



Glen Waverley

Uniting Church

SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - November 2017

Time	November 5 Pentecost 22	November 12 Pentecost 23	November 19 Pentecost 24	November 26 Christ the King
8.00 am	Susan Karoly & Rev Neil Peters Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Rev Neil Peters Communion
9.15 am	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Beeac Celebration 10 years Two - way worship Rev Ineke Giles & Rev Neil	Rev Neil Peters	Alanee Hearnshaw Free Spirit
11.00 am	Rev Neil Peters Uniting Voices	Alison Clarkson	Rev Neil Peters Communion Uniting Voices	Alanee Hearnshaw
4.30 pm	Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families
7.00 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw
Lectionary	Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:3-13	Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green	White

Welcome

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

OCTOBER

1 October	12 noon
2, 3 October	7.30 pm
7 October	10 am
15 October	2.30 pm
21 October	All day
22 October	10 am
26 October	10 am

NOVEMBER

5 November	12 noon
16-21 November	All day
27, 28, 29 Nov	10 am
28 November	8 pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Club 2017
Safe Church training
Moon Festival
Celebrating Seniors
Church Fete
Combined worship service
Seniors Morning Tea at The Hub
Club 2017
Getaways in Marysville
Children's Christmas Photos at The Hub
Remembrance Service





Glen Waverley Uniting Church
SENIORS' MORNING TEA
老年人早茶

Thursday 26th October 2017
10 am to 12 noon



Come & share morning tea in honour of
our seniors who help in our community

ALL AGES WELCOME

欢迎所有年龄

All donations to research into
Motor Neurone Disease

Glen Waverley Uniting Church

Cnr Bogong Avenue & Kingsway, Glen Waverley

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

The Christian Church in the World

Talks with North Korea are the only option

North Korea will not abandon its nuclear weapons program. Sanctions will not work and a military solution is untenable as the impact on South Korea would be catastrophic. The only option is dialogue. However, the Kim regime will not negotiate until the US concedes that North Korea is a nuclear power. The regime maintains that nuclear deterrence is essential if North Korea is to be spared US-backed regime change. Many analysts believe the crisis is approaching its 'end game' and that dialogue, not war, will be the outcome. Whilst it would be many years before North Korea could open up to the outside world without risking collapse, the situation inside North Korea could improve considerably over time. Please pray for North Korea and its long-suffering Church in the labour camps and 'underground'.

Serious threat of Hindutva in India

The ideology of Hindutva (Hindu nationalism) was formulated in the early 1900's as a way to counter British colonialism. Today, Hindutva is a political tool used to fan Hindu pride and dragnet the Hindu vote to consolidate the power and privilege of Hindu elites. Whilst Hindutva supposedly promotes equality of Hindus, non-Hindus are marginalised as second-class citizens. Refusal to 'return' to Hinduism is viewed as a betrayal against the Hindu nation. The result is religious apartheid with violent persecution. As animists who traditionally vote Congress, the tribals have long been the prime targets of Hindutva activism. These activists view Christian missionaries - almost exclusively Indian nationals - as their principal enemies. Five northern tribal states already have anti-conversion laws; another will soon follow. Please pray for India and its Christians.

From Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin

A thought that N.T. Wright expressed in his Booklet "Surprised by Hope" - "One day Jesus will bring perfect justice, peace and wisdom to this earth. Until that day, we are responsible to bring these things in Jesus' name, in a practical way.

"The one through whom God's justice will finally sweep the world is not a hard-hearted, arrogant tyrant, but the Man of Sorrows, acquainted with grief; Jesus, who loved sinners and died for them, who took the world's judgement upon himself on the cross, the Messiah."

Robert Stolz Viennese Music Society Inc.

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Invites you to our 2017 Seniors Week Concert

Young at Heart in Vienna

With

Shu-Cheen Yu (soprano)

Roy Best (tenor)

Ian Lowe (bass-baritone)

Jennen Ngiau-Keng (violinist)

David McNicol (accompanist)

Saturday 7th October 2017 at 2:00 pm

Glen Waverley Uniting Church

Corner of Kingsway & Bogong Ave.

Melway 71-C3 (see over for transport & parking info.)

Seniors & RSVMS Members \$20 / Others \$25

Afternoon tea included!

Bookings: On line www.trybooking.com/QRNQ or use the form below

Enquiries: Don – 9807 2154

Robert Stolz Viennese Music Society Inc. Reg. No. A006443M

Booking Form for Young At Heart In Vienna Seniors Week Concert
in the Glen Waverley Uniting Church Saturday 7th October 2017 at 2:00 pm

Title Name(s):

Number of tickets: Seniors or RSVMS Members: @ \$20.00 \$

All other Guests: @ \$25.00 \$

Address: (New membership \$)
(see overleaf)

..... VIC Phone **Total \$**

Please send your cheque or money order with **stamped, self-addressed envelope** for return of tickets to
Robert Stolz Viennese Music Society Inc, C/o PO Box 360, Canterbury Vic 3126
Your tickets will be mailed directly to you at the address shown above.

