



# Glen Waverley

## Uniting Church

### Welcome

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

#### SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - July 2017

Time	July 2 Pentecost 4	July 9 Pentecost 5	July 16 Pentecost 6	July 23 Pentecost 7	July 30 Pentecost 8
8.00 am	Ross Mackinnon Communion	10am Combined Service Ministry Team Congregational Meeting Light Lunch	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion
9.15 am	Rev Neil Peters Communion		Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Rev Neil Peters
11.00 am	Rev Neil Peters		Rev Dr Warren Bartlett Communion	Alanee Hearnshaw	Rev Neil Peters
4.30 pm	School Holidays		School Holidays	Children & Families	Children & Families
7.00 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw		Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw
Lectionary	Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm 45:10-17 or Song 2:8-13 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green

### JUNE

4 June	12noon
6 June	10am
9-12 June	All day
11 June	All Services
13 June	All day
25 June	10am

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Club 2017
Ivan's Pie orders Due
State Youth Games
Monthly Material Aid Offering
NewView Contributions Due
Combined Service & Lunch - UCA Anniversary

### JULY

2 July	12noon
6 July	2.30pm
9 July	10am
16 July	2.30pm

Club 2017
Inclusive Community Meeting
Combined Service and Meeting of the Congregation
Seniors Service





## Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at The Hub. It was a busy morning with many people from our church and wider community attending. There was a great atmosphere and everyone seemed to have a happy time.

It was great to see The Hub volunteers and staff from The Body Shop at The Glen working together, ensuring everyone had a cuppa and something to eat.

Our special thanks to Muddings Kingsway Bakery and The Pastry Lounge for their generous donations of food, Alison and Trudi from The Body Shop who helped on the day and also brought food, The Hub volunteers who baked during the week to help give us such a delicious morning tea, and those who helped on the day.

The amount of money that we received in donations for the Cancer Council Victoria was a record amount of \$1,056.50. What a wonderful amount to be able to donate to help the Cancer Council.

Thank you everyone!

## The Christian Church in the World

### Churches in Kazakhstan fined for meeting over Easter:

In the Central Asian state of Kazakhstan, unregistered religious activity is illegal and registration is difficult to obtain. A congregation needs to have 50 adult male members to get registration, something virtually impossible in regional and remote areas, especially for non-Orthodox denominations. The law gives police the authority to fine groups and individuals without going to court. The churches raided on Easter Sunday were Baptist house churches - one in Temirtau in the central Karaganda Region and another in Taraz in the southern Jambyl Region. The raids culminated in four Baptist leaders receiving hefty fines. Other Protestants had temporary bans placed on their worship and an Indian Protestant was deported. Media reports indicate the raids are part of a 'new wave' of repression. Please pray for Kazakhstan and its Church.

### 82 more girls freed in Nigeria but terror far from over:

In October 2016 twenty-one Chibok girls were released from captivity in exchange for four militant commanders. On 7 May eighty-two Chibok girls were released in exchange for five militant commanders and reportedly millions of dollars. Boko Haram split in August 2016 and the girls released in October had been in the custody of the Islamic State faction. This faction has declared its intention to focus on bombing Nigeria's churches. The Chibok girls not yet released are held by the Boko Haram faction which has this year markedly escalated its use of female suicide bombers. Whilst we thank and praise God for the release of the girls, we must not become complacent in our prayers for Nigeria and its Church. The threat is far from over.

*From Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin*

Psalm 136, In the midst of tribulations, "His steadfast love endures forever".

## Next Issue of NewView

In June we celebrate the establishment of the Uniting Church, an occasion which necessitated acceptance of various changes. Hence, we have chosen 'acceptance' as our theme for the next issue of *NewView*. Since acceptance involves change, does this acceptance challenge our core beliefs or does it only disturb our familiar traditions and practices? When should we accept, or not accept, change? Will our acceptance harm others? Does our acceptance require a change of attitude or behaviour?

When we decide to accept a difficult change, what strategies are of positive assistance to that acceptance?

Your articles, poems, anecdotes or ideas on this theme are welcomed, as are reports, stories or photos of recent events which help to keep us informed about our many members and activities at GWUC and the wider church. Contributions can be sent to [popesr@aapt.net.au](mailto:popesr@aapt.net.au) or handed in to the office, by Tuesday June 13.

## Ministry Team Day Off

A reminder that members of our Ministry Team have scheduled days off during the week. Alanee Hearnshaw has Tuesday as her day off, and Rev Neil Peters has Friday as his day off.

If you urgently need to contact one of these people on their day off, please first contact the Church Office and we will see how we might best be able to assist you.

## Entertainment Books

We are again selling Entertainment Books to fundraise for our Youth and Young Adults programs. (It pays for extras like bus hire for SYG and helping to get us to NCYC.)

Thank you so much to those who have already purchased a book and for everyone's ongoing support. You can order an entertainment book at [www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/189g572](http://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/189g572) or you can get books from the Church Office. If you have ordered a book, please come in and collect it from the Church Office.

Thank you - Alanee.

