



The Wonder of
JOY

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 11 December - Advent 3

8am	Contemplative	<i>Helen Stewart</i>
9.15am	Interactive (+live broadcast)	<i>Rev. Neil Peters</i>
11am	Traditional (+live broadcast) <i>incl. Holy Communion</i>	<i>Rev. Neil Peters</i>
5pm	Indonesian Christmas Celebration	
5pm	Interactive Church - <i>Come along for a lively discussion</i>	

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Sunday 18 December - Advent 4

10am	Nativity Worship	<i>Rev. Neil Peters & others...</i>
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All are invited to come along dressed as Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise men, angels or stars and be a part of the Christmas Story.
Some dress ups will be available on the day.
Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25



Giving

Please scan the QR-Code to contribute to the ministry and outreach of our Church. We appreciate your support.

SCAN ME

Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom

Meeting code: 980 1882 3667
(passcode: 773026)
or [click here](#) to log in.

Welcome...

If you are new or visiting our church, look out for the people wearing sunflower brooches. They are part of our welcoming team, and would love to have a chat and get to know you! Also, don't forget to fill in a 'Welcome' card so that we can stay in contact.



COVIDSafe advice...

As COVID infections remain in the community, we will continue to take all reasonable steps to protect our members & visitors from COVID infections. Following the latest government advice, face masks are strongly encouraged to be worn in indoor & crowded settings, church windows & doors may be open to allow for good airflow, and if you have symptoms you are encouraged to please stay home. For the health & safety of everyone, please continue to use sanitiser on arrival.

Indonesian Christmas Worship and Celebration

All are welcome to attend the Indonesian Christmas Celebration on **TODAY, Sunday 11 December at 5pm**. There will be worship, then a Celebration involving singing, music, dancing and Indonesian costumes. This is always a wonderful, colourful and celebratory night.

Christmas Bowl

This congregation is a strong supporter of the Christmas Bowl appeal. Envelopes are now available. Another two examples of the work of Christmas Bowl are; In Zimbabwe where food reserves are low, Christmas Bowl supports training in the latest climate-resilient farming techniques; and Christmas Bowl offers health care to Sri Lankan refugees living in India.

Empty Christmas Tree

Our tree is now in the foyer and waiting for your donations of toys, gifts, non-perishable food. Please **DO NOT WRAP** your gifts. Our gifts are given to Lentara UnitingCare at Broadmeadows and also to some families within our local community. Last Sunday for gifts is Dec 18.



2022 Christmas Services

18 December

10am Nativity Worship

24 December - Christmas Eve

7pm All-Age Worship

11pm Coffee & Carols

(Coffee available from 10.30pm)

25 December - Christmas Day

8.30am & 10am Worship

Join us in person or online at www.gwuc.org.au/live

Christmas Cards

A limited number of packs are still available from the church office. Each pack of 10 cards is only \$11. Two designs to choose from. Your purchase of cards helps support people in crisis this Christmas through *Uniting*.

Three quarters of the way

In September, the congregation meeting agreed to seek two full time ministerial staff, knowing that an increase in giving was needed to fund that. In October an appeal was launched, seeking an extra \$30,000 annually in giving. Our giving recorder has reported that increases in envelope giving advised to him, plus the increase in electronic bank transfers for November over September, indicated increased giving of \$22,500 per year. This is a somewhat conservative estimate, and represents three quarters of our target.

Church Council would like to thank all those who have contributed to this pleasing result, and shown confidence in our future. For those who have not yet done so, it is not too late to help meet our target.

"Retirement" News

Robert Fleming has advised the church leadership that at the end of the year he will be retiring from the Organ Roster. During the combined worship on Sunday 18 December (10am), we will acknowledge Robert's many years of service. All are welcome.

A couple of 'Thank You's!

Thank you to everyone who supported our **Church Christmas Lunch** on Sunday 27 November. Due to some generous people and good shopping, over \$800 will be given to our church Welfare Group.

Thank you also to all those who supported our **Christmas Morning Tea at The Hub**. A total of \$640 was received in donations for our GWUC Welfare Group. Special thanks to those who brought along food, and everyone who helped on the day.

Chinese New Year and Lantern Festival.

This church has been invited to participate in the Chinese New Year and Lantern Festival to be held in Kingsway on Sunday 5 February 2023. We intend to offer craft and information about our church programs. This is a great opportunity to engage with our community. We are seeking a few people to form a planning team to get this organised before Christmas. Offers to Joanne in the office please. Keep the date in mind so you can offer to help on the day.


Advent Postcards - Walkers Needed

Only 2 areas to go - Can you help to letterbox-drop postcards promoting our Advent Services? Please take a bundle of the postcards (about 200), with an instructions sheet and a delivery area map, from the office counter. Your help would be much appreciated.

HONEY MONEY for Asylum Seekers

Sales of our delicious pure honey continue to support the Uniting Church Asylum Seeker Project. Their clients benefit significantly from their services.



 Honey is a welcome addition to Christmas hampers, as a gift for a host, teacher or colleague, or simply on your toast! Thanks for your ongoing support for this effort.

Self-service near the kitchen counter.

Newsbeat

The December issue of Port Phillip East Presbytery's monthly magazine is now available. View your copy online at <https://ucappeg.org/newsbeat/>

Come along and see our 2022 Christmas Installation

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from 18 December - All Welcome

What's On...

MONDAY 12 DECEMBER

10.00am	GOMERs (<i>David Morgan 0423 127 807</i>)	Fellowship
8.00pm	Badminton (<i>Lynne Boyer 0408 564 443</i>)	Hall

TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER

2.00pm	Meditation (<i>Susan Karoly 0433 692 862</i>)	Zoom
7.30pm	Bible Study (<i>Susan Karoly 0433 692 862</i>)	Zoom

WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER

7.00pm	Free Spirit (<i>Deb Leigh 0411 778 417</i>)	Church
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If no contact is listed above, please call the church office for more details.



SAVE THE DATES...

Book Fair	Saturday 4 March 2023
Church Fete	Saturday 21 October 2023



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