Expanding the Glen Waverley Uniting Church financial opportunities

As a further extension of our financial tools, we have introduced Debit and Credit card facilities at our church, which will enable a wider choice of ways for receiving monies due to us. It will also make it easier for people to make donations to our work and our outreach programmes. Last year we added a direct credit feature to our options, with the account details being shown on the weekly bulletin. So now we are able to also accept debit, and credit, card payments through this facility known as "Square". This is what is known as a "tap-and-go" option. Square do not charge us any monthly charges. It has the lowest processing charge of all the available and comparable services (1.9%). We only pay when we use the facility, which is wonderful. We will be making great use of this for example at our upcoming fete (for all our non food stalls), and for property bookings and other donation opportunities. Using an iPad or mobile phone, the office will also be able to take your general donations, your offering or other payments at any time. When a payment is received, we can send you an instant SMS or email receipt.

We are looking forward to enhancing the use of this facility even further over time so that we can reduce the need to have cash on the premises, improve billing and booking processes and simplify our banking tasks. If you would like to know more about this new opportunity, or find out how we can also use it to accept payments for your church group or function, please talk to the Office team, the Treasurer or Warren Greenwood.

On behalf of the Finance Committee - Warren Greenwood

West Papuan Dinner - Saturday 4 November at St Luke's UC

West Papua Dinner with Entertainment (door Prizes). Come celebrate and assist West Papua's voice to the United Nations. Cost \$30 - \$15 students / other.

St Luke's Uniting Church 94 Essex Rd Mt Waverley 5.45-9pm.

Enquiries: David 9807 5297 and Faye 0402 853 147

A Letter to the Congregation

Dear Friends,

In late August the new church council met and co-opted me as Chair until February 2018 when they will elect a new chair. This means that I will continue to write to you from the heart and from scripture until then.

Recently, we had our first pop-up study and it was a great success with about fifty people attending from at least five congregations. Judy and Murray Lowe, Colin and Jacqui King and Alison Clarkson organised a beautiful afternoon tea and people stayed afterwards to speak about their thoughts. DVD's of the study are available. We hope to hold more pop up studies over the next 12 months covering issues like refugees, domestic violence and the environment.

Recently I read a paper titled 'Edge of the Inside' which states that in any organization there are people who are at the edge of the inside. These people are within the organization, but they're not subsumed by the group think. They work at the boundaries and can be the strongest reformers. They have the loyalty of faithful insiders, but the judgment of critical outsiders. Like the prophets of old they call the people of God to be challenged by the world they live in. How can we read the daily papers, watch current events, listen to podcasts, tweets and not be challenged? What does Christ call us to do?

The reassurance for the journey comes in scripture from Isaiah 58:11: "The Lord shall guide thee continually." In these words lies the assurance that strength for the journey will be provided by Christ.

May we follow the Christ light to face each new day.

Helen Stewart

Chair of Glen Waverley Uniting Church Council

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 Marysville and staying at

Marysville Caravan and Holiday Park

[www.http://marysvillecaravanpark.com.au](http://marysvillecaravanpark.com.au).

16th to 21st November 2017.

We would be delighted if you are able to join us for the day on Saturday 18th November. Come for a shared BBQ lunch (BYO meat, salad/bread provided – bookings required), explore the region in the afternoon or sit around the campfire and chat. For catering requirements, please RSVP to j.boldiston@biepond.com if you will be joining us.

Of course, if you can stay for a whole weekend – we would love to see you! Please call the park directly on 5963 3247 to check availability. (quote "The Getaways" to get any discounts offered.)

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

Happy Camping

Joanne Boldiston

j.boldiston@biepond.com

0438 413 964

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

Advance Notice: Our Autumn 2018 Getaway will be to Warragul Gardens Holiday Park from 15th to 20th March 2018. Please call the park directly on 5923 2707 for bookings. There is plenty of availability at the moment, however book early to avoid disappointment!

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. If you will be having lunch by yourself at home, please join this group. If you are able to bring a plate of food to share, that would be great.

FATHERS' DAY MORNING TEA. We were delighted that so many people (including families) joined us for our Fathers' Day morning tea. There was a real buzz in the Fellowship area.

LIGHT LUNCH. There will be a light lunch next Sunday 8 October, after the 11am service. Please join us for this special time of fellowship.

MWAB was very well attended in August. Participants enjoyed a lovely meal prepared by our friend George and his team of helpers. Our last MWAB for the year will be on 12 November. Invitations will be sent out soon.

