

Glen Waverley

Uniting Church

Welcome

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

SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - December 2016						
Time	December 4 Advent 2	December 11 Advent 3	December 18 Advent 4	December 24 Christmas Eve	December 25 Christmas Day	
8.00 am	Rev Evan Laidlaw Communion	Peter Baker Communion	Rev Neil Peters Communion	7.30pm Christmas Eve Children & Families	8.30am Christmas Service Ministry Team	10.00am Christmas Service Ministry Team
9.15 am	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters			
11.00 am	Rev Neil Peters Alison Clarkson	Rev Neil Peters	Uniting Voices Carol Service	11.00pm Christmas Eve Young Adults		
2.30 pm	-	Seniors Service Alison Clarkson	-			
4.30 pm	Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families			
7.00 pm	Alancee Hearnshaw	Alancee Hearnshaw	Carols on Kingsway TBC			
Lectionary	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7,18-19 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12 Luke 1:26-38	Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11 Matthew 1:18-25	Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25 Luke 2:1-20	Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14, (15-20) Luke 2:1-20	Isaiah 62:6-12 Psalm 97 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20 Isaiah 9:6-7	White
Liturgical Colour	Purple	Purple	Purple	White	White	White

NOVEMBER

9 November	7pm
10-15 November	All day
11 November	7.30pm
12 November	9am-2pm
13 November	All services
13 November	12noon
27 November	10am
28-30 November	10am-12pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9 November	Christian Perspectives on Treaty Forum
10-15 November	Getaway to Healesville
11 November	"More than Godspell"
12 November	Hilltop Market
13 November	Monthly Material Aid Offering
13 November	Light Lunch
27 November	Combined Service followed by Lunch
28-30 November	HUB Children's Christmas Photos

DECEMBER

6 December	7.30pm	Remembrance Service
8 December	10am-12pm	HUB Christmas Morning Tea
11 December	2.30pm	Seniors Carol Service



Getaway [get-a-wei] noun

1. place for relaxing, away from home. 2. a short holiday

YOU ARE INVITED...

The 'Getaways' are members of our congregation who enjoy a relaxed time away together in caravans, cabins and tents - ALL are invited to join them.

For our next Getaway we will be going to Healesville and staying at the **Big 4 Yarra Valley Park Lane Holiday Park**

(www.parklaneholidayparks.com.au/yarravalley).

10th to 15th November, 2016.

We would be delighted if you are able to join us for the day on Saturday 12th November. Come for lunch (BYO), explore the region in the afternoon or sit around at camp and chat, then stay for a shared meal in the evening (bookings required). Please RSVP to j.boldiston@bigpond.com if you will be joining us.

Of course if you are able to stay for the whole weekend - we would love to see you! Please call the park directly on 5962 4328 to check availability.

*Come when you can -
leave when you must...*

Happy Camping

Joanne Boldiston

j.boldiston@bigpond.com

0438 413 964

Advance Notice: Our Autumn 2017 Getaway will be to Warragul from 16th to 21st March 2017 - staying at Warragul Gardens Holiday Park, 44 Burke Street, Warragul. Phone: 5623 2707.

**BYO chairs, craft,
crosswords, conversation
& comfortable walking
shoes!**

The Christian Church in the World

Oppression - and a Win - for the Church in Russia:

On 5 September a St Petersburg court found Archbishop Zhuravlev of the Reformed Orthodox Church of Christ the Saviour guilty of illegal missionary activity; he was fined. On 10 September two Americans were arrested for worshipping at Kaluga's Word of Life Pentecostal church; they were fined but not deported. On 17 September police arrested participants at a Pentecostal youth conference in Samara; all were later released. On 23 September, in a win for common sense and justice, a district court in Orenburg Province decided in favour of Pastor Demkin of the Church of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (EKHB), rejecting the ridiculous charges brought against him by the prosecutor's office. As had quickly become evident, the Baptist church's summer programs for children have overwhelming community support. Please pray for Russia and its Christians.

