

# 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	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	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 Children's Activities in Church	Rev Neil Peters Worship Team	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw
11.00 am	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters Alanee Hearnshaw	Rev Neil Peters Alanee Hearnshaw	Rev Neil Peters Alison Clarkson Communion	Seniors Service Alison Clarkson	Children & Families	Children & Families
2.30pm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.30pm	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families
7.00 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	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	Green	Green	Green

### JULY

11 July	7pm
12 July	All services
12 July	12noon
15 July	10am
19 July	12noon
19 July	7.30pm
26 July	2.30pm
29 July	7.30pm
31 July	6.30pm

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Possible Dreams Int. Trivia Night
Material Aid Offering
Munch with a Bunch Lunch
Celebration Morning Tea at The Hub
Light Lunch
Living Life Whole at Hampton UCA
Praise Service
Living Life Whole at Hampton UCA
Intergenerational Dinner and Fun Night

### AUGUST

21 August	10am	Seminar for Seniors
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### SEPTEMBER

6 September	2pm	Music Showcase & Fundraiser
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*Celebrate with us!*



**YOU ARE WELCOME**

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**to THE HUB's 6th Birthday**

**Wednesday 15th July 2015**

**10 am to 12 noon**

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

### **The Christian Church in the World**

**Ethiopian Church Under Pressure:** When a church gathered in Assela on 25 April to baptise 40 new believers, seven Christians were arrested. Three of them were church leaders and four were Muslim converts. The authorities sought to intimidate the church by claiming the gathering was illegal. The believers were incarcerated in appalling, overcrowded conditions until 11 May, when church leaders paid for the prisoners to be released on bail. Soon after being released, one of the believers named Aman Kuni was seized by gunmen who ordered him to kill two pastors. The gunmen promised Kuni that if he did as instructed, they would reward him with a new life overseas, but if he had not obeyed within three months they would kill his three children. Please pray for Ethiopia and for her Church.

**Repression Escalates in Iran:** Virtually nobody mentions Iran's human rights record now that Iran is fighting IS in Iraq and enriching uranium. Meanwhile, Iran's response to political and religious rebellion is to ramp up repression and its power is enabling it to do so with impunity. These are dangerous days for the Church in Iran. Christians (especially converts from Islam) are routinely harassed by Iranian Intelligence agents who confiscate their property and advise them to leave the country. Christian prisoners are being placed in extremely harsh and life-threatening situations. They miss their families, are subjected to violence and their sentences keep being extended. They are deeply shaken hearing about the regime's mass executions. Yet amidst all this God is at work and the Church is growing. Please uphold the severely persecuted Iranian Church.

*From Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin*

From "With Love to the World" - Bible reading for Wednesday 1 July could be an eye-opener for us. It is 2 Corinthians 11:16-33; "Paul's Sufferings as an Apostle".

"Paul's point is, that being a disciple of Jesus Christ is a choice; an acceptance of God's offer of grace. Christians too are "fools": to give up opportunity or sacrifice salary, because they choose a ministry of discipleship, of servanthood and loyalty to Christ".



Led by  
**Rev Tony Duncan**

Tony is a retired  
UCA Minister  
who has been  
a passionate advocate  
for Rohr's insights  
and teaching  
over many years

**Wednesdays 22  
and 29 July 2015**

7:30-9:30 pm in the Parish Centre  
Hampton Uniting Church  
17 Service Street Hampton 3188  
\$10 or \$7 concession  
includes supper

Enquiries - please phone  
Tim Angus 0400 383 628  
or email [dayspringcontact@btvnet.com](mailto:dayspringcontact@btvnet.com)

Fr Richard Rohr is a globally recognised Franciscan priest and ecumenical teacher who bears witness to the universal awakening within Christian mysticism.

His teaching is grounded in practices of contemplation and expresses itself in radical compassion, particularly for the socially marginalized.

Fr Richard is the author of numerous books and is academic Dean of the Living School for Action and Contemplation (CAC) in Albuquerque, New Mexico

The mission of the Living School is to produce compassionate and powerfully learned individuals who will work for positive change in the world based on awareness of our common union with God and all beings.

**Christian  
Meditation**

Please join us on Mondays at 10:30 am  
in the Sanctuary for our regular  
Christian Meditation group.

Newcomers are welcome.

This is a free program run by *Dayspring*

**Update: Conversation with Indonesian Congregation.**

The church council has asked me to provide an update on matters relating to conversations with the Mulgrave Uniting Church Indonesian Congregation. Previously we advised that these conversations arose from a request from Presbytery to explore the possibility of the Indonesian congregation partially or fully relocating to our church complex as they are out-growing their current facilities.

Firstly, I can report that no further conversations between the representatives of each church have happened and none are being planned.

I want to outline what has happened since the last congregational meeting.

Quite a number of members of the congregation have spoken with church council members about their concerns regarding the possibility of the above-mentioned arrangement happening. The concerns raised included: the property is already heavily used; concerns regarding parking; we have recently been through a difficult time so let's not take on a big challenge yet; and integration issues.

