



# Glen Waverley

## Uniting Church

### Welcome

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

#### SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - December 2017

Time	December 3 Advent 1	December 10 Advent 2	December 17 Advent 3	December 24 Advent 4	December 31 Christmas 1
8.00 am		Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	10am Combined Service Ministry Team	10am Combined Service Rev Neil Peters
9.15 am	10am Combined Service Ministry Team	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters		Baptism
11.00 am	Followed by Christmas Lunch	Rev Neil Peters	Uniting Voices Carol Service	5pm Children & Families	
2.30 pm		Seniors Carol Service Alison Clarkson	-	11pm Creative Worship Young Adults	
4.30 pm		Children & Families	Children & Families		
Lectionary	Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37	Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38	Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Psalm 148 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:22-40
Liturgical Colour	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	White

**Christmas Day:** 8.30am - Ministry Team 10am - Ministry Team  
**Lectionary:** Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96, Timothy 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)  
**Liturgical Colour:** White

### NOVEMBER

5 November 12 noon  
 9 November 5pm  
 12 November 9.15am  
 16-21 November All day  
 25 November 7pm  
 27, 28, 29 Nov 10 am - 12noon  
 28 November 8pm

### DECEMBER

3 December 10 am  
 7 December 10 am  
 10 December 2.30pm  
 11 December 10 am  
 24 December 10am, 5pm &  
 11pm  
 25 December 8.30am & 10am

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Club 2017  
 Operation Christmas Child Closes  
 Beaac 10 Years Celebration - Two-way  
 Getaways in Marysville  
 Trivia Night  
 Children's Christmas Photos at The Hub  
 Remembrance Service  
 Combined Service and Christmas lunch  
 Christmas Morning Tea at The Hub  
 Carol Service  
 Leisure Time Service and Lunch  
 Christmas Eve services  
 Christmas Day services





# Join us for this special Christmas Morning Tea

欢聚一起 享用早点 共贺圣诞



## EVERYONE WELCOME

欢迎大家参加

Where: THE HUB

Glen Waverley Uniting Church  
Cnr Bogong Avenue & Kingsway

When: Thursday 7th December 2017

Time: 10 am to 12 noon

*Donations will be given to needy families  
in our community*

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

## The Christian Church in the World

### UN rejects West Papuan petition for self-determination

The indigenous Papuans are ethnically Melanesian and overwhelmingly Christian. Indonesia invaded in 1962 and in 1969 the UN transferred sovereignty to Indonesia. Papua has since been 'Javanised', Islamised and thoroughly militarised. Papuans suffer from gross and systematic human rights abuses; indeed, they are facing 'a slow motion genocide'. On 26 September exiled Papuan independence leader, Benny Wenda, presented a petition to the United Nations in New York. Containing some 1.8 million Papuan signatures, the petition appealing for self-determination had been conducted in secret over several months and smuggled out of Indonesia. While Wenda insists the UN acknowledged receipt of the petition, Jakarta rejects this and has deemed the petition a 'hoax'. Meanwhile, the Venezuelan chair of the relevant UN committee denies ever receiving it. Please pray for the Church in Papua.

### Assyrians in Iraq request prayer as Kurds 'play with fire'

Between June and August 2014, some 130,000 Assyrian Christians were driven from their homes in Mosul and the Nineveh Plains by ISIS. Most found refuge in Iraqi Kurdistan. Now as their lands are liberated, Assyrians are trickling back into their towns and villages. However, talk of Kurdish independence has sent tensions soaring. Christians fear the Kurds will seize the Assyrian heartland of the Nineveh Plains. The Iraqi Government, Turkey, Iran and essentially all Shi'ites have vowed to stop the Kurds annexing oil-rich Kirkuk. Chaldean Patriarch Louis Raphael Sako's urgent appeal is for 'courageous dialogue'. Lamenting that 'some have already started beating war drums', he appeals for peace, noting war would be 'disastrous', especially for minorities who, as usual, would 'pay a high price'. Please pray for Iraq and its Christians.

*From Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin*

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

"A Christian community involves a deep commitment to one another and to God; committed to Jesus' message and to living out that message."

"Compassionate God, give your church the courage to boldly declare the Good News of Jesus Christ in whatever situation we find ourselves"

*With Love to the World*



# Church Christmas Lunch

An invitation to all members of the Church Family, young and old, to a sit down Christmas meal together in the hall.

