? There is a list for orders on the office ledge or speak to Heather.

### Diary Dates:

Sunday 14 June - Pastoral Partners Workshop (after the Light Lunch).

The workshop will begin at 1.30pm and conclude by 4pm. Afternoon tea will be provided. Enquiries Jan (9803 6820) or Heather in the Office.

Sunday 28 June - Anniversary Sunday.

There will be a combined service followed by a spit roast. Tickets are needed for the spit roast lunch - Adults \$20, Children \$10. Tickets are available from the Office, Faye or Barbara.

We will have a small Welcoming Segment for Newcomers on 28 June. Invitations will be distributed the week beginning 15 June.

Friday 31 July - Intergenerational Dinner and Fun Night

At the church - 6.30pm to 9pm. We are asking people to bring a plate of savoury food to share. We will provide hamburgers and dessert. (We will cater for special dietary requirements). There will be entertainment and activities for all ages.

**Meeting:** Our next Inclusive Community meeting will be on Wednesday 24 June at 2.30pm. in Room 1 at the church. If you have any ideas or suggestions for functions, please let us know.





## CHURCH ANNIVERSARY June 28th, 2015

10.00am service

Following the service there will be a  
**SPIT ROAST LUNCH**  
to which all are invited.

Vegetarian & Gluten Free meal will be available.  
Please advise when purchasing ticket.

Cost: \$20.00—Adult  
\$10.00—Children [6-12 years]  
\$5.00—Children [under 6]  
Family—2 adults and up to 3  
children—\$50.00

**No ticket! No lunch!**

Buy your ticket today from  
Faye Wagon, Laurel Muir  
or the church office during  
the week.

**CLOSING DATE FOR PURCHASE OF TICKETS**

**TUESDAY JUNE 21st.**

**REMEMBER—NO TICKET ! NO LUNCH!**

**DON'T MISS OUT!**

### Prison Fellowship Easter Biscuits

We have received an email from Rick Hunt, Training and Engagement Co-ordinator with Prison Fellowship, who reports the following ...

A number of letters have been received in the state office following our distribution of biscuits during the Easter period. One said that "Your gift is a sweet reminder that out there someone does care, and amidst our anxious wait for our outcome at court there is hope." Another said "Your kind thoughts and support gives us hope for the future - so thank you very much." The thought that a small gift of biscuits combined with a card telling the Easter story can have such an impact on people is humbling. It is a story of the presence of God's light in dark places and gives us encouragement to follow the calling that God has placed on the organisation; that being "To share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with prisoners, ex-prisoners, and their families".

Thank you to those members from Glen Waverley Uniting Church who contributed to this valuable outreach.

### Outreach Forum - Sunday 21 June at 12.15pm

This month we are delighted to have Dee and Dan Rutherford share with us about the work they were involved in founding which now operates as the Kivuli Project (Australia) Inc.

The Kivuli Project is a non-profit Christian organisation managed by a board with representatives from both Australia and Kenya. It is registered as a Charitable Children's Institution (CCI) and a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) in Kenya and as an Incorporated Association in the state of Victoria, Australia. The organisation was founded simultaneously in Australia and Kenya in February 2010.

Kivuli Project is committed to following Jesus Christ's example by showing practical love to the people it encounters in Central Kenya. The Kivuli project works closely with the Kenyan children's department to care for, advocate for and protect children classified as being 'in need'.

Come and share lunch together and hear about this wonderful work. Cost \$5 and please indicate attendance at the office window.

## Business, Faith, Law and Morality: The Asylum Seeker Debate

On June 29 at 7:30 we are conducting a free debate in the city. Business, Faith, Law and Morality: The Asylum Seeker Debate. What is your opinion?

The Asylum Seeker issue needs resolving. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to listen to expert opinion and have your considerations and suggestions discussed.

What is the role of Faith and a United Faith Community in the Asylum Seeker debate?

Are Asylum Seekers an Economic opportunity or threat?

Does Business have a role to play in the Asylum Seeker debate?

Do we have a Moral obligation to assist Asylum Seekers?

Is Australia's policy to discourage some Asylum Seekers Legal?

Experts, to lead us in discussion:

**Julian Burnside AO QC** - Julian is a high profile barrister committed to human rights who has been nominated a National Living Treasure.

**Jarrold McKenna** - Jarrold, who was a practising Pastor, and his family live with 17 newly settled asylum seekers at the First Home Project. He established Love Makes A Way and is currently on secondment from World Vision to Common Grace.

**Ivor Ries** - worked as a journalist overseas and here writing the esteemed Chanticleer for the AFR. He moved on to accept executive roles in business.

**Rev Prof Andrew Dutney** - is president of the Uniting Church, is widely published, and regularly broadcast, in both religious and mainstream ethics.

**Pamela Curr** - is one of Who's Who Australian women and works at the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. She regularly contributes to The Drum, Crikey and other journals.

**Ruth Bungay** - is a multi-disciplined business consultant and economist. With a background in finance and venture capital, Ruth has helped and analysed many companies across many industry sectors.

Visit [bflm.eventbrite.com.au](http://bflm.eventbrite.com.au) to reserve your free ticket and read more information. \$9 flat rate car parking is available next door.



## Thank You

Thank you to all who supported Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at The Hub. Special thanks to Muddings Kingsway Bakery, The Pastry Lounge, staff from The Body Shop at The Glen, and our Hub volunteers. It was a very busy morning with around 100 people attending, many from the wider community as well as our GWUC family. Donations of \$640.15 were given for the Cancer Council Victoria.

A wonderful effort everyone!

## Celebration Morning Tea at The Hub

Come and join us for our Celebration Morning Tea at The Hub on Wednesday 15 July, 10am to 12noon, as we celebrate 6 successful years of The Hub. Bring your family and friends and enjoy this special birthday morning tea with us.

## Closing Date for NewView

Contributions for the next NewView need to be submitted by June 15. We welcome your consideration of our theme 'thanksgiving', as well as your reports, book reviews, discussion topics, anecdotes and photos of events and celebrations in our church community.

Queries? Contact Robin Pope 9753 3648 or email [popesr@aapt.net.au](mailto:popesr@aapt.net.au)

## Greg Linwood's Earthquake Story

"On the morning of 25 April 2015 I enjoyed pancakes and coffee for breakfast with the Nepali family who accommodates me during my frequent visits to Kathmandu. We discussed the old Audrey Hepburn movie "My Fair Lady" and watched some of the movie on YouTube. I have always loved the theme song "On the street where you live" so ironically I went off into the day with the words from one of my favourite songs on my mind.

'I have often walked down this street before,  
but the pavement always stayed beneath my feet before'

When the big earthquake struck around midday north-west of Kathmandu, I was toward the epicentre in Kathmandu's north-west fringe visiting a blind children's orphanage.

...

I leapt onto heaving earth which was flowing like an ocean swell, making it impossible for me to stand upright."

Anna Linwood, Greg's mother, has been made aware of the immediate need for tents for accommodation for all those who need accommodation since the earthquake. Due to a combination of unstable buildings (some of which have been destroyed) and the wet season on the way, there is an urgent need to help with this.

Anna will be selling goods at Glen Waverley Uniting Church on Sunday 14 June. All money collected will be processed through our church accounts and go to assist in the purchase of vital tent accommodation. Please see Anna to purchase some of her beautiful handmade goods.



## Share Winter Appeal

Please collect your information from the Stewards Table and support this important appeal.