Some members of the ministry team have spoken with two ministers experienced in cross-cultural ministry. These ministers thought that Glen Waverley Uniting Church is ideally located to continue to grow a cross-cultural ministry from the ground up. They also said that we have the foundations in place from which to build through playgroups, the Hub and English language classes.

Significantly, the Presbytery has now changed its view. The Presbytery Ministers now understand the situation of both congregations better and are of the view that they need to look elsewhere for a new location for the Indonesian congregation.

The church council, along with missional groups, will continue to explore growing our cross-cultural ministry in line with the congregation's vision.

Rev Neil Peters - On behalf of Church Council

## Inclusive Community Report.

**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, during office hours, or Beverly on 0417 359 779.

**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.)

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

**A Pastoral Partners Workshop** was held on Sunday 14 June. The topic for the workshop was "Helping newcomers to feel at home". Although we have covered this topic a couple of times before people had ideas of positive moves that we could make to help newcomers to feel at home. Neil reminded us that all members of the congregation need to look out for new people or people whom they haven't seen before. New people come once, twice or more times and may not fill out the visitors' book or our cards that are on the ends of the pews. We did plan to have a welcoming segment as part of the anniversary last Sunday but unfortunately people were unwell or working.

**Munch With A Bunch:** The next lunch at the RSL will be on Sunday 12 July. If you have not received your invitation please notify Heather, in the office. Don't forget to return your reply and money today.

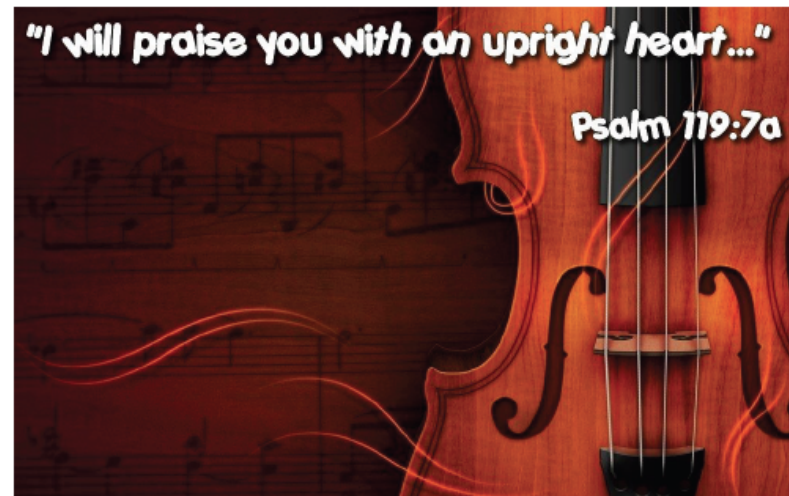
**Light Lunch:** after the 11am service will be on Sunday 19 July.

### Diary Dates:

**Friday 31 July - Intergenerational Dinner & Fun Night at the Church from 6.30pm to 9.30pm.**

We will provide hamburgers in rolls, salad and dessert. (We will cater for special dietary requirements.) There will be activities for all ages and our entertainer will be a magician, The Candy Man. He was the Australian Junior Stage Magician in 2012 and we are really looking forward to his magic show.

**Meeting:** Our next Inclusive Community meeting will be on Monday 27 July at 2.30pm in Room 1 at the Church. If you have any ideas or suggestions for functions, please let us know.



*SENIORS PRAISE SERVICE*

Join in singing your favourite hymns, led by Free Spirit.

26 July

SUNDAY AFTERNOON 2.30PM

FOLLOWED BY AFTERNOON TEA

Glen Waverley Uniting Church Cnr Bogong Ave & Kingsway Ave. gwuc.org.au

### Praise Service - Sunday 26 July at 2.30pm

Come and sing your favourite hymns, led by Free Spirit. Join us for afternoon tea after the service. All are welcome.

Add your name and favourite hymn to the list on the Office Counter. If you need transport, contact the Office by Wednesday 22 July.

## 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.

## Possible Dreams International Trivia Night

Possible Dreams International (a previous COP recipient) would like to invite you to our upcoming event on Saturday the 11th of July at 7pm at the Burwood Heights Uniting Church Hall.

This fun-filled Trivia Night is a fundraising event to support the implementation of our projects such as providing urgent medical care to the sick, food supplementation to orphan children, access to clean water for communities and housing for destitute and impoverished families and individuals living in Swaziland, South Africa.

Please see the outside Noticeboards for more details.

## Seminar for Seniors - Friday 21 August

The next Seminar for Seniors will be held from 10am until 3pm on Friday 21 August.

You will hear speakers on:

- understanding your pension in relation to moving to a retirement village or into care.
- services for seniors through Monash Council
- Homeshare Program run by LifeAssist (UnitingCare Community Options)

Watch the Seniors Noticeboard for more information.

## Tri-Annual Finance Report

Following from the initial tri-annual finance report in April, we've had some positive results from a finance / income perspective following last year's giving program, so a very big thank you.

We have had some minor unbudgeted property expenses to one of the manses, however I'm delighted to report an almost balanced actual to budget up to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015.

Finance Committee is also very pleased to report the audit for the 2014 (calendar) year has been completed.