## A Letter to the Congregation

Dear Friends,

The Uniting Church in Australia is celebrating forty years as a uniquely Australian church. Rev. Dr Davis McCaughey was the primary author of our Basis of Union and at the inauguration service held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1977 he made the remark that church union 'meant absolutely nothing, unless it drives us back to the fundamental questions - where do you come from, where are you going, and who are you?' We were urged to participate in a new pilgrimage to engage the world through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Uniting Church leaders are marking this celebration with forty days of prayer. Here is the link so that you can discover more about the 'Forty Days of Prayer.' <https://assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/2926-40-days-of-prayer>. One of the prayers was composed by Dr Jill Tabart, the first woman president of the Uniting Church in Australia:

Living, loving God,

We give thanks that your Spirit has endowed members of your Church with a diversity of gifts, and that there is no gift without its corresponding service... for those whose creativity and passion are opening up fresh ways of helping people find you, and worship and serve you ... Amen.

Recently Members of Church Council and Missional and Functional groups met for lunch and the opportunity to take time to reflect upon strengths and challenges facing each group. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the leaders for their commitment in leading groups. We hope to hold two more gatherings during 2017 and plans are underway so we can all meet again in August.

Church Council has completed the study 'Leaders in God's Mission.' The final study included a focus on faith conversations. Seven life-giving gifts were recognised when we share our faith.

- the gift of time
- the gift of listening
- the gift of blessing
- the gift of authenticity
- the gift of community
- the gift of respect
- the gift of hospitality

May the Holy Spirit inspire us with grace and hope.

Helen Stewart - Chair of Church Council

## **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 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 Beverly on 0417 359 779.

**Susan Chan.** We were thrilled to hear that Susan Chan was nominated for a John Monash award recently. Susan is an active member of our congregation. She has volunteered at Glencare, a branch of Wavecare, since 2012. Susan helps at Leisure Time and the Hub. Congratulations Susan.

**Club 2017** will meet as normal today.

**Star Making Day:** Thanks to our star makers - you have done a wonderful job and we look forward to seeing Jeanne Koitsier at the end of June and handing them over to her.

**Munch with a Bunch** lunch was held on Sunday 21 May in the hall. We enjoyed a lovely lunch prepared by Joanne Boldiston and Carolyn Chandler. Thanks to the helpers who set up and helped to clean up afterwards.

**Light Lunch:** There will be a light lunch on the Sunday of the long weekend - 11 June. Please join us after the 11am service.

**Mothers' Day:** We had a special morning tea (between services) on Sunday 14 May to honour mothers, grandmothers and aunties in our church community. We were very pleased that playgroup families and some members of our English classes joined us for the service and the morning tea.

**Our next Inclusive Community Meeting** will be held on Thursday 6 July at 2.30pm in Room 1. We will spend some time planning our Intergenerations Night, which will be held on Friday 15 September, at 6.30pm. If you have suggestions for activities, please let us know.

Jan Clear

## **Material Aid Offering for June**

The June Material Aid Offering will be in support of the Glen Waverley Uniting Church Welfare Committee. The Welfare team regularly have people coming to the church for assistance with food, medication, transport, and sometimes energy accounts.

The material aid offering is for non-perishables such as breakfast cereals, long life milk, Milo, canned fruit, soups, meals etc. As well as tea, coffee, biscuits, toothpaste and brushes, soap and washing powders.

The Welfare work of our church makes a real difference in people's lives.

## **Assembly Marriage Conversations**

The last Assembly meeting gave space for conversation and discussion about the issue of marriage. The Standing Committee of Assembly was asked to facilitate more work and conversation on the issue of marriage and the Uniting Church's understanding of marriage. The Standing Committee, as part of their response, have organised two conversations which are each to be held over three days. Each conversation has 4 people attending from each Synod across Australia.

The Moderator and General Secretary have nominated Neil Peters to be one of the 4 Synod of VicTas members for the second conversation. Those chosen have been selected to represent the diversity that is in the Uniting Church. Uniting Church members hold diverse views on the issue of marriage as they do on many other issues as well. I will be in Sydney for the conversation from Tuesday 6 June through to Thursday 8 June. This will be a time of sharing, deep listening, reflection and prayer. I see the conversation being about more than same-sex marriage. I believe we have work to do around inter-faith marriage. I think we have work to do regarding our liturgy for the Uniting Church marriage service.

I feel it is a privilege to be invited to attend this conversation. Please pray for me in this coming week and as I participate in this important conversation.

Rev Neil Peters

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Order forms on the office counter  
**ORDERS MUST BE IN BY 10.00am**  
**TUESDAY 6th JUNE**

Orders may be picked up from the church  
hall on Tuesday June 20th  
between 1.0-5.00pm.

**THE DELICIOUS PIES ARE AN IDEAL  
QUICK MEAL NOW THAT THE WINTER  
WEATHER IS HERE.**

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**Anniversary  
Lunch**

**SUNDAY JUNE  
JUNE 25,2017**

**10.00am**  
COMBINED WORSHIP  
followed by lunch in  
the hall.

*menu*

Soup  
Chicken  
Ham  
Salads  
Cake  
Jelly  
Tea/Coffee

**TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW**  
from Jan Clear , Faye Wagon  
Barbara Thompson or the  
Church Office.

**Tickets: \$10 per head  
\$20 per family**

***BUY YOUR TICKET TODAY.***

**COME ALONG AND SHARE IN THE 40th  
CELEBRATION OF  
THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA.**