



10 April 2022

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 10 April - Palm Sunday

10am Worship (+live broadcast) Rev. Neil Peters / Alanee Hearnshaw

1pm Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom

2.30pm Seniors Service (+live broadcast) incl Holy Communion Rev. Neil Peters

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 19:28-40

Holy Week & Easter Services

Monday 11 April7.30pm (+live broadcast)Ross MackinnonTuesday 12 April7.30pm (+live broadcast)Ps. Di Paterson

Wednesday 13 April 7.30pm (+live broadcast)

Maundy Thursday

Thursday 14 April 7.30pm (+live broadcast) Rev. Neil Peters Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday

Friday 15 April 9.30am (+live broadcast) Rev. Neil Peters / Alanee Hearnshaw

followed by a Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

Easter Day

Sunday 17 April 10am (+live broadcast) Rev. Neil Peters / Alanee Hearnshaw

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

Susan Karoly

Worship & Staying COVIDSafe...

From Sunday 24 April, we will once again be returning to most of our usual program of multiple worship services on Sundays.

Our **8am Contemplative**, **9.15am Interactive** and **11am Traditional** services will begin again with our 5pm Creative Worship returning in May 2022. Indonesian Fellowship will remain on Zoom.

Both our 9.15am and 11am services will be available to view online via our website www.gwuc.org.au/live.

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.

- •Sanitiser is provided at each door please use on arrival.
- •QR Code check-ins are no longer required to attend worship, although they are still required for morning tea. Please use the QR code on the round tables in the Fellowship Area to check in.
- Face masks are not required to be worn, however please continue to wear a mask if you would prefer.
- •Windows and doors will be open please adjust your clothing and seat choices to

allow for this. •Please contact the office for details of our Z Book Sale

You are not alone.

Glen Waverley Uniting Church Ave, Glen Waverley
Proceeds Support Book Sale the work of GWUC

1000s of Secondhand Books

Saturday 30 April 8.30am to 4pm

Donations of books welcome from April 24.



Today's Thoughtful Flowers

are given by Rev. Bill Morgan and have been arranged by Anna Yeo. In memory of Joan, beloved wife of Bill, loving mother of Heather, John and Elisabeth. Treasured memories still inspire us.

Easter Art Installation

From Monday to Thursday in Holy Week, there will be an art installation in the Chapel (Room I), which will be open between 9am-3.30pm each day. You are invited to journey through at your own pace.



You will find poems, art and reflections that are filled with promises of God's abundant grace - helping us to connect in a creative way this Easter season.

All are Welcome.

Grill'd in Kingsway - supporting GWUC Welfare work

Grill'd sell a range of burgers and like to give back to the local community. In April 2022, GWUC Welfare are one of three community groups represented in the 'voting' at Grill'd in Kingsway. Each group, depending on the number of tokens received, will receive a donation at the end of the month of at least \$100. So when you are enjoying a delicious burger at Grill'd - don't forget to vote for GWUC Welfare!



Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea



Friday 15 April

following the 9.30am service

Hot Cross Buns will be provided

Donations can be made on the day to support the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.



All are welcome

Sunflower Welcomers

You may be wondering why some of our congregational members are wearing yellow sunflowers on yellow ribbons. These are our welcomers and unlike people on the Greeting Roster, they do not stand near one of our entrance doors. They move around the foyer area looking for newcomers and people whom they don't know and speaking to them. If

you are a newcomer or you don't know many people, our sunflower welcomers would love to talk to you. If you would like to be part of this welcoming team, please give Joanne (in the office) your name and contact details. Thank you to the people who have offered to help in this way.



Book Sale - Help required

This year's book sale promises a record number of books, and we would love to have you as part of the team. Please email Sue at sue@morgands.net or add your name to the list on the office counter if you are able to help.

When might you be able to assist?

Friday 29 April, 10am-5pm - (when help will be MOST appreciated) Sorting and setting out of books. We intend to allow the full day to do this, so workers have more space as they do so. Sign up appreciated but not essential, just come when you can for as long as you are able. Whilst there will be plenty of jobs for all, muscle power to move boxes of books will be particularly appreciated, so we particularly appeal to the young and fit.

Saturday 30 April, 8:30-4:00 Book Sale. A roster will be drawn up from those indicating that they are available to assist.

Sunday 1 May, 12 noon - Pack up and disposal of unsold stock. Many hands make light work!

If you have books to be collected, please place your request on the sheet on the office counter. Collections will occur on Thursday/Friday April 28/29 unless otherwise arranged.

Sadly after being unable to hold their book sale for 2 years, Yarragon CFA are already over stocked and cannot accept our books, so please look for groups who might be happy to accept unsold books. Otherwise, unsold books will be recycled.

Book Sale - Flyer Delivery

Thank you to those people who have offered to deliver flyers for the Book Sale. Please collect your flyers from the table in the foyer, for delivery between 17-23 April.

