



Glen Waverley

Uniting Church

SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - October 2016							
Time	October 2 Pentecost 20	October 9 Pentecost 21	October 16 Pentecost 22	October 23 Pentecost 23	October 30 Pentecost 24		
8.00 am	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	10am Combined Service Ministry Team	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Rev Brace Bateman Communion		
9.15 am	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Rev Neil Peters		Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Rev Neil Peters	
11.00 am	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters		Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Rev Neil Peters	
4.30 pm	School Holidays	Children & Families		Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families	
7.00 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw		Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	
Lectionary	Lamentations 1:1-16 Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19		Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5 Luke 18:1-8	Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 8:9-14	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10	Green
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	

Welcome

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

SEPTEMBER

4 September
4 September
15 September
18 September
23 September

12noon
2.30pm
2pm
10am
10am-3pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Club 2016 Luncheon
Free Spirit Concert
Inclusive Community Meeting
Combined Service & Moderator's Visit
Seniors Seminar

OCTOBER

2 October
9 October
15 October
16 October
27 October

12noon
2.30pm
8.30am-2pm
10am
10am

Club 2016 Luncheon
Seniors Service
Church Fete
Combined Service
Seniors Morning Tea at The Hub



Ministry to Seniors - Seniors Seminar - 23 September



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.

The Christian Church in the World

Sudan: War and Famine, Impunity and EU funding - The Government of Sudan's genocidal jihad against the Christian Nuba of South Kordofan has now entered its sixth year. Heavy aerial bombardment of residential and farming areas in the Nuba Mountains has forced thousands to flee. Those who remain, as the rain sets in, now closing roads, face serious food insecurity. An EU deal providing Khartoum with \$112 million to help curb migration - regardless of human rights - will doubtless embolden the regime which will read the move as a green light to escalate war and persecution. In this context we learn that imprisoned Sudanese Church of Christ leaders, Kwa Shamaal and Hassan Abdelrahim Tawor, may both be facing 'national security charges' carrying the death penalty. Please pray Psalm 10 for Sudan. Please pray for Sudan's oppressed and persecuted Christians.

Christians gravely imperilled in Aleppo, Syria - The battle for Aleppo is about to escalate. In late July Syrian government and loyalist forces severed the supply-line into rebel-held eastern Aleppo. They besieged the rebel stronghold while opening humanitarian corridors so that civilians and surrendering fighters might leave. With rebels calling the escape routes a trap, most chose to stay. On 31 July the rebels launched a counter-offensive in south-western Aleppo and by 6 August had broken through the siege. Western media are applauding what is actually a major victory for al Qaeda in Syria. The rebels are fighting with the al-Qaeda-led Jaysh al-Fatah and are threatening to take their jihad into government-held western Aleppo and to capture the whole city. This is home to some 40,000 remnant Christians and home to over a million loyalists. The humanitarian situation is deteriorating: electricity is limited, the main water supply line has been cut so that water, food, fuel and medicine are all scarce. Despite this dire situation, churches in government-held western Aleppo continue to serve, taking in thousands of newly displaced Muslim and Christian families and distributing thousands of meals daily across the city. Meanwhile, Russia is working to leverage co-operation from Turkey. If successful, this will be a game-changer, as the jihadists in northern Syria could not survive without Turkish support. Syrian Christians are praying that 'the will for peace' prevails over 'the will for war'. Please pray for Syria and its churches.

From Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin

"Words of prayer have the quality of always being words of commitment" - like the Good Samaritan.

"Lord, help me:

When I pray for peace, help me not to create dissension.

When I pray for my neighbour, stir me up to help him.

When I pray "Your Kingdom come" inspire me to share in its building."

Eddie Askew, Leprosy Mission Int.



Operation Christmas Child

This year Glen Waverley Uniting Church is again joining in Operation Christmas Child, a Project of Samaritan's Purse, and we invite you to participate.

"Shoebox gifts are for kids in need, regardless of their background or religious belief. Each shoebox is a gift of love that tells a child they are not forgotten."

Each shoebox is filled with a variety of simple gifts and delivered to children in developing countries for Christmas.

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: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Please consider participating in this wonderful project with your family. Filled shoeboxes can be dropped off at the Church Office (after the Fete) between Monday 17th and Thursday 27th October. The shoeboxes collected will be delivered to Operation Christmas Child on 28th October for delivery to the children for Christmas.

Have fun!

Enquiries: Kimberly Easton 0410 708 824.

NewView Deadine - September Issue

The next issue of NewView will be on the last Sunday of September. Our theme for this issue is "compassion". Your contributions - reflections, photos, anecdotes - about our shared journey of faith, and how it relates to our theme will be welcomed until 5pm Friday September 16. Also, any reports of activities at GWUC in the last three months are encouraged, to keep us all informed of what is happening in our community.

Email to popesr@aapt.net.au or leave your contribution with the Church Office.

A Letter to the Congregation

Dear Friends,

"As disciples of Jesus we walk between time and eternity...we identify who we are by how we move." (Every Step a Prayer: Walking as Spiritual Practice: Thomas Hawkins)

Hope reveals who we are as a community of faith, because hope can be seen as an attitude of Christian faith. Each of us has faith in what we hope for.

"Now faith is the assurance of what is hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1).

According to Leonard Doohan in his book 'Courageous Hope', hope reveals who we are. What about God's rhythm, for God is continually on the move, and Isaiah identifies that the essence of Israel's God is movement. We can't make a static image of a God who is continually in motion. Instead we must move our attention from ourselves and focus on the direction of God's energy.

We can look for the signs of the Spirit working amongst us. As we lift our eyes away from ourselves we can glimpse what the Spirit is doing in gathering us to thirst for authenticity in discipleship and faith. We have heard it said that we actually do not learn from experience, rather we learn by reflecting on experience.

