



# 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 - October 2015						
Time	October 4 Pentecost 19	October 11 Pentecost 20	October 18 Pentecost 21	October 25 Pentecost 22		
8.00 am	Rev Evan Laidlaw Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Julie Hall Ross Mackinnon - Communion	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Rev Neil Peters Communion
9.15 am	Julie Hall Rev Dr Warren Bartlett Communion	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters Worship Team	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw
11.00 am	Susan Karoly	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw
2.30 pm	-	-	-	Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Elwyn Pederson Julie Hall	Children & Families	Children & Families
4.30 pm	School Holidays	Children & Families	Children & Families	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw
7.00 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw
Lectionary	Job 1:1, 2:1-10 Psalm 26 Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16	Job 23:10-9, 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31	Job 38:1-7, (34-41) Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35C Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22) Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52		
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green

### SEPTEMBER

6 September	2.30pm
12 September	8.30pm
13 September	All services
13 September	2pm
14 September	5pm
20 September	12.30pm
27 September	12noon

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6 September	Music Showcase & Fundraiser
12 September	Concord Choral Concert
13 September	Material Aid Offering - RSPCA
13 September	Between the Devil & the Deep Blue Sea
14 September	NewView Deadline
20 September	Munch with a Bunch Lunch
27 September	Outreach Forum

### OCTOBER

10 October	5.30pm	Celebrating 30 Years of being a Multicultural Church - Dandenong UCA
17 October	8.30am	Church Fete
29 October	10am	Seniors Morning Tea at The Hub





2015 Presbytery of Port Philip East

# Celebrating 30 years of being a Multicultural Church

-Looking Back & looking Forward-

“The Body of  
Christ  
in Diversity”

(1 Corinthians 12:27)



## The Christian Church in the World

**Legitimising Persecution in China:** On 1 July 2015 the Chinese government passed a new National Security Law. The text is purposely vague to allow the broadest interpretation. Religious liberty will be impacted. According to Article 27, the State will not allow religion to be exploited for ‘illegal and criminal activities that endanger national security’, i.e. any activity not approved by the ruling Chinese Communist Party (CCP). Groups deemed to be ‘cults’ will be banned and punished and the State will reject all foreign ‘interference’ with domestic religious affairs. Over the weekend 11-12 July 114 human rights lawyers and activists were either detained or harassed and intimidated. As President Xi and the CCP consolidate their power, they will doubtless use this law to legitimise escalating repression and persecution. Please pray for China and its Church.

**Praying for the Lord’s Intervention in Syria:** Having seized Idlib in the north, the Turkey-Saudi-Qatar-backed, al-Qaeda-led Jaish al-Fatah alliance is now pressing south into Hama. Fierce fighting rages as Islamic jihadists with US-made weapons fight the Syrian Army and loyalist forces comprised largely of local people desperate to defend their villages. Having seized Palmyra in the east, Islamic State (IS) is now pressing west towards the M5 Highway linking Damascus with Homs and the north. These are critical days. On 6 Aug IS abducted some 150 Christians from Qaryatan, west of Palmyra. Thousands have been displaced from the Assyrian village of Hawwarin and the nearby town of Sadad. Intelligence indicates IS (which holds over 300 Christians in captivity) may be planning a ‘mass casualty terrorist attack’. Please pray for peace in Syria and for its Church.

*From Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin*

I share with you a prayer from the Annual Frontier Services “Order of Service - 2015”

God of Justice and of Hope  
We bring before you today  
A world at odds.

A Nation riven by inequality,  
A people longing for reconciliation.

We ask you for the strength to be agents of your peace,  
We ask you for the fortitude to make justice a reality,  
And we ask for your living, loving example -  
that we may know again to love one another as you have loved us.

## Ping-Pong-A-Thon 2015

Why not sponsor a church member to play on your behalf or better still ... come and join them!

All congregation members are invited to attend *the inaugural running of Ping-Pong-a-thon 2015*. The 24hr non-stop event will be held in GWUC Hall at 6pm on the evening of Friday 30 October and conclude 6pm Saturday 31 October. All player levels are invited to attend: from advanced through to beginner level.

Join in with more than 1,500 everyday Aussie blokes of all ages in bringing freedom, hope and a future to young people in SE Asia whose lives are vulnerable to exploitation.

