



Glen Waverley

Uniting Church

Welcome

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

SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - August 2017							
Time	August 6 Pentecost 9	August 13 Pentecost 10	August 20 Pentecost 11	August 27 Pentecost 12			
8.00 am	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Rev Neil Peters Peter Baker Communion	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Children & Families
9.15 am	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Children & Families
11.00 am	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Children & Families
4.30 pm	Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families
7.00 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw
Lectionary	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 15 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14: 22-33	Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28	Exodus 1:8 - 2:10 Psalm 124 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20			
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green

JULY

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2 July	12noon	Club 2017
6 July	2.30pm	Inclusive Community Meeting
9 July	10am	Combined Service and Meeting of the Congregation
13 July	7.30pm	Young Life Australia Supporters Night
16 July	2pm	Seniors Service

AUGUST

6 August	12noon	Club 2017
16 August	10am	Special Slice Morning Tea at The Hub





MONASH Supporters Night

THURS night

13th July, 2017

@ GWUC

Please join us for our annual update over a cuppa & cake.

7:30pm - 9pm. Special guest from YL USA

*Making timely
connections...*

now & beyond



Uniting Church address: Cnr. Bogong Ave & Kingsway, Glen Waverley

For more info, call Anthony on 0422 173 504

The Christian Church in the World - July

Nearly 100 Christians arrested in Eritrea

World Watch Monitor reports ten Christians were arrested on 9 May at a home in Ginda, having been betrayed by neighbours. On 17 May some 35 Christians were arrested from their homes, after a compulsory survey exposed them as evangelicals. Forty-nine Christians were arrested on 21 May at a post-wedding celebration outside Asmara. Since May 2002 thousands of Christians have suffered incarceration, hundreds have been severely tortured and at least 28 have died in custody due to mistreatment. Christians attempting to flee routinely fall prey to human traffickers. Eritrean Orthodox Patriarch Abune Antonios (89) has been confined to house-arrest for more than ten years; he had protested the persecution of "Medhane Alem", a thriving revival movement which exists within the Eritrean Orthodox Church. Please pray for Eritrea and its Church.

In Iran, people want change

There was a high turn-out to the Iranian elections on 19 May when the incumbent, President Hassan Rouhani, was comfortably re-elected. Most significantly, Rouhani won despite his opponent, hard-liner Ebrahim Raisi, being the regime's preferred candidate. Hard-liners only ever won when reform-minded Iranians boycotted elections. But those days are over; the people are making their will known. However, nothing can change while Iran's unelected powers - the supreme leader Ayatollah Khamenei and his Revolutionary Guards - retain ultimate power. Human rights abuses, including persecution of Christians, will continue and may even be exacerbated by US President Trump's overt support for, and enormous arms deal with, the Wahhabist, anti-Shi'ite, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. (Like Iran, Saudi Arabia is a leading sponsor of international terrorism). May God intervene to the blessing of his church.

From Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin

"Christians live in Hope; as God's people we are called to extend our hearts and our hands to each other, in Hope."

(Frontier Services)

"Hope is promised by a God who loves to bring Hope to each one of us."

(N.T.Wright)

Material aid offering - July

This month's material aid collection will support the work of the RSPCA. Donations of blankets, towels, pillow slips, tea towels, pet friendly toys, sealed pet food and polyester filled doonas are welcome. Please note - all pillows and feather filled doonas are not accepted.

The RSPCA plays an important role in our community, including finding new homes for pets, which brings great joy to both the animals and their new families.

Fairlie Mackinnon, for the Outreach Group

Seniors Service - Sunday 16 July at 2pm

All are welcome to come and join with us for a service based around the Lord's Prayer. There will be a selection of well-known hymns, and afternoon tea will follow the service.

If you would like to attend, but need help with transport, please contact the Church Office by Wednesday 12 July.

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 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 - July

Dear Friends,

Each month Church Council meet to focus on developing the vision. Two aspects which were discussed at the June Church Council meeting were intercultural ministry and pastoral care.

Early in 2017 the Church Council agreed to a request from a small Indonesian fellowship to hold fortnightly services in the church chapel (room 1) on Sunday afternoons. The request was for a three month trial and the group expressed the desire to work towards becoming members of Glen Waverley Uniting Church. Some members of the group already are members of this congregation. This group of 15-18 people had a history with the Uniting Church and wanted to integrate with our congregation. The trial was approved and mentioned at the February congregational meeting. Some members of our congregation have attended services. Neil has supported the group and preached on three occasions. Sometimes the service is in Indonesian and sometimes in Indonesian and English. The trial has been successful and the small fellowship and the church council have resolved to facilitate the integration of this small group into the life of Glen Waverley Uniting Church. This is a gentle but significant way to grow our intercultural ministry in line with our vision.

Another aspect of our vision is pastoral care and Di Paterson's hours of work have been increased to further support members of our Congregation. Di is thoroughly enjoying her role and has been joining in as many activities as possible so people get to know her.

The vision continues to provide us with a sense of direction and we continue to accept the challenge to reach out, dream and imagine possibilities.

Peace be with you.

Helen Stewart - Chair of Church Council



Special Slice Morning Tea

Join us for a variety of homemade slices and support the research into Parkinson's Disease



ALL donations to Parkinson's Victoria ALL WELCOME

**Where: Glen Waverley Uniting Church
cnr Bogong Ave & Kingsway**
When: Wednesday 16th August 2017
Time: 10 am to 12 noon

If you would like to attend, please add your name to the list on the office counter.