Should you have any questions, please contact me via the Church Office.

Ashley Irvine - Treasurer

## A Letter to the Congregation

Dear Friends,

Every month church councillors read the Missional group reports and Functional group reports prior to the Church Council meeting. The June report prepared by the Communications Group outlined how the group is acting to realise the Church Vision. Three points were highlighted. Firstly, 'Being mindful': The Group prefaces its agendas and minutes with the four summary vision statements as a reminder that the deliberations of the Group should be done in the context of the vision. Secondly, 'Looking Forward': The Group uses our four vision areas as a guide for discussions and decisions. Thirdly, 'Reflecting': The Group uses the four vision areas to check whether or not anything has been missed in its consideration of its various items. They also noted that from time to time they would 'close the loop' and check whether the aggregate of their work adequately realises the Vision. This report reflects that the Communications Group have discerned how they act to realise the Church Vision.

A key area of our Vision is "Nurturing Faith Development, Sharing, Questioning and Exploration". I pondered on how we share the gift of faith. In faith-sharing, what gifts can we offer to another person?

1. **Time:** By spending our precious time with people, thereby building understanding and trust.
2. **Listening:** By really listening to what another person says and imagining what it would be like to walk in their shoes.
3. **Blessing:** Praying for others and taking time to share faith stories.
4. **Respect:** Respecting others and remaining authentic.
5. **Hospitality:** Sharing a meal or communion.

Grace and Peace

Helen Stewart - Chair of Church Council

## Sunday Afternoon Music Showcase and Fundraiser

Asante Adventures and the Everest 2015 Team invite you to the Sunday Afternoon Music Showcase and Fundraiser. The concert will be followed by afternoon tea.

Place: Glen Waverley Uniting Church

Date: Sunday 6 September

Entry is by donation with a suggested donation of \$15 for adults and \$10 concession.

Please see the noticeboard for more information or feel free to contact Jacob Davey ([jacobdavey92@gmail.com](mailto:jacobdavey92@gmail.com)) or 0421 929 603.

## Enhancing Safety and Emergency Procedures

Recently, Rev Neil Peters spoke in worship on how the UCA is adapting and enhancing its regulatory compliance in many areas. Child safety, People behaviour, Building facilities etc. Glen Waverley Uniting Church is also enhancing and updating many of our facilities to keep pace with these changes. One key area is in emergency procedures and the handling of how we work with emergency services personnel.

Church Council asked Property, with the help of others, to look at our emergency procedures. This was to include what tools we have available, training and how we work with the emergency services teams (000 calls and Fire, Police and Ambulance).

Various other improvements were identified following discussions with the emergency services and St Johns ambulance.

Also, through a very generous donation we have been able to add to our facilities a heart defibrillator.

The changes that have now been put in place, or are to come, are:-

- All the room evacuation guidelines have been updated to reflect recommendations from the Fire Brigade to ensure the safety of people in our buildings and as they exit in an emergency. Please take the time to read them and understand them, particularly if you are a group or meeting leader.
- Locks on key external doors have been altered to ensure easy exit from within the building. We cannot easily change the large glass entrance doors, but the current arrangements there are satisfactory.
- An additional First Aid kit is now located in the Foyer library shelving to support emergency assistance when there is a major need. The First Aid kit for minor cuts and bruises remains in the kitchen where injuries can be washed before being protected. And with the two existing portable First Aid kits that are used by the youth groups and others when they have off-site activities, St John ambulance have been contracted to check, maintain and refill these 4 units on a regular basis.
- The new portable defibrillator has been mounted in the Library shelving beside the switchboard area, and it contains safety equipment and instructions for use with adults and children. Specific training on the use of this new piece of equipment will be offered to anyone interested, at no cost, in the near future. We would particularly encourage all stewards and group leaders to attend that training when it is announced.

- Emergency procedure cards have also been provided by St John which give us a quick and easy 3 or 4 steps to follow for various predictable events, and they are stored with the defibrillator unit.
- In conjunction with the 000 emergency services and St John, we are developing some simple steps to follow when faced with our more common events, and further equipment will be obtained to help us, with guidance sheets to be located on the stewards table in the foyer, where they will be accessible to all building users.

The key to all these new features is for us to learn how to use them properly, as for example, if the defibrillator is inappropriately used, the disposable pads will cost around \$150 to replace each time. This is neither a toy nor to be a new distraction as a life may depend on it always being in good working order.

Emergency service personnel will always assume that a person calling them is not trained in emergency management and the Church Council has determined that for most incidents and in most occasions, we are always to follow the instruction given to us by the emergency service personnel. If contact cannot be made with them, then trained first aid persons in the congregation should be consulted.

Training in this new equipment will be scheduled and made available to interested persons in the near future, but if in the meantime you would like to gain a First Aid certification, please talk to Heather Hon, a Church Councillor or Warren Greenwood, as Glen Waverley Uniting Church may be able to assist with the cost of this certification.

Finally, thank you to all those wonderful people in our congregation who always step forward and assist in emergencies.

We very much appreciate your willingness to care for the members of the congregation, our visitors and our friends.

Warren Greenwood - Property Chair