COFFEE AND CAKE. This special morning tea will be held on Sunday 22 October after the combined service. (This is the morning after the fete.) Please join us as we celebrate after the fete.

We will let you know when we are having OUR NEXT INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY MEETING. If you have suggestions for activities, please let us know. We will be preparing our program for January to June later this year.

Jan Clear

Outer Eastern Asylum Seeker Support Network

Members of the OEASSN invite your participation in contributing to an urgent need for Family Rental Assistance.

A family are currently in the process of relocating. To secure housing they must pay a bond and one month's rent in advance. Currently they do not have these funds available.

If you wish to contribute, please place your contribution in an envelope marked FAMILY HOUSING in the weekly offering plate. Receipts arranged if required.

Enquiries may be directed to Heather Wilkins 9560 1440 or Andrew Hosking 0401 231 034

27th September 2017

Community Planter: Faith Formation and Inter Cultural Ministry Part-Time Position filled.

We are delighted to announce that Dietrich Cheung has accepted the role of Community Planter at GWUC. He will commence duties on Wednesday, 22nd November, 2017. Dietrich is a warm, passionate Christian who relies on Christ to guide him. He is currently studying for the degree of Master of Divinity at Ridley Theological College, part of the University of Divinity.

Dietrich will be strategically exploring opportunities for intercultural ministry. He speaks English, Cantonese and Mandarin. By employing Dietrich we are further implementing our Vision of a church that reflects the needs and demographics of the community we are in and are serving.

Please pray that Dietrich's ministry will enrich many within and beyond our community.

Yours Sincerely

Helen Stewart

Chair, Glen Waverley Uniting Church Council



A whole-church activity where everyone can be part of the fun.

3 Weeks to go, We need your help NOW!:

★ SIGN UP to be part of the team

We need:

- **People who are fit, to assist in fetching and assembling tables and booths** and collecting donated items to be sold (trailers also needed). *Could you get a day off work to be part of a friendly team?* (Help is needed to set up on Thursday and Friday, clean up on Saturday and do final returns on Monday).
- **Everybody to sort and arrange items for sale on the Friday.** This is a mammoth task, and extra help is needed, particularly for the Trash and Treasure and Used Clothing.
- **Staff for the various stalls on Saturday.** Can you spare an hour (or more)?
- **Lots of people to assist in the clean-up** starting at 2pm on the Saturday. Can you pack unsold clothing to go to Broadmeadows? Are you able to assist with some of the heavier moving? Every little bit helps!

Sign-up sheets are on the office counter - please consider making yourself available on these days.

★ Collect a Fete flyer from the Office Counter

... and pass it on to family or friend, or post it on the noticeboard at your school community centre or corner store. Help spread the word!

★ Collect and Fill a \$2 Box

Empty boxes are **available today**. Please take one (or more), fill it with goodies and return filled boxes to the specially marked box in the foyer. It will be sold for \$2, with children in particular enjoying selecting their purchase.

Please note that sweets must be wrapped, and not past their use-by dates. **NO NUT PRODUCTS PLEASE.**



★ Donate items for the Silent Auction

This major fundraiser is supported by many local businesses, but we also rely on donations of new items by members of the congregation. - items like cosmetics, fashion accessories, computer games, ... just about anything sale-able can be auctioned. As the preparation of documentation takes some time, it would be appreciated if you can contact Yan Emms [0419 365 913] as soon as possible.

★ 10 Year celebration edition of "Beeac Premium"

This year we are celebrating 10 years of broadcast ministry with Beeac. Do not miss out on this special year edition of the *Beeac Premium* blend. Bags will be \$8 each, and supply is very limited. Place your order on the list on the office counter. Collect and pay on fete day. Contact Warren Greenwood (0403 028 948) for details

★ Donate your hand-made items

Craft and Sewing: We need craft and sewing items to stock the craft stall. If you are able to help by doing some sewing or craft work, please contact Laurel Muir 9560 1518, Lynne Boyer 9790 0582 or Judith Greenwood 9803 8373.

Plants from your garden

Ian McMillan will be very happy to receive your potted plants for the plant stall.

Bake a cake or make some jam: The cake stall is always the first to sell out. Cakes, biscuits, jams and preserves are all popular. Each item must be labelled with the ingredients and when baked (labels are on the office counter). If you would prefer not to bake, consider a "bake-less cake" donation (recipe on the office counter).

... and don't forget those pre-loved clothes, books and other treasures.

Please deliver to the church on Friday 20th October.

Collection can be arranged - register your need on the list on the office counter



Need More Information?

Murray Lowe 9885 8514
Sue Morgan 9560 8024
Peter Anderson 0411 123 253