New Regulations Herald Dark Days for China's Church:

On 8 September China's ruling Communist Party (CCP) released a draft of new 'Regulations on Religious Affairs'. Friday 7 October was the final day for public comment before the law would come into effect. The regulations give the CCP total control over religions nation-wide, purportedly on national security grounds. Unregistered religious activity will no longer be tolerated, registered churches will be heavily restricted and all building will be tightly regulated. Furthermore, when the Ministry of Justice's amended 'Administrative Measures for Law Firms' come into effect on 1 November, China's lawyers will be banned from speaking publicly about human rights abuses. So not only will the Church be without freedom, it is destined to be without lawyers to advocate for it. May God intervene in China and build his Church.

From Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin.

The Church needs prayer, for strength, for boldness, and for wisdom to engage at the right level. Our students and graduates serve God in tough environments. They need the prayer support of the global body of Christ for God's grace to uphold them, empower them and protect them. From the Churches in Australia as well as from Lebanon.

From the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, Lebanon.

More than **GODSPELL**

songs of Stephen Schwartz

First the Old ... then the New



with the bad ... and the good

A collection of songs from these shows by Stephen Schwartz
performed by Diamond Valley Singers with Ian Lowe, keyboard

Friday Nov 11, 7:30

Glen Waverley Uniting Church, Kingsway Glen Waverley

\$20 or \$15 (concession) at the door

includes tea, coffee, biscuits at interval. Park in the multi-level car park nearby

Enquiries: president@dvsingers.org

The Diamond Valley Singers are performing at Glen Waverley Uniting Church on Friday 11 November at 7.30 pm. This performance involves a talented cast of about 15 members. The Church Council has decided that our church's half of the proceeds will go to supporting young people going to NCYC in January 2017. This will be a great night to invite family and friends for excellent entertainment. Tickets available at the door.

A Letter to the Congregation

Dear Friends,

When we focus on what is the purpose of the Church we soon realise that we are engaged in God's transforming mission. As we worship, witness and serve we are renewed in faith, hope, love and joy. When it comes to witnessing, Christians commit their lives to loving God and serving others. Two recent examples:

Many members of the congregation came together again this year to run another highly successful fete. Thank you to everyone who helped in the lead up and on the day of the fete for your time, effort and enthusiasm. A special thank you to the organising committee: Murray, Sue and Cliff for an outstanding job. We are blessed to be able to help the COP fund recipients in this way.

At this time of year the convenors of our various groups make their plans and submit their budgets for next year to the finance committee who work very hard to produce a combined church annual budget. Ashley as Treasurer is responsible for overseeing this process and a great deal of work goes into creating the budget. This is a good time to thank the finance committee for their diligence.

May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13).

Helen Stewart - Chair of Church Council

Greetings - from Diana Thorpe

I would like to thank the Glen Waverley Congregation for your help and prayer support over many years to me and my family.

I am now in an independent living unit at Strathdon and attend Chapel Services here on Sundays.

I hope to see you from time to time at special services.

Best wishes for the Christmas season.

Diana Thorpe.



Join us for this special
Christmas Morning Tea

欢聚一起 享用早点 共贺圣诞



EVERYONE WELCOME
欢迎大家参加

Where: THE HUB
Glen Waverley Uniting Church
Cnr Bogong Avenue & Kingsway
When: Thursday 8th December 2016
Time: 10 am to 12 noon

*Donations will be given to needy families
in our community*

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

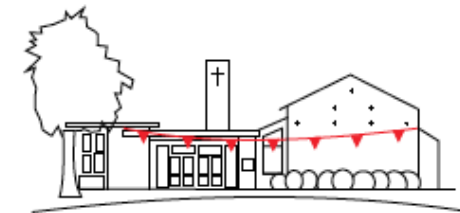
A COMMUNITY EVENT HELD SINCE 1993

HILLTOP MARKET

SATURDAY

12 NOVEMBER 2016

9am - 2pm



CAKES
CRAFT
PLANTS
BOOKS



JEWELLERY

WHITE ELEPHANT

GOURMET FOODS

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

SAUSAGES/BURGERS

JUMPING CASTLE

FRAMES & PAINTINGS



LOTS OF FUN!



High Street Road Uniting Church
Mount Waverley

482 High St Road Mt Waverley - Cnr Stewart St
Melway 61 G12



Church Christmas Lunch

An invitation to all members of the Church Family, young and old, to a sit down Christmas meal together in the hall.