Badminton & Table Tennis

Come along to the church hall on Mondays at 8pm for a game of Badminton and/or Table Tennis. Cost: \$5 per week. **New players always welcome!**

Please note: No Badminton or Table Tennis on Easter Monday 18 April.

Bilingual English Class

The online Bilingual English Class will have term break for two weeks from next week. Online class will resume on Wednesday 27 April.

Welfare

Each month, the Welfare Committee of GWUC supports approximately 25 families/individuals in the local community who are experiencing a wide range of difficult circumstances and financial distress. Many of our clients are on the disability support pension because of managing a mental illness or physical disability.

We often notice clients we assist have a lack of family support (sometimes due to trauma background or an illness that affects family relationships). When an unexpected cost occurs (e.g. large car maintenance bill), they have no family to help and this impacts on their budget and food security for themselves.

Some families only need 'one off' support during a difficult period. For example, during the lockdowns last year, a number of local families had a reduction in work hours and this put them in a position where they were being forced to choose between paying rent or buying food.

Clients often comment on how grateful they are to receive generous items such as 'Nescafe' and food that is 'in date', because many food relief centres have donations that are beyond the 'best before date'. This gives a sense of dignity and shows our care for our neighbours. We are proud that our church's welfare program stands out for this.

When we meet with a client we sit down with them to get to know them as a person. Through this interaction we assess their needs and whether they meet the criteria for our program's support. We are able to then make up a food hamper according to their food preferences, provide fresh items via a Coles voucher or make a referral to another organisation if they need other assistance (e.g. housing, counselling, furniture items). The most important thing is that our interaction with the client is an experience of Christ and a reflection of the church.

We are currently in need of more members on the Welfare Committee. If this is something that interests you, please consider having a chat with committee members Rev. Neil Peters, Faye McDougall or Welfare Coordinator, Elinor McClusky de Garza. (email: welfare@gwuc.org.au)

Donations to GWUC Welfare - April 2022

For the month of April the Welfare Committee are collecting donations of Basmati Rice, Tea Bags (Black) and Sweet Biscuits. Coffee is always welcome! Please leave donations in the coloured bins near the office door. Thank you for your support.

Assistance for Asylum Seekers

During the COVID lockdown we have been unable to process donations for asylum seekers through the boxes which used to be located in the church foyer. David Spitteler, who has been providing the outlet for these donated goods in Dandenong, has now moved to a new location where he is only able to distribute food and some hygiene items. Any donations of clothing, household linen, or small household goods should now be directed either to the large charity bins in the church carpark, or taken to Eastern Emergency Relief (who also accept donations of furniture for use by those in need). Specific donations which are welcomed are: 750ml vegetable or canola oil; tinned mackerel; tinned fruit - tropical varieties; all varieties of spice; pickles/chutney; soap; toilet rolls; tissues; razors. Any questions? Ring Robin Pope 0403 746 940



PANCAKE DAY @ GWUC

We held our Pancake Day stall at church on Monday and raised \$156 for Uniting Care. I would like to thank our cooks, servers, coffee and tea makers, people who bought pancakes and those who gave donations. Thank you all for your support. Jan Clear.

EMERGENCY APPEAL: UKRAINE CRISIS

Act for Peace (Christmas Bowl) have launched an emergency appeal to support the people affected by the conflict in Ukraine. Together with their ACT Alliance partners they are distributing relief to support families forced from their homes by the war. Online donations can be made via their website using the link <u>Ukraine Crisis</u>. If you prefer to donate using cash or cheque, envelopes are available from the stewards table. These can be placed in the offering plate or left in the church letterbox and they will be sent on to the Ukraine Appeal.



Easter Services

Holy Week April 11, 12, 13 - 7.30pm Maundy Thursday April 14 - 7.30pm Good Friday April 15 - 9.30am Easter Sunday April 17 - 10am

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10.00am	GOMER (David Morgan 0423 127 807)	Fellowship
10.00am	Craft Group (Susan Karoly 0433 692 862)	Room 2
7.30pm	Holy Week Service	Church
8.00pm	Badminton (Lynne Boyer 0408 564 443)	Hall

TUESDAY 12 APRIL

2.00pm	Mindful Meditation (Susan Karoly 0433 692 862)	Zoom
7.30pm	Holy Week Service	Church

WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL

7.30pm	Holy Week Service	Church
8.00pm	Free Spirit (Deb Leigh 0411 778 417)	Church

THURSDAY 14 APRIL

7.30pm Ma ι	ındy Thursday Service	Church
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FRIDAY 15 APRIL

10.45am	Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea	Hall
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Upcoming Events...

SATURDAY 30 APRIL	Book Sale 8.30am to 4pm
SATURDAY 14 MAY	Annual Walkathon from 8am

SUNDAY 26 JUNE Church Anniversary Service 10am followed by lunch

Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom

Zoom meeting code: 980 1882 3667 (passcode: 773026) or click here to log in.

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