**Sunday 3rd December 2017  
12pm to 2pm**

The meal will consist of chicken (1/4 for adults and 1/8 for children) with potato, vegetables, gravy, dessert, soft drink, tea or coffee.

Bookings are essential as seating is limited.

Please fill in the form below and return to  
Judith & Warren Greenwood, Laurel & John Muir,  
or the church office by Sunday 26th November.  
Any queries please call the office on 95603580.

**Cost Adults \$12 & Children (Primary School) \$6**

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Name - .....

Telephone No. - .....

No. of Adults - ..... No. of Children - .....

Any special dietary needs? E.g. vegetarian, gluten free

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Total money enclosed \$ .....

Please fill in this form and return it with your money to  
Warren & Judith Greenwood, Laurel & John Muir or the church office by  
Sunday 26th November.

Cost Adults \$12 Children (Primary School) \$6.

## Many Thanks

Dear Glen Waverley Uniting Church,  
Thank you so much for the meals you provided while our family was ill.  
We greatly appreciated this kindness.  
The Cornall Family.

## A Letter to the Congregation

Dear Friends,  
We are called by God to be prophetic witnesses. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the fete and special thanks and congratulations to the Fete Team: Murray Lowe, Sue Morgan and Peter Anderson. It was a tremendous effort, very successful, and the wider Glen Waverley community noticed this faith community.

Dietrich Cheung was delighted to meet so many members of the congregation when he attended the fete. Dietrich asked me to convey his thanks for such a warm welcome. He is absolutely thrilled to be joining such a vibrant faith community. At present he is completing his placement at the Anglican Church in Doncaster. He commences with Glen Waverley Uniting Church on Wednesday 22 November. Cross Cultural Ministry and Faith Development are the keys to defining the new role and a team which includes Alanee, Neil, Angel, Terry and me will provide support to Dietrich. Please pray for Dietrich as he commences this new role.

Pray without ceasing: 1 Thessalonians 5:17. Prayer sustains us in all we do. We continue to be a pilgrim people, always on the way to a promised end.

Helen Stewart - Chair of Glen Waverley Uniting Church Council

## Car Parking Information

Please be aware that vehicles offloading passengers at the no standing area at the front of the church will continue to incur a \$160 fine from Monash Council.

## Alzheimer's and Spirituality - Friday 10 November from 1.30pm

The Church in Society Committee of St John's Uniting Church is presenting Alzheimer's and Spirituality at St John's, 37 Virginia Street, Mount Waverley, from 1.30pm to 3pm on Friday November 10.

Rev Brace Bateman, a minister of the Uniting Church, will discuss Alzheimer's and Spirituality as part of a group seminar. Brace was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2016. He will consider what resources the Christian faith has to help with Alzheimer's. Joan Waters will speak on her experience of faith speaking to her needs during her late husband's illness.

Tea and coffee will be available. Please advise of your intention to attend. A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

For more information contact St John's Uniting Church on 9888 2295 or Margery on 9807 4084 or [mbkennett@bigpond.com](mailto:mbkennett@bigpond.com).

## Cleaning and Lawn Mowing Rosters 2018

Church cleaning and lawn mowing is carried out each week by volunteers. Four teams of two people each, clean a part of the complex or mow the lawns each week, taking no more than two hours.

If you are among the younger members of the congregation (under 70!) **please consider whether you could give a couple of hours** sometime on Friday evening or Saturday morning four to five times a year in 2018 to help keep our church tidy.

Please put your name on the list on the office counter if you can help. We will assume current volunteers are available again in 2018 unless they have already advised or note otherwise on the list.

For further details phone Herb Fleming on mobile 0407 516 827 or email [fleminghe@outlook.com](mailto:fleminghe@outlook.com).

## 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).

16<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017.

We would be delighted if you are able to join us for the day on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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@bigpond.com](mailto:j.boldiston@bigpond.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@bigpond.com](mailto:j.boldiston@bigpond.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 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> 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 would 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.

**Coffee and Cake:** The special morning tea that was held on Sunday 22 October after the combined service and the fete was a great time of celebration and fellowship. People obviously enjoyed the cake as there were only two squares left.

**Light Lunch:** We would like to thank the people who joined us for light lunches after the 11am services this year. The lunches have been special times of fellowship. People have given gold coin donations at these lunches and we are delighted to tell you that we have collected \$740 during the year. We think that this is fantastic and we would like to thank you for your support. At our last Inclusive Community meeting we decided that we would give this money to our church's welfare committee. As Christmas approaches they will be needing extra money and we are sure that it will be well used. We will begin our light lunches again in February.

