

# Glen Waverley

## Uniting Church

### Welcome

*GWUC is a faithful, Christ-centred community that meets God and shares that unconditional love*

#### SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - September 2016

September 4 Pentecost 16		September 11 Pentecost 17		September 18 Pentecost 18		September 25 Pentecost 19	
8.00 am	Rev Evan Laidlaw Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	10am Combined Service Moderator's Visit		Rev Neil Peters Communion	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw Rev Neil Peters
9.15 am	Rev Neil Peters Communion	To Be Confirmed	To Be Confirmed	Children & Families	Alanee Hearnshaw	Children & Families	Alanee Hearnshaw
11.00 am	Rev Neil Peters	Children & Families	Alanee Hearnshaw	Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1 Psalm 79:1-9 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31		
4.30 pm	Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families	Green	Green		
7.00 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw		
Lectionary	Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Psalm 14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10					
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		

### AUGUST

AUGUST		DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
7 August	12noon	Club 2016 Luncheon
14 August	12noon	Light Lunch
17 August	10am-12noon	Hub Cupcake Morning Tea for RSPCA
28 August	12noon	Outreach Forum
28 August	3pm-5pm	West Papua in Crisis - High Street Road

### SEPTEMBER

4 September	12noon	Club 2016 Luncheon
15 September	2pm	Inclusive Community Meeting
18 September	10am	Combined Service & Moderator's Visit
23 September	10am-3pm	Seniors Seminar





## **CUP CAKE DAY** for the **RSPCA** *SPECIAL MORNING TEA*

at **THE HUB** Glen Waverley Uniting Church  
cnr Bogong Ave & Kingsway  
on **Wednesday 17th August** from **10am - 12pm**

**All donations support the work of the**



### **ALL WELCOME**

*Please add your name to the list on the Office Counter if you are planning to attend. Thank you*



### **The Christian Church in the World (continued)**

The following prayer is based on 1 John 1:1-4.

God is unchangeable and eternal.

We know Him through His active presence with us.

God is at work, not only in creation, but in sustaining and rescuing that creation.

God, an active, living presence.

Thank you for all you do for us, Lord.

And for all you do for this restless world we live in.

For your love which holds and feeds us and gives us strength.

For your activity underlying the universe,  
gradually, patiently, working out your purposes,  
in spite of all we do to help!

Lord, there is a time for work,

and there's a time for waiting, a time to let your love soak in.

The trouble lies with us, Lord,

the way we substitute action for devotion

and hide from your view behind a declaration of doing,  
in a restless fever of activity.

But don't we have to share your love,  
share it with others?

And it isn't the only way to do something?

Then another question hits me:

if we don't have time for you,  
no time to be,

if we don't open ourselves to your love,  
unhurried, uncluttered,

then what do we have to share?

- From 'Disguises of love' by Eddie Askew

## The Christian Church in the World

**Copts Seek Justice as Violence escalates in Egypt:** Violence by Muslims against Egypt's indigenous Christian Copts is escalating. Police are reluctant to intervene against mob violence and perpetrators know they are guaranteed impunity. Once the damage is done, the Cops are ordered into 'reconciliation sessions' where the Muslims agree to end the violence in exchange for Christian guarantees that charges will be dropped. Now the Coptic Bishopric of Samalout city is taking a stand, insisting that reconciliation cannot occur before the rule of law is applied. How Muslims respond to this courageous and principled - albeit risky - stand remains to be seen. Meanwhile, Islamic State has claimed responsibility for the 30 June assassination of a Coptic priest in al-Arish, northern Sinai, saying Father Moussa (46) was killed for 'combating Islam'. Please pray for Egypt and its Church.

**Christians face elevated threat in Turkey:** The coup attempt of 15-16 July, along with the 'people's counter-coup' that put it down, has fuelled a dramatic escalation in conservative Islamic zeal and Islamo-Turkic nationalism. The threat facing non-Sunni Muslims and non-Muslims (Armenian, Assyrian and Greek Christians and Muslim converts) is now greatly elevated. Furthermore, the failed coup has empowered President Erdogan (a conservative Islamist) and provided him an opportunity to eliminate his opponents, tighten his grip on power, advance his personality cult and even further his dangerous Islamo-Turkic nationalism. The threat facing those suspected of being 'enemies of the state' - ie. Gulenists, Kemalists/secularists, non-Turks, non-Muslims - is now greatly heightened. The threat facing Turkey's Christians may be greater now than at any time since Kemal Ataturk abolished the Caliphate in 1924. Please pray for Turkey and its Church.