Christ our hope.

Helen Stewart

Chair of Church Council

Thanks from Nicole

Thanks to everyone who supported me by buying chocolates from the Church Office or last Sunday. In total I sold 3 1/2 boxes which have helped my fund raising efforts.

I leave for my Softball Trip on 21 September.

Thanks again for all your help.

Nicole Irvine.



SENIORS' MORNING TEA

老年人早茶

Thursday 27th October 2016
10.00 am to 12.00 noon



Come & share morning tea in honour of
our seniors who help in our community

ALL AGES WELCOME

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**All donations to research into
Motor Neurone Disease**

Glen Waverley Uniting Church

cnr Bogong Avenue & Kingsway, Glen Waverley

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

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.

Light Lunch: We will be providing a light lunch on Sunday 11 September, after the 11am service. Join us for a time of fellowship with other members of the congregation.

Moderator's Visit: We are looking forward to the Moderator's visit on Sunday 18 September. There will be a combined service at 10am, followed by lunch. We hope that you can join us on this special day. Lunch: \$4.

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 4, 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. 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. Some people have said that they would like to carry medical emergency cards in their wallets or purses, instead of filling out forms. If this is what you want to do, please make sure that your card is easily accessible, in your bag or wallet, in case it is needed in an emergency.

Transport: We are are looking for someone who may be available to provide transport (to church) for a lady who lives in Highvale Retirement Village. If you are able to help, please contact Heather or Wendy in the office.

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.

Material Aid Offering - Sunday 11 September

Sarah Blakemore is studying a Bachelor of Education Primary at ACU and will be going to the Solomon Islands in November to complete her teaching placement. She and 19 other students will be teaching at either Bishop Epalle on the island of Guadalcanal or PAPOSI on the island of Savo, which are both schools who don't have many resources. Therefore, they will be taking over resources to use whilst teaching and to leave once they have finished.

If you would like to donate anything for her to take there is a list of suggested items below.

Things that can be donated (new):

- Reading materials (especially for upper primary - like children's fiction)
- Coloured pencils, textas, crayons
- Art supplies (paints, glitter, anything really)
- Sporting equipment (and team bibs)
- Maths counters and other similar teaching resources
- Scissors / glue (and other stationery materials)

Don't need exercise books as they can be purchased where they are.

Thanks for your support!

Sarah Blakemore

A West Papuan Three-Course Dinner

Come and enjoy a West Papuan three-course dinner. There will be entertainment by musicians from the Melanesian community and guest artists. Guest speaker is Dr Robert Wolfgramm, Melanesian Sociologist and Biblical scholar.

Date: Saturday 8 October, 2016.

Time: 5.45pm - 9pm.

Venue: St Luke's Uniting Church, 94 Essex Road, Mt Waverley.

Cost: \$25.00

All funds raised will advance advocacy for self determination and social justice.

For more information phone Faye (0402 553 147) or David (9807 5297).

Many Thanks ...

Below are some extracts from a letter received from Lindsay & Margaret Harmer recently.

Our dear Friends,

My husband Lindsay and I would like to thank you most sincerely for your warm card of congratulations when we were both awarded the OAM in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours.

We were the Australian founders of The Compassionate Friends Bereaved Parent Support organisation throughout Australia in 1978, after the death of our only son Rhys (11) in a road accident. We are so grateful that bereaved parents now have supportive and caring groups all throughout Australia.

We have had a long association with Glen Waverley Uniting Church and were at the very first meeting to establish such a church at Jean Young's home in 1952 ... such a long time ago. Lindsay was the very first chemist in the whole city of Monash / Waverley.

Thank you so much for your caring and kindness. Your words meant a great deal to us.

Office Arrangements - Monday 19 to Monday 26 September

Heather will be on leave from Monday 19 to Monday 26 September. During this time the office will be open and staffed by both Wendy Pepper and Steph Lohning. Details of opening times are as follows:

Monday 19 September - Thursday 22 September - Wendy - 9.30am to 3pm

Friday 23 September - Steph - 9.30am to 3pm

Monday 26 September - Steph - 9am to 5pm

Please also note in your diaries that the office will be closed on Friday 30 September as this has been gazetted a Public Holiday for the AFL Grand Final.

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.

FETE

OCTOBER 15
8:30-2:00



HOW
CAN YOU
HELP?

A whole-church activity where everyone can be part of the fun
PLEASE consider how you might assist

6 Weeks to go, 6 Ways to help 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)?
- **Lots of people to assist in the clean-up** starting at 2pm on the Saturday. Can you pack unsold clothing to go to Broadmeadows? Are you able to assist with some of the heavier moving? Every little bit helps!

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 to donate.

Enquiries: Cliff Baker 9802 8990

3. Spring clean, putting aside items to be sold

Clear out the clutter! Please put aside:

- clothing in good condition for our pre-loved clothing.
- books
- treasure (household items, electrical goods and small pieces of furniture).

We are always grateful to receive your donations for the fete, but ask that they are in a sale-able condition as disposing of items not sold is very expensive.

(Please deliver to the church on Friday 14th October. Collection can be arranged).

4. Lend a Marquee

Do you have a car-tent or similar which we could borrow to provide protection for the used clothing's outdoor merchandise? Sue would love to talk to you!

5. Knit, stitch, and create for the Craft Stall

6. Pot plants from your garden

Great News!

Barry Plant Real Estate have offered, in addition to providing the billboards, to print and distribute the 13,000 leaflets which we have letterboxed advertising the fete - so walkers will not be needed. Thank you to all who would have volunteered!



Need More Information?

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