Ping-Pong-A-Thon events began in 2011 when one passionate Aussie bloke gathered 15 mates for the first 24 hour table tennis marathon. They raised \$10,000, which supported the work of two organisations in Thailand engaged in prevention and aftercare relating to issues of trafficking and sexual exploitation.

The 2012 event saw sixty men raise \$25,000 and in the process become better equipped as advocates for some of the world's most vulnerable and exploited people. Funds enabled the continued growth and expansion of The Sold Project and Urban Light in Thailand.

In 2013, with five event venues, \$56,000 was raised by 260 boys/men (from 9 to 78 years of age) to support the work of seven organisations throughout South East Asia who are creatively supporting the hopes and dreams of young people impacted by injustice/exploitation.

2014 saw 800 boys/men participate in 24 venues throughout Australia, raising \$110,000. For the first time the event was run in schools, sporting clubs, open air community spaces & in a local pub!

### Future of the Pong

In October 2015, The Pong will become a truly national event with venues in all states and territories across Australia. It is anticipated that 1,500+ boys/men will engage in the event across 40 venues.

Planning is underway to take The Pong beyond Australian shores and to develop the event for different contexts (Pong Schools and Pong In A Pub) in 2016/17.

Further details are available from the office counter or by contacting: [www.pingpongathon.com](http://www.pingpongathon.com)

## A Letter to the Congregation

Dear Friends,

Recently I attended an 'Information Sharing Session' about the Major Strategic Review being undertaken by Synod. The morning session opened with the encouragement: '*We meet in the presence of Christ*'. The devotion focused on Paul's letter to the Romans and discerning the will of God. At the end of the session the MSR team asked that we pray for them as they go into a retreat in early September to prepare the final report.

We are all on a journey, sometimes easy, sometimes difficult. We are always called to discern because it is at the core of how we act. Three aspects of life are:

1. A self reflective life challenges us to change when required.
2. A connected life - we are all part of the one body and called to contribute.
3. A practical life - our faith is ultimately grounded in the needs of people.

On 23 August we held a seminar at the church on cross cultural ministry. It was well attended and the attendees were glad they came. As the speaker, Rev Hoon You, reminded us, we are already a cross-cultural church. His talk was both entertaining and insightful. See the video podcast on our website: <http://gwuc.org.au/video-podcast/>.

When Church Council met in August we thanked the retiring elders/councillors for their dedication to the role. Each one graciously brought their gifts to share. Jacob brought enthusiasm, Herb brought wisdom, Katie brought her inquisitive mind and Belinda brought her dedication to Children and Families. With their contribution Church Council was truly enriched.

We look forward to welcoming the new Elders/Church Councillors in September. Prior to the September meeting new councillors will attend an induction session to prepare them for what lies ahead.

We are pleased to welcome a new member of the ministry team. Nancye Cottrell, a member of our congregation, has accepted the position as co-ordinator of the Ministry to Children and Families, starting on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Nancye is very well qualified for this position and has a wealth of experience. We thank the volunteers who together have been filling this role: Lynn Peters, Belinda Chung, Kerryn Leister and Katie Haala.

Grace and Peace,

Helen Stewart - Chair of Church Council

## Craft and Sewing for the Church Fete

We need craft and sewing items to stock the craft stall at the church fete in October. If you are able to help by doing some sewing or craft work, please contact Laurel Muir 9560 1518, Lynne Boyer 9790 0582 or Judith Greenwood 9803 8373.

## Beeac Premium

Spring has sprung and the grass is rising,  
Vegetables, roses, rhubarb are straining.  
They want some help to rise high to the sky,  
And high quality manure is the focus of their eye.

Now is your chance to order Beeac Premium  
Sheep manure fresh from the country pastures of friends;  
So add your name to the list on the office counter  
And tell us how many \$8 bags you can use.

There is a constraint on how many orders we can fill -  
The sheep have been generous, but within the collectors skills.  
You need to act sooner, rather than wait till fete day,  
But you do not have to pay until your bag is on the way.

Contact Warren Greenwood (0403 028 948) for details or questions.

## UCA Assembly Letter

The letter on the following page is written by Uniting Church President Stuart McMillan and is a response to discussions held at the recent Uniting Church Assembly.

The acronym LGBTIQ, used in the letter, stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Questioning. This is in common usage in much of our community.

