

23 January 2022



Glen Waverley Uniting Church

Welcome

GWUC is a faithful, Christ-centered community that meets God and shares in that unconditional love. We welcome all those who are worshipping with us here in the church or via our Broadcast Ministry - we are glad you are here!

Sunday 23 January - Epiphany 3

10am Worship (+ live broadcast) Alison Clarkson / Jan Clear
1pm Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

Sunday 30 January - Epiphany 4

10am Worship (+ live broadcast) Rev. Neil Peters / Alanee Hearnshaw
including Back to School and Backpack Blessing
1pm Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom
Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 ; Luke 4:21-30

Sunday 6 February - Epiphany 5

10am Worship (+live broadcast) *incl. Holy Communion* Rev. N Peters / A Hearnshaw
1pm Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom
Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

In view of the continuing large number of COVID19 cases in the community, Church Council has decided to hold a single 10am live streamed service throughout February. A special meeting of the congregation for Council to outline plans for our future ministry team was planned for February 6. This will now be held following the 10am service, and live streamed for those not in attendance. This will be an information giving meeting, and no decisions are planned. It is hoped that the regular meeting of the congregation scheduled for March 6 will be possible in person.

John Snare, Chair of Congregation.

David Morgan, Secretary of Church Council.

Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom

Please use Zoom meeting code: **980 1882 3667** (passcode: **773026**)

or [click here](#) to log in.

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Current COVIDSafe settings...

Masks are mandatory in indoor settings within Victoria for all people aged eight and over. Please ensure you wear your mask while attending the building.

The Victorian Government has removed the requirement to check vaccination status for most venues, including churches, but the use of QR codes to check-in remains.

We have, all through this, stayed with government advice, but not gone beyond it. We will continue to take all reasonable steps to protect our members and visitors. We urge people with symptoms, and those without the protection of vaccines, to stay home. We continue to provide sanitiser at the door. Our large opening windows in the church, and the doors on opposite sides of the foyer, ensure adequate ventilation (which guards against aerosol spread). For the same reason, we open doors and windows and run exhaust fans in the hall, the kitchen and other rooms when they are in use.

We will continue to live stream our services, and make them available for later viewing. We have a Zoom licence that groups can use to meet on line. Please contact the church office if you have concerns or comments. You are not alone.

Things that we are doing to minimise risk

- Live streaming services.
- Ensuring adequate ventilation, so dress appropriately.
- Providing sanitiser and cleaning agents.
- Encouraging groups to meet on Zoom when appropriate.

Things for you to do to minimise risk

- If you have COVID-19 symptoms or if you have been advised to get tested by a contact, workplace or school, get a COVID-19 test and isolate until you get a negative result.
- Wear a mask while indoors.
- Remember to check in everywhere every time using the [Services Victoria app](#).

Sunday 23 January 2022 - Day of Mourning

Every year the Uniting Church marks a Day of Mourning to reflect on the dispossession and the ongoing injustices faced by Australia's First Peoples in this land. We who are Second Peoples lament that we were and remain complicit.

The observance of a Day of Mourning was endorsed by the 15th assembly in 2018 arising from a request of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Conference (UAICC).

The Sunday before Australia Day was declared a Day of Mourning as an expression of the Uniting Church's commitment to justice and truth-telling.



Congregation Information Session - February 6

There will be an information session after worship on February 6th concerning future plans for our congregation. People can attend in person or watch on Livestream. There will be limited opportunity for discussion on February 6th, but discussion of all the matters raised will be possible at a full meeting of the congregation on March 6th.

John Snare

Book Sale Postponed

We had hoped to have our annual Book Sale on March 5, but have decided to postpone it until later in the year, the exact date dependant on Covid numbers. We hope that you are able to store those boxes of books destined for the sale for just a couple more months. If this is a problem, please contact Sue Morgan or the church office, and we will collect them.

Thanks,
Sue

Greeters on Sunday mornings

With the requirement to ensure that everyone checks in, we need two Greeters for each service. With the planned resumption of multiple services in February, we will need extra people on this roster. If you are willing to do this, even if just until the check in requirement passes, please contact David Morgan david@gwuc.org.au.

Annual Leave & January Office Hours

- Rev. Neil Peters is on leave, returning 27 January 2022.
- Alanee Hearnshaw is on leave, returning 30 January 2022.
- Di Paterson will be on leave from 20 January, returning 28 January 2022.

The church office will be closed from 10 January, reopening 27 January 2022.

For urgent Pastoral Care matters during the period 20 January to 26 January, please contact Jan Clear. Ph. 0419 589 175 or Email - bclear@bigpond.net.au

GWUC Playgroup - Can you help?

Playgroups are starting again for 2022! From Monday 7 February we will hold 2 sessions per week on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 10am-12pm.

We only have 4 facilitators at this stage, and would like to recruit more helpers. Can you spare 2 hours once a week, once a fortnight or once a month? We would love to hear from you. Tasks involve setting out toys and equipment, helping parents or carers with activities with their child and tidying up after. No experience necessary! For more information or to express your interest please contact the church office.

CRAFT GROUP - 2022

2nd & 4th Mondays (except public holidays) 10am-2pm in the Chapel/Room 1.

\$2 per session, BYO lunch. All are welcome.

2nd Monday - do your own thing *or* work on something for the Church Fete.

4th Monday - 'come and learn' program (*or* do your own thing)

February - How to make a Hexagon Quilt

March - Candle Wicking Embroidery

April - Decoupage



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