**Sunday 27th November 2016
12pm to 2pm**

The meal will consist of chicken (1/4 for adults and 1/8 for children) with potato, vegetables, gravy, dessert, soft drink, tea or coffee.

Bookings are essential as seating is limited.
Please fill in the form below and return to
Judith & Warren Greenwood, Laurel & John Muir,
or the church office by Sunday 20th November.
Any queries please call the office on 95603580.

Cost Adults \$12 & Children (Primary School) \$6

Church Christmas Lunch

Sunday 27th November 2016 - 12pm to 2pm

Name -
Telephone No. -
No. of Adults - No. of Children -
Any special dietary needs? E.g. vegetarian, gluten free
.....
Total money enclosed \$

Please fill in this form and return it with your money to
Warren & Judith Greenwood, Laurel & John Muir or the church office by
Sunday 20th November.

Cost Adults \$12 Children (Primary School) \$6.

Inclusive Community Report

Prayer Support Group: If you have a prayer request and 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 on to 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 Jan on 0419 589 175.

Light Lunch: We will be providing a light lunch on Sunday 13 November after the 11am service (next week). We hope that you can join us.

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). If you would like to volunteer as a class helper or a leader during term 1 next year, please ring Heather or Wendy, in the office, and leave your contact details. I will get back to you.

Pastoral Workshop: Our pastoral workshop was held on Sunday 23 October, following our light lunch. Rev Tom Rose was our guest speaker and 14 people joined us for the session. It was informative and we plan to do a follow-up session early next year. I will be contacting visitors, pastoral partners and pastoral support people shortly to confirm lists of people whom they contact.

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. If you are a group leader and you have not received a letter from me telling you about procedures in an emergency, would you please give your details, including the name of the group, to Heather or Wendy and they will pass the information on to me.

Munch with a Bunch will be held on Sunday 18 December in the hall. You should receive your letter soon.

Our Youngest Members: Last Sunday we welcomed Rebecca and Peter Cornall's baby daughter Ayla Grace to worship at 9.15am. She was two weeks old. Congratulations to Rebecca, Peter, Oliver and Charlotte.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 14 December at 9.30am. If you have suggestions for activities, please let us know as we will be planning our program for next year.

GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH
Ministry to Seniors



You are invited to join us for a Carol Service
on

Sunday 11 December 2016 at 2.30pm
Free Spirit will lead the singing

ALL ARE WELCOME

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes;
we will make him welcome.

Cake and shortbread will be served after the service.

CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES ON TREATY, SOVEREIGNTY AND CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION

AN ECUMENICAL FORUM

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Mr. Stuart McMillan, President, Uniting Church in Australia
Rev. Ken Sumner, Ngarrindjeri man and Victorian State Director, Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress

PANEL SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Brooke Prentis,
a descendant of the Waka Waka people, Salvation Army;
Vicki Clark, Mutthi Mutthi / Wemba Wemba woman, previous co-ordinator Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Melbourne and Member Interim Treaty working party Victoria;
Rev. Glen Loughrey, Wiradjuri man, artist and priest-in-charge of St Oswald's Anglican Church in Melbourne; Adam Frogley, Taungarong/Woi-Wurrung man from the Yarra Valley region of Victoria. Adam will give a grass roots perspective.

EMCEE:

Rev. Alistair Macrae, Minister, Wesley Uniting Church
Come and hear the wisdom and perspectives from indigenous leaders and Church leaders from within our Churches.

Open to anyone to attend – please bring your questions for the Q&A!

RSVP ESSENTIAL: <http://bit.ly/VCCCTreaty> or by phoning 9251 5266

WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 7^{PM}-9^{PM} (6.45^{PM} REGISTRATIONS)
WESLEY UNITING CHURCH, 148 LONSDALE STREET, MELBOURNE

Hosted by
 **Victorian**
Council of Churches

**Social Questions
Commission**

Monthly Material Aid Offering to support Welfare Committee

- Sunday 13 November.

On behalf of Glen Waverley Uniting Church, and through your generosity, the Welfare Committee is able to provide practical, spiritual and emotional support to those in our church and in the wider community who seek our assistance.