This pastoral letter is addressed to all members of the Uniting Church and the hope is that it would be read prayerfully.



## Sri Lankan Voices Unite To Spread Harmony and Music

Come along to hear the Melbourne Concert on Saturday 12 September from 6pm to 8.30pm at Haileybury College, 855 Springvale Road, Keysborough. A donation of \$20 each (or \$40 per family) would be appreciated.

For more information please see the outside noticeboards or feel free to contact Rev Brace Bateman.

## Material Aid Offering - September 2015

The Material Aid Offering for September is for the work of RSPCA. The youth group have done a number of small fundraising projects for the RSPCA and would like to continue the support with this month's material aid offering.

The RSPCA are after towels, blankets, flat sheets, pillow cases, face washers, old newspapers, pet accessories, food and water bowls, animal cages and carriers, bedding and pet or baby playpens.

Thank you!

## Kenya 2015 Visit

We, Cherish Exchange Foundation and Kivuli Project say a huge thank you to everyone who helped raise money for:

*Cherish Exchange Foundation* - part of a 1 year, \$11,000 Food Program for 110 students, the Chicken House with 5,000 litre water tank and 50 chicks which are already laying eggs; new School jumpers for 8 needy students.

Pam set up profiles for each student to record their private and educational details which hopefully will assist them get sponsors.

*Kivuli Project* - donations from friends made it possible to buy new mattresses for the 30 children, two new school dresses each for eight year 7 girls, and LED lights for inside and outside the cottages. We painted the toilet block and the shower block.

Kenyan people are so appreciative for anything done for them.

Pam & Lyn McDonald

## Kivuli Project Trivia Night

The annual Kivuli Project trivia night is on again this year. Details are on the flyer below. Kivuli (Kenya) is a wonderful project where we spent two happy weeks this last July.

We are booking one table. If you would like to join us for a great night please contact us after 13 September (as we are away). Alternatively book your own table of 10 by contacting [kate@kivuliproject.org](mailto:kate@kivuliproject.org)

Lyn & Pam McDonald ([lynmcd@chariot.com.au](mailto:lynmcd@chariot.com.au) or 0407 040 939)



The flyer features a photograph of two smiling children from Kenya. The text on the flyer includes the Kivuli Project logo, the event title 'trivia night', the date and time 'SAT 10<sup>TH</sup> OCT • 7<sup>PM</sup> / 7.30<sup>PM</sup> START', the location 'DEEP CREEK ANGLICAN CHURCH, 460 Blackburn Rd, Doncaster East', the price '\$20 per head tables of 10', and a list of activities: 'Silent Auction', 'Games & Prizes', and 'Coffee & Cake (for purchase)'. It also promotes a '& Kidz Movie Night in the Church Hall' for '\$5 per child / Recommended age 4+ G-rated films / Snacks provided'. At the bottom, it provides the RSVP contact 'Kate kate@kivuliproject.org or 0400 551 587' and a note 'BYO nibbles and drinks. Note: this is an alcohol free event.'

President: Mr Stuart McMillan

General Secretary: Rev Terence Corkin BA, BTh, BLegS

12<sup>th</sup> August, 2015

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

When we gathered as the body of Christ for the 14<sup>th</sup> Assembly in Perth this passage of Scripture was in my mind: "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4: 2, 3).

At the 14<sup>th</sup> Assembly meeting we received the Report of the Task Group on the Theology of Marriage and Public Covenants for Same-Gender Relationships within the Uniting Church. This work was commenced by the Doctrine Working Group on referral from the 13<sup>th</sup> Assembly in 2012. A challenging, at times difficult and emotional discussion of the report and the proposals arising from the report took place over a number of sessions. The Uniting Aboriginal & Islander Christian Congress exercised their right not to participate in the discussion, but remained in the gathering. The National Multi Cultural Ministry Reference Committee urged us through their paper to make 'space for grace'. I now write to you as members of the Uniting Church expressing the pastoral concerns of the gathering for the whole church.

Friends, we continue as a community of culturally and linguistically diverse people to have respectful conversations. We will employ culturally sensitive processes, to be determined by the respective First and Second people groups within our church. We have been encouraged by the National Multi-Cultural Ministry Reference Committee to allow the space for grace. In this space different communities will firstly, be able to engage with the concept of marriage and secondly, they may engage with the concept of same gender relationships.

