



Glen Waverley

Uniting Church

Welcome

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

SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - March 2017						
Time	March 5 Lent 1	March 12 Lent 2	March 19 Lent 3	March 26 Lent 4		
8.00 am	10am Combined Service Ministry Team	Rev Eyan Laidlaw Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion		
9.15 am		Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters		
11.00 am		Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Rev Neil Peters Communion		
4.30 pm		Children & Families TBC	Children & Families	Children & Families		
7.00 pm			Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	
Lectionary	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-17 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41		
Liturgical Colour	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple		

1 March: Ash Wednesday - 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

FEBRUARY

5 February *12noon*
17-19 February *All day*
26 February *12noon*
28 February *11.30am-2.30pm*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Club 2017 lunch
Children & Families Camp - Anglesea
Outreach Forum
Pancake Day

MARCH

4 March *8.30am-1pm*
5 March *10am*
5 March *12noon*
16-20 March *All day*
30 March *10am-12noon*

Book Fair
Combined Service
Club 2017 Lunch
Getaways - Warragul
Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea





Hospitality - Understanding - Belonging

HOT CROSS BUN MORNING TEA at THE HUB

Glen Waverley Uniting Church

Thursday 30th March

10am – 12noon

Join us for hot cross buns, tea or coffee



and help support

THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL



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

M&M Club - Thursdays at 2pm

M&M Club (Mahjong and Monopoly) is seeking new members to attend its weekly Thursday meetings from 2pm until 3pm. Various game formats will be made available.

Enquires to the Church Office or Angus Peters (rsapeters@gmail.com)

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.

Progressive Christian Meeting - Speaker: Julian Burnside QC

The Progressive Christian Network will have Julian Burnside QC presenting at their next meeting. A small fee will be charged for this event. All are welcome.

Topic: The Way Ahead for Australia's Treatment of Asylum Seekers

Venue: Ewing Memorial Uniting Centre, Stonnington Uniting Church

Cnr of Burke Rd and Coppin St, Malvern East. (Melway 59 G2)

Date and Time: February 19 at 3pm



THE HUB is OPEN for 2017

The Hub has resumed for 2017. We are open Tuesday and Thursday 10am-2pm, and Wednesday 10am-12noon. You are welcome to call in for some company, a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit, a chat, or to have some time out in your busy day. We would love to see you.

Lenten Studies

The study for 2017 is 'Worship in Light of the Cross', Meditations for Lent, by John Indemark, providing daily individual studies over 6 weeks, leading up to Easter.

Two groups will be meeting to share discussion on these studies, in the six weeks starting from Monday 27 February, on Mondays at 7.30pm and Tuesdays at 2.30pm, both at GWUC. There may also be the possibility of an email group.

If you would like to join a group, please add your name to the list outside the Office.

Study booklets at \$20.00 each can be ordered through the Office.

Further information from Alison Clarkson, on behalf of the Faith Development Mission Group.

Asylum Seeker Honey

We are happy to report that due to the hard work of a team of Heather's we have now met Monash Council requirements and are able to continue to sell honey. Please continue to support the Asylum Seeker Community by purchasing honey. If anyone has any spare jars could you please leave these under the honey table for collection.

Many thanks - Heather Wilkins

A Letter to the Congregation

Dear Friends,

It is an absolute pleasure to say thank you to someone for the manner in which they have served others. Alison is retiring from her role at the end of February. She has devoted ten plus years to this role by serving this community with humility, grace, gentleness, compassion and strength. Alison will continue to volunteer and remains on Church Council as a valuable contributor. Alison, thank you for all you do.

Di Paterson will be taking on some of the pastoral care as she begins her role with us in February. Di serves as pastor at Black Rock Uniting Church and she is looking forward to serving our community in pastoral care.

Vida retired from Church Council in December and we have really appreciated Vida's input at Council level. She enthusiastically accepted responsibility for a number of tasks and willingly participated in a variety of task groups.

Katie is also retiring from her co-opted position on Church Council. Katie has been able to bring her expertise in 'human resources' knowledge to support Church Council. Both Vida and Katie have been very valuable Council members.

David Fraser joins Church Council in 2017 and we are all looking forward to working alongside him this year. Elwyn has decided to continue as a member of Church Council and we thank Elwyn for her ongoing commitment.

As we tread forward into a New Year I am reminded of a poem "The Gate of the Year" by Minnie Louise Haskins, quoted by King George VI in his 1939 Christmas broadcast to the British Empire.

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

He replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

May Christ be our constant companion.

Helen Stewart - Chair of Church Council

Planned Giving Letters

These are available from the table in the Foyer.

Please check and take yours and any you can deliver. Please check name and address details carefully and advise the Office of any changes necessary.

To All Open Plate Givers

The Giving Recording Committee acknowledges with much gratitude your personal gift through the Open Plate for the work of our church. It is very much appreciated.

You may like to consider changing to either the envelopes system or the Direct Giving system which allow you to make regular gifts.

The Direct Giving system means no need for envelopes or cash, regular donations are assured and a reduced workload on the Finance Stewards.

Currently we have 194 active pledge contributors – 96 using Direct Giving and 98 through the envelope system.

Should you wish to swap to either of these systems, please contact the Recorder Ken Hutchinson, on 9884 4002.

Material Aid Offering for February

Outreach Group has introduced a material aid offering to our worship services on the second Sunday of each month.

Next week, 12 February, will be our Material Aid Offering.

This month's material aid offering will be collecting for Brentwood Secondary College's wellbeing department. This will help the wellbeing program to offer comfort and support to students in varying ways.

Items that would assist are:-

- Deodorant (for boys and girls)
- Muesli bars
- Two minute noodles (in tubs, for lunches)
- Pocket packed tissues
- Small individual packs of mints, tic-tacs, mentos etc
- Stationery, pens, highlighters etc
- Individually packed fruit drinks

Thank you for your support.

Outreach Missional Group

Inclusive Community Report

We hope that you have shared many happy moments with your family and friends during the school holidays and that you are ready to get back into your activities. We 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 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.

Club 2017 will be held, in the fellowship area, today February 5. Bring a plate of food to share.

A light lunch will be held on Sunday 12 February, after the 11am service. Food provided. Join us, in the fellowship area.

Star Making Day was held on Wednesday 11 January. We made more than 100 stars for the installation of One Million Stars to End Violence that will be displayed at the Commonwealth Games next year. We hope to have another session in March and will let you know the details later.

Munch with a Bunch will be held in the hall on Sunday the 19 February at 12.30pm. The invitations have been delivered. Replies are due by 12 February.

English Classes resumed last 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. Volunteers are needed to cook and serve. If you can help, please see Jan.

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.

World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 3 March at 2.30pm. The service will be at St Christopher's Catholic Church (Blackburn Road, Syndal) and will focus on The Philippines. If you need more information, contact Heather or Wendy in the office.

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