



# Glen Waverley

## Uniting Church

### Welcome

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

SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - February 2017						
Time	February 5 Epiphany 5	February 12 Epiphany 6	February 19 Epiphany 7	February 26 Transfiguration of Jesus		
8.00 am	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Alanee Hearnshaw	Rev Neil Peters Communion
9.15 am	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw
11.00 am	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Children & Families	Children & Families
4.30 pm	Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families Camp	Children & Families
7.00 pm	Chinese New Year	Youth Retreat TBC	Youth Retreat TBC	Youth Retreat TBC	Children & Families	Children & Families
Lectionary	Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12) Psalm 112:1-9 (10) 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16) Matthew 5:13-20	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 Psalm 119:33-40 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-25 Matthew 5:38-48	Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 or Psalm 99 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9		
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green	Green	White	White

### JANUARY

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1 January	10am	Combined Service
8 January	10am	Combined Service
11 January	10am	Star Making Day
15 January	10am	Combined Service
16-21 January	10am - 4pm	Historical Clothing Display
22 January	10am	Combined Service
29 January	10am	Combined Service
31 January	10am	The Hub resumes

### FEBRUARY

28 February	11.30am	Pancake Day
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## **Ministry Team - Movements after Christmas**

Alison Clarkson will be working throughout December and January.

Neil Peters is working till 1 January then taking a bigger break than normal from 2 January returning 30 January refreshed for an exciting 2017.

Alanee will be on leave 28 December to 6 January, taking a group from our church to NCYC from 7 January to 15 January and then will be on study leave from 16 January to 20 January.

Alison will be able to call on Rev Dr Warren Bartlett, Rev Evan Laidlaw and Rev Tom Rose for any significant pastoral matters or funerals as required. We thank these ministers for their willing support.

## **Office Closure**

The Church Office will be closed from Monday 26 December and re-open on Tuesday 10 January. Normal office hours will resume on Monday 16 January.

Office Shut - Monday 26 December to Monday 9 January

Office Open Short Hours - Tuesday 10 January - 10am to 2pm, Wednesday 11 January - 10am to 2pm, Thursday 12 January - 9.30am to 5pm, Friday 13 January - 10am to 2pm

Office Open Normal Hours from Monday 16 January

## **January Worship Services**

A reminder that during January there will be one combined worship service each week at 10am.

Our usual services will commence on February 5.

## **Eco Task Group Report - Outreach Forum on Climate Change**

Last November we were fortunate to have David Karoly talk to an outreach forum on the topic of climate change and the environment. Omitting the post-truth perspective, the evidence is now clear that man-made climate change is affecting us now, and has the potential to cause dramatic changes to our world unless we collectively take action. There is no point in debating that any longer, but there is a reasonable and sensible debate to be had about what actions and priorities should be followed. David's presentation challenged us to think about this from the perspective of the values we hold, and to look for courses of action that provide benefits simultaneously to our community, our economy, the environment and perhaps ourselves. As Christians we know full-well that despite many of the problems in life appearing overwhelming, we can individually make a difference by the things that we do and control. Maybe we can be more thoughtful and careful about how we use energy, maybe we can express our concerns to those who develop public policy in government, and the list goes on.

ECO-TIP: Did you know that all those disposable batteries that populate the gadgets in our home can be recycled? The City of Monash has a battery recycling facility at its waste collection point in Ferntree Gully Road, near Blackburn Road (380 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill). There is no charge for dropping off batteries. Why not collect them in a box or bag and every now and again drop them off for recycling? (Please be careful that you don't allow connections of batteries to be shorted-out and please keep button cells away from the reach of young children.) The batteries used in the church sound systems are collected for recycling, and you can do the same.

Batteries can also be placed in a bin at the Council offices near the church.

## **Historical Clothing Display**

There will be a display of Historical Women's Clothing in the St Johns Hall, Virginia Street, Mount Waverley, from the 16 to 21 January, with opening times from 10am to 4pm each day. This is a rare opportunity to see original historical clothing outside of a museum or gallery.

An entry fee applies. Please phone 9457 2780 for further information.

## **Important Dates for your New Calendar**

As you look ahead to next year, be sure to add these dates to your Calendar:

- Book Fair - Saturday March 4 from 8.30am till 1pm
- Fete - Saturday October 21 from 8.30am till 2pm

Your assistance in setup, serving on the day, and cleanup, will be needed and much appreciated. Both events rely on your contributions of stock to sell, so please put aside items to sell as you do your spring clean.