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.

Club 2017 will meet as normal today.

Church Anniversary Lunch Last Sunday: What a wonderful day we had last Sunday! We were thrilled that so many people attended the service and the lunch. I would like to thank everyone who prepared food, served food, moved chairs and tables, dried and put away dishes and took dirty dishes to the table in the hall. It was a team effort. As Neil said at the end of the lunch, a special thank you to Faye, Barb, Jo and Margaret who worked hard all day and Andrew who set up all the tables and chairs at 6.30am.

Star Making: On 30 June I met with Jeanne Koitsier and handed over 495 stars. Jeanne is delivering them to the collection centre on the Gold Coast and was delighted with our contribution.

Light Lunch: The light lunch on Sunday 9 July will be cancelled as there is a combined service and a congregational meeting on that morning.

Transport: Many members of our congregation are experiencing health problems and are unable to drive, either for a short time or permanently. Most of these people want to attend the 11am service. We would love to hear from you if you think that you could help with transport. One lady living in the area bordered by Springvale Road, Waverley Road, Ferntree Gully Road and Watsons Road is requiring transport at present. If we have a few people who are willing to help we could make a small roster. If you can help or have some suggestions, please talk to Heather or Wendy, in the office.

Munch With A Bunch will be held on Sunday 20 August. Munch with a Bunch attendees will receive an invitation in the next few weeks.

Our next Inclusive Community Meeting will be held on Thursday 6 July at 2.30pm in Room 1. We will spend some time working with Alane and planning our Intergenerations Night, which will be held on Friday 16 September, at 6.30pm. If you have suggestions for activities, please let us know.

Jan Clear

Ministry Team Leave

Rev Neil Peters will be taking leave from Monday 10 July returning Thursday 20 July. Alanee Hearnshaw will also be on leave from Monday 10 July and will return Monday 17 July. For any pastoral care concerns during this time please feel free to contact the Office so that we can assist.

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.

Meeting of the Congregation - Sunday 9 July at 11.30am

The next meeting of the congregation will be held following combined worship at 10am.

The main item on the agenda will be approval of Congregation Outreach Projects for 2017.

An agenda for the meeting is available. You can view the agenda online at <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/CongMeetingAgenda20170709>, or there are a small number of printed copies available.

Please make a note of this date in your diary now.

Glen Waverley Uniting Church

Seniors Service

July 16th 2017 @ 2pm.

Come and join us for a service with the theme of the Lord's Prayer with a selection of well-known hymns.



Featuring:

Uniting Voices

Conductor – Elwyn Pederson

Organist - Robert Fleming

Pianist - Noela Bartlett

Soloist – John Colvin

Followed by Afternoon Tea.

Contact the office 9560 3580 if you need a lift.

NextGen to South Korea - Contextual Learning

Please see below a message from Swee Ann Koh (Director of the Intercultural Unit, Commission for Mission.

You may remember that in 2015 the Intercultural Unit of the Uniting Church took 19 young people from 15 diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds to China. There the group connected with Chinese Christians for a contextual learning program. Glen Waverley Uniting Church supported the program. It was a very successful journey, and now it is proposed to conduct a similar learning journey in South Korea from 26 October to 6 November 2017.

Contextual learning is about mutual relationship and respect. It encourages each other to learn about the partner's ministry context in order to discern God's mission in and between groups of people.

This 2017 journey will be a joint program between:-

- the Presbyterian Church of Korea
- the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea
- the Korean Methodist Church, and
- the Intercultural Unit, Commission for Mission.

The program will enable NextGen young people to connect and learn from those in South Korean Christian churches. They will have the opportunity to share with the rapidly growing Church in South Korea the multicultural nature of the Uniting Church and their faith journeys. Upon their return the NextGen group will share with the Synod what they observed and learned.

Each young person accepted into the program (a maximum of 20) will travel to South Korea with the group on the given dates, visiting two cities (Seoul and Pusan). They will meet with young Korean people from various Christian congregations for discussions, participation in workshops, worship, and to enjoy their hospitality. The group will also learn about the Korean churches' mission outreach projects. The group will be accompanied by five adult leaders from Australia who will provide pastoral support and opportunities for debriefing. This is a great opportunity to add capacity and develop leadership skills for the NextGen within our Synod.

NextGen to South Korea ... cont.

To make all this happen we need your help!

We are embarking on several fundraising efforts to subsidise the cost of the trip for the young people. One of the fundraising efforts is to sell chocolate.

We have boxes of chocolates to sell and have asked each Congregation to sell one box.

Glen Waverley Uniting Church has agreed to sell a box of chocolates to support this cause. Chocolates are being sold at \$2 each so that we might raise as much as we can to assist the young people with fundraising.

May the triune God continue to bless you in your ministry!

Swee Ann Koh

Director of Intercultural Unit

If you would like to support the NextGen young people as they travel to South Korea, please feel free to drop into the Church Office to purchase a chocolate or two.

Only \$2 per chocolate and all monies will assist with this worthy cause.

Share Winter Appeal for the Invisible Poor

The Share Winter Appeal has been launched with the focus this year on helping the invisible poor. Please collect a brochure from the Stewards Table for more information as to how you might assist.