Primarily our focus is on day to day living expenses and the general independent functioning of individuals and families.

Following an assessment, we are able to provide Supermarket Vouchers (subsidised through UCA's Share Program) together with food donations we receive from the congregation. Those we see are encouraged to access existing community resources including those within our church.

You are respectfully reminded that Sunday 13 November has been allocated as 'Material Aid Offering' day with this month's focus on the work of the Welfare Committee.

Non-perishables such as breakfast cereals, long life milk, canned fruit, soups, meals etc; tea, coffee, Milo, biscuits etc are all appreciated as well as toothpaste and brushes, soap, washing powders.

Cleaning and Lawn Mowing Rosters 2017

We are currently preparing the cleaning and mowing rosters for 2017.

Church cleaning and lawn mowing are carried out by volunteers. Four teams of 2 people clean a part of the complex each week and mow lawns as required by the season, taking no more than 2 hours.

Unfortunately our ageing group of volunteers continues to be depleted and the number of duties per person will need to increase beyond 4 a year unless we gain some new recruits.

If you are among the younger members of the congregation (under 70!) please consider whether you could give a couple of hours sometime on a Friday evening or Saturday morning 4 times a year in 2017 to help keep our church tidy.

Please put your name on the list on the office counter if you can help. Existing volunteers need not list; we will assume you are available again in 2017 unless you have already advised or note otherwise on the list.

If you require further information please phone Herb Fleming on either 9887 8620 or mobile 0407 516 827 or email fleminghe@optusnet.com.au.



Children's Christmas Photos - November 28, 29 and 30

Help your children or grandchildren to remember the real reason we celebrate Christmas - the birth of baby Jesus.

Come along to The Hub at the Glen Waverley Uniting Church on Monday 28 November, Tuesday 29 November or Wednesday 30 November between 10am and 12noon, and let your children or grandchildren dress up, be a part of the Christmas story, and have their photo taken for free. Dress ups will be available to use for Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise men or angels.

Photos taken on these days will be available for collection on Thursday 8 December between 10am and 12noon.



COMMUNITY HUB

Community Hub Report

Playgroup: The four playgroups continue to be happy and very busy.

Overall, 117 children attended in term 2, and enquiries are still constant. Overcrowding is becoming an issue, especially as many children are accompanied by two grandparents, newly arrived from China, who find GWUC playgroups a welcoming place in which to find support and make friends.

Leadership is becoming a problem. We are grateful for the wonderful service of the two leaders who are leaving us at the end of the year. Two other leaders are currently unavailable due to personal and family illness. Two more morning tea helpers are also needed.

Each group started happily this term, despite wet weather!

Kaye Mackinnon - Coordinator

Leisure Time: Leisure Time is continuing with its successful year. There have been two new members with a possible third together with two new volunteers. Two outings have been held, one to the Dandenong Club for lunch and the other to Morning Melodies with morning tea and lunch at the Lilydale Hotel. Both of these outings were greatly enjoyed by all in attendance. Leisure Time will be represented at the forthcoming Seniors Expo on 22nd October to be held at the Monash Council offices.

Laurel Muir

Coote: This small group continues to enjoy companionship at lunchtime and a game of Scrabble. New friends welcome.

Geraldine Fleming

The Hub: The Hub continues to bring many people into our church each week who are looking for support in different ways. Relationships are growing stronger with the visitors to The Hub who come regularly. Many visitors from the wider community feel at home in our church and like to sit and talk with GWUC members, so why not drop in one day, and have a chat.

Our next special morning tea will be our Christmas Morning Tea at The Hub on Thursday 8th December, 10am - 12noon. All donations will go to support needy families in our community. You are all welcome to join in this event, so come along, bring your family and friends, enjoy some good company, good food, and help support needy families in our community.

Some of our Hub Volunteers are not able to continue helping in 2017. To these people we say *"Thank you very much for all that you have done to help our many visitors to The Hub over the years. Your help has been very much appreciated."*

If you would like to help at The Hub by just talking, listening and enjoying a cuppa with others, please contact Judith on 9803 8373. We would love some new volunteers or emergency volunteers.

Judith Greenwood.