For more information, see Sue Morgan (9560 8024) or the Church Office.

## **Scotsglen Singers**

The Scotsglen Singers, who are a community group of female singers up to 25 in number, are looking for an accompanist.

They practise on Thursdays from 1.30pm until 3.30pm during each school term at the Glen Waverley Uniting Church Hall and sing for the elderly at local aged care facilities about three times a month.

The Scotsglen Singers have just celebrated 51 years of singing together and raising money over the years for different charities.

Anyone who would like to know more about the position please ring:-

Margaret Foyster on 0420 956 261.

## **2017 Rosters**

If you agreed to help on the Cleaning or Leisure Time Roster, these are available for collection from the letter rack.

## **Kids Christmas Event**

On Thursday 22nd December we celebrated the Kids Christmas Event. It was a wonderful afternoon with 51 children participating as well as many parents staying around for a coffee and a chat.

Many thanks to all those who assisted with set-up, welcoming, organising and running activities, preparing afternoon tea and clean-up. What a great opportunity to share the Christmas story with those in our community,

## **Church Council / Elder Elections**

I am pleased to advise that both candidates have been successful in our recent Church Council / Elder elections. Congratulations to David Fraser and Elwyn Pederson.

Thank you to David and Elwyn for their willingness to serve our congregation.

John Snare - Chair of Congregation.

## **Church Bookings for 2017**

A request was placed in the December Monthly Bulletin for all church group co-ordinators to contact the office within two weeks to advise of booking requirements for 2017. While we like to best accommodate all our church groups this is very difficult when many have not got in touch with the office to confirm their times. Would you please make this a priority as we have renters wishing to firm up their bookings.

## One Million Stars to End Violence ...



... is a love and peace filled community project. These beautiful stars are symbols of light, courage and solidarity to end all forms of violence, including violence against women, bullying and racism.

The One Million Stars project began in Brunswick Victoria, 2012 as a personal response to the rape and murder of a local woman. Since then it has grown into an international weaving movement with stars being woven by communities in Australia, New

Zealand, the Pacific Islands, Europe and the USA. Some of these stars have been part of stunning displays at the Royal Exhibition Building Melbourne, Queen St Mall Brisbane (G20), Myer Melbourne and the Sydney Opera House.

The One Million Stars project is an opportunity for us to be light and hope in the world and to make something beautiful and powerful together. We know that domestic violence, violence on our streets, racism and harassment is happening right now and often it is difficult to know what to do to help those who are suffering and to help prevent it.

The One Million Stars project is an opportunity to remind each other that we can do something about it and not feel paralysed by all that is broken with humanity.

The short term goal is to weave one million stars for an installation during the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018). The long term goal is to be light and courage for each other and not act violently with our words and actions, but with passion and generosity.

Every woven star reminds us that we have to make peace and safe spaces and that it doesn't just happen. Every star is a commitment to resist violence and revenge, to believe in forgiveness and healing.

**Join in a 'Star Making' workshop here at Glen Waverley Uniting Church on Wednesday January 11 from 10am till 2pm.**

- Come when you can - leave when you must.
- Materials, refreshments and lunch provided.
- To assist with catering please add your name to the list on the office counter.
- For more details have a chat to Jan Clear.

Ending violence is our responsibility, not one person, not one organisation or leader. Us. Everyone is welcome. Everyone matters

## Inclusive Community Report

We hope that you have shared many happy moments with your family and friends during the Christmas Season. As we begin a new year, we send special greetings and pray that you will enjoy good health and happiness, during 2017.

**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 Jan on 0419 589 175.

**New Members:** We have just received a transfer letter for Sue and Russell and their three children Levi, Faith and Mikki. Welcome! We hope that you will enjoy making new friends and worshipping here at Glen Waverley.

**Star Making Day:** (See notice on the opposite page.) We hope that you can join us on Wednesday 11 January for a special time of fun and fellowship.

**Munch with a Bunch** was held on Sunday 18 December in the hall and we enjoyed a spit roast. The first Munch with a Bunch lunch for 2017 will be on 19 February.

**English Classes** will resume on Thursday 2 February at 11.15 am in Room 4. The new English class for those who don't speak any English will begin on Wednesday 1 March at 2pm.

**Pancake Day for 2017** will be held on Tuesday 28 February at our church from 11.30am until 2.30pm.

**Our next Inclusive Community meeting** will be held on Thursday 9 February at 9.30. If you have suggestions for activities, please let us know.

Jan Clear

