



We are re-opening!  
... but with caution.

As restrictions have settled in for the summer, the Church Council of Glen Waverley Uniting Church would like to share with you the guidelines which will apply to attending the church complex for the next couple of months.

We encourage you to make your own decision about your own return to church activities.

Throughout December and January, there will be only one Sunday worship service beginning at 10am. There will also be a Carol Service on Sunday 13 December at 3pm, Christmas Eve service on Thursday 24 December at 7pm, and on Christmas Day, one service at 10am.

Worship services will continue to be available online, so if you are uncomfortable about returning to the church complex, or are unwell, please stay home and join in our live stream worship via our YouTube channel or our website: [www.gwuc.org.au/live](http://www.gwuc.org.au/live).

These guidelines are based on both government and Synod restrictions and are expected to be in place until at least the end of January 2021. Please check the bulletin and emails for information about these restrictions being amended or relaxed.

Above all, we want to keep our church and our congregation safe.

Yours in Christ,

*Glyn Howells,  
Chairperson, Church Council*

From **Monday 7 December**, worshippers will be able to attend the church for worship services. As we have electronic record keeping available, we are able to use the 1 person per 2m<sup>2</sup> rule for within the church buildings. While this still limits our total numbers, we believe this will allow those who would like to attend worship to do so, and we hope we will not have to turn people away because we are 'full'.

The electronic record keeping involves using your own mobile phone to register your attendance. If you do not have a mobile phone, we have in place a system to manually record details which will be entered into the electronic list following the service.

We will be encouraging those in attendance to continue to wear a mask while in the building, and to continue to follow a good hand hygiene routine. Windows may be open to allow good air flow in the worship space. The toilets are open and are professionally cleaned regularly.

Physical distancing (1.5m) should still be observed. Seating has been clearly marked to meet social distancing compliance, and it is advised that only members of the same household sit together.

We will be discouraging gatherings in the foyer/fellowship room. If you would like to catch up with others, please move outside to do so.

The GWUC Kitchen remains closed (except for filling of your own water bottle).

The live broadcast of worship services will begin 10 minutes before the service start time, where there will usually be piano and organ music played. While we are not asking you to be completely silent, please be aware that conversations within the worship space may be heard on the live stream broadcast.

Please bring your own hymn books and bibles if you wish to use these.

There will be an offering bowl as you enter the worship space. This will not be passed around, and will be brought forward for dedication during the service.

As always, if you or a member of your household are unwell you must not attend.

If you have any questions about returning to onsite worship, please speak with Joanne Boldiston at the church office between 9am to 3.30pm weekdays on **0434 119 335** or **9560 3580** or by email at [office@gwuc.org.au](mailto:office@gwuc.org.au).

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