We seek to be an inclusive church that celebrates diversity and embraces LGBTIQ people as full members of the church community. For the times we have failed to be this loving community of Christ and caused hurt, we apologise, ask forgiveness and pray for healing and reconciliation for us all.

Christian community modelled on Jesus' unconditional love and acceptance is what we strive to attain. We know that the world is watching to see how we treat one another. Paul says in Romans we belong to one another, the commandment is to love, to put the interests of others ahead of our own interests.

In this next three years my prayer for us all is that we might listen deeply to one another, with our heart and to the Spirit who grants us understanding beyond human wisdom.

Shalom,



## Inclusive Community Report - September 2015

**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 onto 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 business hours or Beverly on 0417 359 779.

**Bereavement Support:** At our meetings, we receive a report from our Bereavement support person. This has been Bobbie for many many years. Bobbie is unable to continue in this roll but I would like to thank her for her service which has been fantastic. Bereavement Support is a very important part of our pastoral care program and it will continue. Alison and Elwyn will be the support people.

**Lunches:** Munch with a Bunch will be held at the RSL on Sunday 20 September. Invitations were given out or posted last weekend.

**Lunch on 30 August after the Congregational Meeting:** Thank you to all helpers last Sunday. Once again it was a team effort with some purchasing and preparing food, some setting up the hall and others helping to clean up after the lunch. Those who attended enjoyed the food and fellowship.

**Light Lunch:** There won't be a light lunch (after 11am service) this month.

**Meeting:** Our next Inclusive Community meeting will be on Wednesday 30 September at 2pm in Room 1 at the Church. If you have any ideas or suggestions for functions, please let us know.

### Ministry to Seniors

Alison Clarkson will be overseas from Sunday 30 August until Tuesday 3 November inclusive. In her absence Elwyn Pederson will be coordinating the Ministry to Seniors, with assistance from Jan Clear.

### Seniors' Morning Tea at The Hub - Thursday 29 October

A special Seniors' Morning Tea will be held at The Hub on Thursday 29 October, 10am - 12noon. All donations will go to research into Motor Neurone Disease.

Come along and bring your family and friends. All ages are welcome. Let's thank our seniors for all they do to help in our community, and support the research into Motor Neurone Disease.

Hope to see you there!



### Operation Christmas Child

This year Glen Waverley Uniting Church is again participating in Operation Christmas Child.

*Operation Christmas Child is a unique project of Samaritan's Purse Australasia-Operation Christmas Child Limited that brings Good News and Great Joy to kids in need through a simple shoebox filled with gifts.*

*Every year, generous people, schools, churches and businesses pack shoeboxes with gifts. No matter how old or how young you are, get involved and make a difference to a child who has nothing. A shoebox is far more than just a gift ... it opens up a world of life-changing opportunities for the child, their family and their community."*

(From the website [www.operationchristmaschild.org.au](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.au))

Each shoebox is filled with a variety of simple gifts including something to wear, something to love, some things for school/drawing, something to play with, something special and something for personal hygiene. The shoeboxes are delivered to children in poor communities in South East Asia and the Pacific.

Brochures with further information and preprinted shoeboxes (or you can use your own) are now available from the Church Office during office hours.

For gift ideas you can visit: <http://www.samaritanspurse.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Shoebox-Gift-Ideas.pdf>

Please consider participating in this wonderful project. Filled shoeboxes can be dropped off at the Church Office between Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October. All the shoeboxes collected will be delivered to Operation Christmas Child on 30<sup>th</sup> October for delivery to the children for Christmas.

Have fun!

Kimberly Easton - 0410 708 824

## **Today - Music Showcase Fundraiser - Today**

### **Sunday 6 September at 2.30pm**

All are welcome to attend Glen Waverley Uniting Church today at 2.30pm where you will be treated to an afternoon of pleasant music. Jacob Davey and others are holding this event to support not for profit organisations working in Kenya and Uganda. Entry is by donation (suggested \$15 Adults and \$10 Concession). A light afternoon tea will follow.

## **Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea - Sunday 13 September**

All are welcome to join us at Glen Waverley Uniting Church at 2pm for an inter-church screening of "Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea". This is a 52-minute documentary looking at the circumstances and decisions that lead someone to become a 'boat person'. Light refreshments will be served following the video presentation.

