



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

SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - February 2016						
Time	February 7 Transfiguration of Jesus	February 14 Lent 1	February 21 Lent 2	February 28 Lent 3		
8.00 am	10am Combined Service Moderator Visit Safe Church Recognition Communion Ministry Team	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Rev Neil Peters Communion
9.15 am		Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters Worship Team	Rev Neil Peters	Alison Clarkson	Children & Families Camp Alanee Hearnshaw
11.00 am		Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters Communion	To Be Confirmed	Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9
4.30 pm		Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families	To Be Confirmed	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35
7.00 pm		-	-	-	To Be Confirmed	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13
Lectionary		Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)				
Liturgical Colour	White	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple

February 10: Ash Wednesday - Rev Neil Peters - 7:30pm in the Church
Readings: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

JANUARY

3 January	10am
10 January	10am
14 January	7.30pm
17 January	10am
24 January	10am
31 January	10am

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3 January	10am	Combined Service
10 January	10am	Combined Service
14 January	7.30pm	Rev Rosemary Carter - Induction Service
17 January	10am	Combined Service
24 January	10am	Combined Service
31 January	10am	Combined Service

FEBRUARY

2 February	10am	The Hub Resumes for 2016
7 February	10am	Combined Service - Moderator Visit followed by lunch
9 February	11.30am	Pancake Day
10 February	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service



Rosemary's Induction Service

into the Creswick-Clunes Cluster,
will be held on Thursday 14th January 2016
at 7:30pm
in St. Andrew's Uniting Church,
Ballarat Road (A300), Creswick

A light supper will follow.

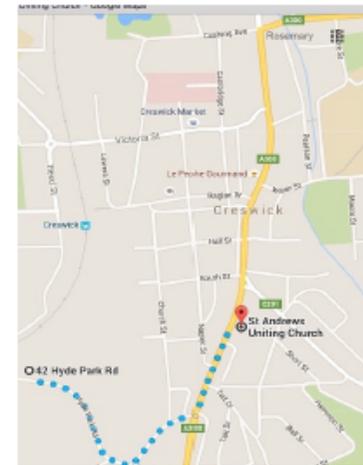
A Prayer for the New Year

God of time and of the Generations,
we give thanks for your goodness, grace and love,
and for your presence with us throughout our lives.
We give thanks for 2015 and acknowledge that you
have journeyed with us through times of great joy,
times of challenge, opportunity and dreams,
times of hope, times of struggle and sadness,
times of learning and growth, times of fun and laughter,
and times of mourning and loss.
The one constancy of 2015 is that you,
our faithful God, have walked with us.

God of hope and mercy, we pray that your Holy Spirit
will strengthen and guide each of us as we move into 2016.
Grant us, all that we will need in order to grasp the opportunities
and the challenges that lie before us.
Help us to live faithful lives, embodying the values of the Kingdom of
God.
When the opportunity presents during 2016, help us to be compassionate,
generous, merciful, seekers of justice and peace,
and people who are willing to live and share your gospel of love.
Lord, in the tough times walk closely with us.
In the good times walk closely with us.
Help us to be always thankful.
Lord, teach us humility and wisdom.
Grant us courage to live as dedicated followers of Jesus in 2016.

We offer this prayer through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

(Rev Neil Peters)



For any folk who may be traveling from Melbourne it
is 1hr 20mins by car.

Depending on approval of our renovation plans
we may be able to provide sustenance
at our 'country house'(!!!) [see map]
**Please RSVP Rosemary on 0431 286 285
by Sunday 10 January**

If you want a 'short stay' holiday,
there may be accommodation at:

RACV Goldfields Resort on the Ballarat Road,
Creswick (formerly Novotel Forest Resort)
The American Hotel
Creswick Calembeen Lake Caravan Park
OR Ballarat, 20 mins away

Eating places in Creswick on a Thursday evening are:

The American Hotel
Creswick Roast Takeout Restaurant
Bullseye's Pizza Cafe
Krackerjack's Fish & Chips and Fast Food
Farmers Arms Hotel and Restaurant

Ministry Team Leave

Some ministry team members will be taking leave over December and January. The dates of their time away are listed below.

Rev Neil Peters: 7 to 26 January.

Alanee Hearnshaw: 2 to 8 January.

Alison Clarkson: 22 to 30 January.

Heather Hon: 4 to 5 and 11 to 16 January.

During the time that Neil is away, Rev Dr Warren Bartlett will be available for any urgent matters that require a Minister of the Word. Warren is happy to be contacted by phone on 9802 8743. You are also welcome to contact the office at any time.