- From Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin

## A Letter to the Congregation

Dear Friends,

The Church Council is strongly committed to providing a 'Safe Church' for all. This includes a culture where relationships are based on co-operation, mutual respect, understanding and trust.

God invites us into relationship. In our ongoing relationships with God and with others, we strive together to love and serve, and build on the Ministry we are called to as a community here at Glen Waverley Uniting Church. We do this by listening to God and to each other and acting upon both. Sadly, this is not always the situation.

The regulations of the Uniting Church in Australia put the responsibility for disciplining members clearly in the hands of Church Council. We are working very thoroughly and very caringly through the process, keeping the welfare of those who have been hurt paramount.

Church Council will advise the Congregation of further developments as soon as we are able. We are very heartened by the overwhelming support expressed for Church Council.

Go in peace to love and serve our gracious Lord.

Helen Stewart  
Chair of Church Council

## Glen Waverley Inter Church Council

John Hurst and I represent you on this council. This group has representatives from some churches within the Glen Waverley/Mulgrave area and meets regularly. It is responsible for organising the Way of the Cross on Good Friday each year and ecumenical visitors in May/June.

Last Thursday, I attended the Monash multi faith gathering, at Monash Council. It was a very interesting meeting and included reports from three people (a Muslim, a Jew and a Christian) about a trip to Jerusalem. The tour party included others from these three faith groups and participants had the opportunity to worship, find out more about the faith and history of these groups and develop friendships. We also had a guest speaker - Rev Jenne Perlstein who spoke about Interfaith Ministry and inter-spirituality. In her talk, Jenne talked about the richness of many faiths and the spiritual paths that lead to a knowledge of a Divine Presence.

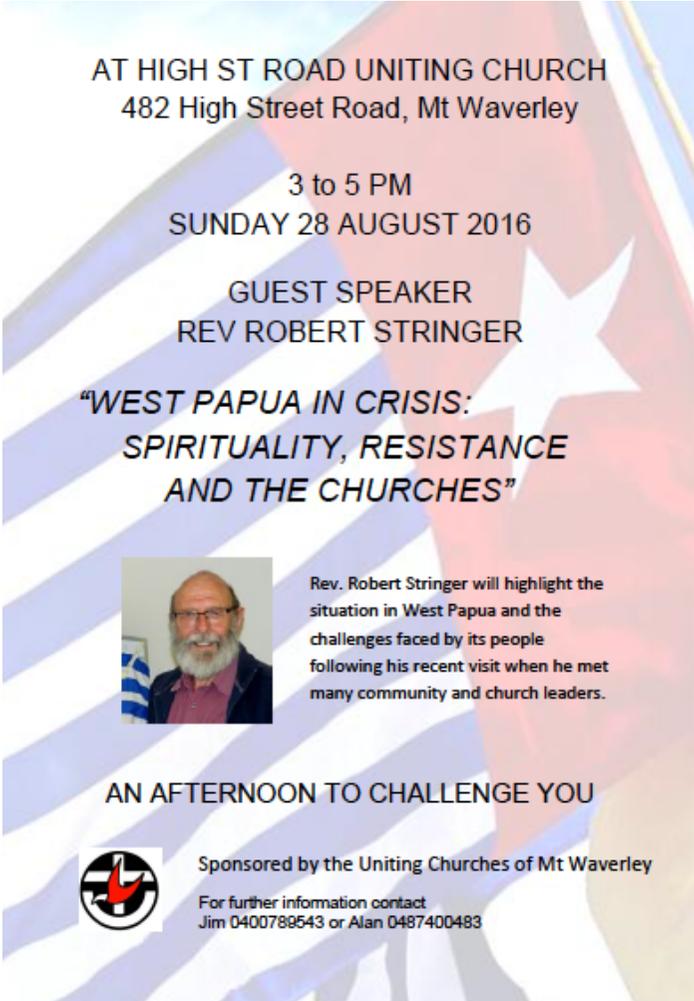
On 25 August, we will meet with representatives from Mount Waverley Inter church council to discuss events and issues which are important to both groups. If you have any questions or comments about this report or this council, please feel free to speak to John or me.

Jan Clear

## West Papua in Crisis: Spirituality, Resistance and the Churches

This is a special seminar organised by the Cluster Social Justice and Mission Committee of the Mt Waverley Uniting Churches. It will be held at High Street Road Uniting Church, 482 High Street Road, from 3.00 to 5.00pm on Sunday 28th August 2016. The speaker Rev. Robert Stringer is a Uniting Church minister. He will highlight the situation and challenges faced by the West Papuans following his recent visit when he met many community and church leaders. This will be an afternoon that will challenge us. Please stay for afternoon tea after the seminar.