For more details please view the webpage [deepblueseafilm.com](http://deepblueseafilm.com) or contact the Church Office.

## **Outreach Forum - Sunday 27 September**

All are invited to the next in our series of Outreach Forums to be held on Sunday the 27th September at 12noon, following the 11am service.

A representative from Opening Doors will be speaking on the vital work they do in the wider Melbourne area with those suffering from the effects of being homeless. Lunch will be provided including vegetarian and meat options, cost is \$5 at the door.

For catering purposes, please put your name on the form on the office counter if you would like to attend.

## **Bible Study 2015**

Faith Development Missional Group invite you to take part in a challenging Bible Study during the second half of 2015.

This will be taken from the New Seasons Study and will comprise six parts. The study asks us the following:

- Who is God calling us to become in this new season of the Uniting Church?
- What is it that God is trying to do in sending Jesus?
- What sort of leadership skills are needed to achieve a large scale change in your faith community's life?

"New Seasons" returns to the Scriptures to find new ways to communicate God's Good News.

We seek volunteers to lead several small groups over six study sessions during the latter part of 2015 or early 2016. The study can be viewed at <http://www.listeningpost.victas.uca.org.au/a-new-season>

If you are interested in being a small group leader please contact the Church Office on 9560 3580.

## **NewView Deadline**

The next issue of *NewView* will be available on the last Sunday of September. Our theme for this issue is 'Renewal'. Your contributions - reports, reflections, photos, anecdotes - about our shared journey of faith, whether related to the theme or not, will be welcomed until Monday 14 September.

Email to [popesr@aapt.net.au](mailto:popesr@aapt.net.au) or leave your contribution with Heather in the office.

Robin Pope

## **Name Badges**

If you have ordered a name badge recently please drop into the office and collect it ... we are expecting our order next week.

# FETE 2015

**6**  
**WEEKS**  
**TO GO!**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 8:30AM - 2:00PM**



Your contribution is needed - PLEASE consider how you might assist

**6 weeks to go, 6 ways to contribute NOW!:**

## 1. Plan to be part of the team

We need:

- **People who are fit, to assist in fetching and assembling tables and booths** and collecting donated items to be sold (trailers also needed). Could you get a day off work to be part of a friendly team? (set up on Thursday and Friday, cleanup on Saturday and final returns on Monday).
- **Everybody to sort and arrange items for sale on the Friday.** This is a mammoth task, and extra help is needed, particularly for the Trash and Treasure and Used Clothing.
- **Staff for the various stalls on Saturday.** Can you spare an hour (or more)?

Sign-up sheets will be available shortly, but please consider making yourself available on these days.

## 2. Donate items for the Silent Auction

New items, vouchers and gift certificates are sought for our popular Silent Auction. Cliff Baker would be delighted to hear from you if you have items which you are able to donate.

Enquiries: Cliff Baker 9802 8990

## 3. Spring clean, putting aside items to be sold

Don't forget to put aside items for our pre-loved clothing, books, and treasure (household items, electrical goods in good condition and small pieces of furniture). We are always grateful to receive your donations for the fete, but do ask that goods that are donated are in a sale-able condition. To dispose of items not sold is quite expensive, as we have to hire skips to do this. (Please deliver to the church on Friday 16th October. Collection from your home can be arranged).

## 4. Letterbox leaflets advertising the fete

We need 50 people who enjoy walking (and/or driving) to letterbox 13,000 leaflets. On the office counter there is a list of the people who delivered leaflets for last year's fete - please place a tick against your name if you are able to assist again, or cross out your name if you are unable to assist this year. We welcome new volunteers. If you can assist, please add your name to the list .

The leaflets will be available for collection from the church by Sunday 27 September for delivery over the following two weeks.

Enquiries: Ian McMillan 9511 5013 or 0431 710 239

## 5. Knit, stitch, or create for the Craft Stall

See Judith Greenwood or Laurel Muir for suggestions.

## 6. Pot some plants for the Plant Stall

See Andrew Hosking or Nick Dart for more information.



### Need More Information?

Murray Lowe	9885 8514
Sue Morgan	9560 8024
Cliff Baker	9802 8990