**Munch with a Bunch** will be held on 12 November. This will be held in our hall and replies need to be in today. Thanks to Faye for preparing the letters and special envelopes. Don't forget your \$5 Kris Kringle gift.

**Church Christmas Lunch:** This will be held on Sunday 3 December at 12.30pm in the hall. There will be opportunities to put your name on attendance lists during November so watch for these.

Our next **Inclusive Community Meeting** will be held on Thursday 30 November at 1pm. If you have suggestions for activities please let us know. We will be preparing our program for January to June 2018.

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## Operation Christmas Child

This year Glen Waverley Uniting Church is again joining in Operation Christmas Child, a Project of Samaritan's Purse, and we invite you to participate.

"Shoebox gifts are for kids in need, regardless of their background or religious belief. Each shoebox is a gift of love that tells a child they are not forgotten."

Each shoebox is filled with a variety of simple gifts and delivered to children in developing countries for Christmas.

Brochures with further information and preprinted shoeboxes (or you can use your own) are now available from the Church Office during office hours. Gift suggestions include: pencils, t-shirt, toothbrush, soap, soft toy, exercise books, sunglasses, stationery, bouncy ball, musical instruments, stickers. For more gift ideas you can visit:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Please consider participating in this wonderful project. Filled shoeboxes can be dropped off at the Church Office until Thursday 9 November. The shoeboxes collected will be delivered to Operation Christmas Child on 10 November for delivery to the children for Christmas.

Enquiries: Kimberley Easton 0410 708 824

## Children's Christmas Photos - 27, 28 and 29 November



Help your children or grandchildren to remember the real reason we celebrate Christmas – the birth of baby Jesus.

Come along to The Hub at the Glen Waverley Uniting Church on Monday 27th November, Tuesday 28th November or Wednesday 29th November between 10am and 12noon, and let your children or grandchildren dress up, be a part of the Christmas story, and have their photo taken for free. Dress ups will be available to use for Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise men or angels.

Photos taken on this day will be available for collection on Thursday 7th December between 10am and 12noon.

A COMMUNITY EVENT HELD SINCE 1993

# HILLTOP MARKET

## SATURDAY

### 11 NOVEMBER 2017

9am - 2pm

CAKES  
CRAFT  
PLANTS  
BOOKS  
JEWELLERY  
WHITE ELEPHANT  
GOURMET FOODS  
CHRISTMAS GIFTS  
SAUSAGES/BURGERS  
JUMPING CASTLE  
FRAMES & PAINTINGS

LOTS OF FUN!

**High Street Road Uniting Church**  
**Mount Waverley**  
482 High St Road Mt Waverley - Cnr Stewart St  
Melway 61 G12



## The Hub Report

The Hub continues to be a busy place with new people coming each week, and familiar faces returning regularly. Some of our Hub visitors are also attending Playgroup with their young children, and some attended the Moon Festival in October. These Hub visitors and their families really appreciate all that The Hub and our church do to help them.

Our Christmas Morning Tea at The Hub will be held on Thursday 7 December, 10am to 12noon. All donations will go to needy families in our community. You are all very welcome to join in this event, so come along, bring your family and friends, enjoy some good company, good food, and help support needy families in our community at Christmas.

Children's Nativity dress-up photos will be happening at The Hub on Monday 27, Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 November, 10am to 12noon. Bring your children or grandchildren along to dress up and have their photo taken. Costumes will be available for use. Photos can be collected on Thursday 7 December, 10am to 12noon.

We would love some new Hub volunteers in 2018 and it would also be great to have some more emergency volunteers to help out when volunteers are sick or on holidays. If you would like to help at The Hub in 2018, in any way, please contact Judith on 9803 8373.

Judith Greenwood

## Seniors' Morning Tea at The Hub

Thank you to everyone who supported this special morning tea. To those who organised, baked, and helped on the day. A wonderful amount of \$1,155 was given for research into Motor Neurone Disease.

## GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH Ministry to Seniors



You are invited to join us for a Carol Service on  
**Sunday 10 December 2017 at 2.30pm**

Free Spirit will lead the singing

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

*'Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!  
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!  
Jesus comes;  
we will make him welcome.'*

Cake and shortbread will be served after the service.



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RSVP to Office 9560 3580  
by Wednesday 6 December