For further information contact Jim 0400789543 or Alan 0487400483.



AT HIGH ST ROAD UNITING CHURCH  
482 High Street Road, Mt Waverley

3 to 5 PM  
SUNDAY 28 AUGUST 2016

GUEST SPEAKER  
REV ROBERT STRINGER

**"WEST PAPUA IN CRISIS:  
SPIRITUALITY, RESISTANCE  
AND THE CHURCHES"**



Rev. Robert Stringer will highlight the situation in West Papua and the challenges faced by its people following his recent visit when he met many community and church leaders.

AN AFTERNOON TO CHALLENGE YOU



Sponsored by the Uniting Churches of Mt Waverley

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## Aussie Sparks High Performance Junior Development

Hello - my name is Nicole.

I've been given the amazing opportunity to travel to America (LA and Hawaii) to play with the Aussie Sparks Softball team in September 2016. We get to train with top USA College coaches and play against top USA teams.

It's costing my parents quite a lot of money to fund this trip so I've decided to sell chocolates to help them out. The chocolates are only \$1 each, so please help me out and help me achieve my dream.

## Material Aid Offering - August

There will be no Material Aid Offering in August due to us supporting Rev Jools Hamilton's initiative with young Irish, Palestinians and Israelis.

Monday 8 August is the last opportunity to support this initiative by a cash donation at the office. (See the Weekly Bulletin for details.)

## Outreach Lunch Forum - 28 August - 12noon

We will hear from speakers Jacquie and Michael Tolhurst who recently returned from volunteering for a year in Nepal. Michael is a water engineer and Jacquie is a musician. Hear how the story unfolds when you go to Nepal to volunteer as a water engineer and 2 weeks after you arrive a major earthquake hits. Come and hear the story. Cost: \$5.

Please sign up on the list on the office counter for catering purposes.

## Ministry Team News

Alison Clarkson is on leave from Monday 11 July to Friday 9 September. In Alison's absence Elwyn Pederson is coordinating the ministry to seniors.

On Friday 12 August, Alanee will be attending an Intergen Ministry day at the Centre for Theology and Ministry.

From Tuesday 30 August to Friday 2 September Neil and Alanee will both be attending a Uniting Leadership Conference.

## New Bank Requirements

For those who make payments to Glen Waverley Uniting Church by cheque for any reason, could you please follow the new bank guidelines.

All cheques should be made out to Uniting Church Glen Waverley.

If you need to amend a cheque, each place you make a change needs to be signed.

If you make a change of words and figures and sign only once, the bank will not accept the cheque.

Many thanks for your assistance with this.



## Ministry to Seniors - Seniors Seminar - 23 September

### Inclusive Community Report

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

**Munch with a Bunch:** Our lunch was held on Sunday 24 July at the RSL and about forty-five people attended. We were given the function room upstairs this time and it was great to look at the changing scene of central Glen Waverley from a higher vantage point as we enjoyed fellowship together. Our next lunch will be on 25 September.

**Light Lunch:** We will be providing a light lunch on Sunday 14 August, after the 11am service. Rebecca, one of our young adults who attends that service, will be baptised/ confirmed on that day and she will be attending our lunch. Come and wish her well and enjoy a time of fellowship with her and others.

**English Classes** are going well, thanks to our willing volunteers (Thursdays at 11.15am in room 4). It has been exciting to have an attendance of between 11 and 16 (and have to put up an extra table.) Thanks to Glenda for joining our band of volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to be a class helper in term 3, please ring Heather or Wendy in the office and leave your contact details. I will get back to you.

**Pastoral Partners Workshop:** Our next workshop will be held on Sunday 23 October at 1.15pm, following a light lunch. If you are a pastoral partner or would like to find out more, please put this date in your diary.

**Medical Forms:** We are still collecting medical forms. If you have one at home that you have forgotten to return, please fill it out and return it to the office. We will distribute the next group of forms shortly. If you would like to fill out a form now rather than waiting for a letter, there is a copy of the medical form on the Wiki.

**Our next meeting** will be on Thursday 15 September at 2pm in room 1. If you have suggestions for activities, please let us know.

Jan Clear



Ministry to Seniors invite you to the next Seniors Seminar which will be held on Friday 23 September (from 10am to 3pm) at Glen Waverley Uniting Church.

The Theme for this year's seminar is "Health and Safety for Seniors".

Sessions include:

- Being a Safe Church
- Seniors Fire Safety
- Arthritis Management (Muscles, bones and joint health)
- Armchair Exercises

The cost is \$10 which includes morning tea and lunch.

Contact Elwyn Pederson or the Church Office for enquiries and application forms.