Advance Notice - Book Sale

As part of the Church fundraising this year, we will be again holding a Used Book Sale at the Church on Saturday March 5. Your donations of books are needed to repeat last year's success, so please remember the date and start putting aside books that you have read. For further information see Sue Morgan.

Name Tags

The latest order of name tags has arrived. If you have recently ordered a name tag, please visit the office during office hours to collect it. If you cannot drop in during office hours, but will be at church on Sunday, please phone the office and your name tag can be put in an envelope in the letter rack for collection.

Name tags are being held for: Pam Graham, Judy Lowe, Julianne Millsom, David Morgan, Jayne Pastyr, Dorothy Patrick, Tom Rose, Graeme Schober, Sunny, Cheryl Swain, Marion Wadsworth, Sarah Weiden and David Williams.

A Letter to the Congregation ...

Dear Friends,

The new year, 2016, has just begun. "Happy New Year".

Over the Christmas period I received a number of Christmas letters from friends and family outlining the highlights of their year. As I read each letter it almost felt like the person writing the letter was near me. I read of exciting mission work being undertaken in Lima, Peru, of a family in Mount Eliza walking beside a group of asylum seekers, and a priest who was elated, after many months battling illness, to be presenting the Children's Christmas service. Each letter spoke of hope and generosity. I began to wonder what I would write if I ever got around to writing a Christmas letter.

Do we take time to look back and celebrate the 'grace moments' experienced in the past year or do we rush onwards to make new year resolutions in the hope that 2016 will be different? What changes would we wish for to alter our lives? I've noticed recently I conclude emails with the words: 'grace, peace, love, joy, hope'. Perhaps that is what I quietly pray for as Chair of Council as I lead councillors forward into a new year. What is your prayer as you begin 2016?

Often I discover answers hidden in scripture; it may be a word, a phrase or a passage.

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight so that you may be able to discern what is best."

(Philippians 1:3-11)

To God be the glory.

Helen Stewart

(Chair of Church Council)

Another easy way to give to Glen Waverley Uniting Church

Technology impacts our lives in many ways every day. We now have smart phones, smart tablets, smart watches and smart users. The Glen Waverley Uniting Church wants to ensure you have many choices in how you support our work and outreach and we would like to make it easy for you to manage your gift.

We have introduced another way for you to give to us in addition to the Open Plate cash, Direct Credits, regular Envelopes by inviting you to use your phones, tablets or home computers at any time.

Instead of signing up for regular payments you may wish to make a direct deposit for whatever amount you feel you are able to contribute each week or at a time of your choice.

There is no need to complete any documents or forms, and you can do it at any time.

All we ask is that you describe your gift as “offering”, so that our accounts will correctly reflect your gift.

If this type of direct giving is attractive to you, please use ...

BSB: 033 052

Account: 922198

Account Name: Uniting Church Glen Waverley

If you would like to have a card to place into the offering plate during worship as a physical act of your giving, please talk to Heather Hon in the office.

Thank you for your gifts.

Finance Committee.

Free Spirit's New CD!

Free Spirit has a new CD currently in production. It will contain a great mix of songs ranging from Jazz to Contemporary Worship and Sacred Christmas pieces. The expected delivery date of the CD is February 2016.

Pre-order your copy now! Cost: \$20.

Enquiries: Deb Leigh 0411 778 417.

Inclusive Community Report

New Years Wishes: Our committee would like to wish you a Happy New Year. We look forward to arranging many special functions for you all in 2016.

Prayer Chain: If you have a prayer request and you don't want it placed in the prayer book, we do have a prayer chain. All requests for prayer are kept confidential and are only passed on to chain members. We don't need to know why you are requesting prayer, just a name is fine. If you need more information, contact Heather in the office, during office hours, or Beverly on 0417 359 779.

Lunch: We had a light lunch after the 11am service on Sunday 13 December. Some people attended the lunch and then stayed on for the Senior's Service.

Munch with a Bunch: Our Christmas lunch was held at the RSL on Sunday 20 December and about forty-three people enjoyed a time of fellowship together.

Diary Dates: Pancake Day will be on Tuesday 9 February (11.30am until 2.30pm). Come and enjoy some pancakes and tea or coffee provided by the Community Hub. Bring your friends and neighbours.

We will have a lunch after the 10am Combined Service when the Moderator visits on Sunday 7 February.

Our Next Meeting will be on Monday 11 January at 10.30am. This will be our planning meeting so if you have suggestions for activities, please let us know.

The Hub

The Hub will resume on Tuesday 2nd February.

If you would like to help at The Hub in 2016, please contact Judith on 9803 8373.