

Glen Waverley

Uniting Church

Welcome

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

SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - April 2018

Time	April 1 Easter Day	April 8 Easter 2	April 15 Easter 3	April 22 Easter 4	April 29 Easter 5
8.00 am	10am Combined Service Ministry Team	Susan Karoly Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion
9.15 am		Russell Crawford	Rev Neil Peters	Alanee Hearnshaw	Rev Neil Peters
11.00 am		Alison Clarkson Jan Clear	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Alanee Hearnshaw	Rev Neil Peters
2.30 pm		-	-	Seniors Service	-
4.30 pm		School Holidays	School Holidays	Children & Families	Children & Families
5.30 pm		Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw
Lectionary		Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 113 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48	Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18
Liturgical Colour	White	White	White	White	White

MARCH

4 March	10am
11 March	12 noon
15-20 March	All day
22 March	10am
25 March	2pm
30 March	9.15am
30 March	11am

APRIL

1 April	10am
1 April	3pm
16 April	2.30pm
28 April	8am

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4 March	10am	Combined Service, Congregational Mtg and Lunch
11 March	12 noon	Light Lunch
15-20 March	All day	Getaways in Warragul
22 March	10am	Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea at The Hub
25 March	2pm	Walk for Justice for Refugees
30 March	9.15am	Good Friday Combined Service followed by Hot Cross Buns and Cuppa
30 March	11am	Way of the Cross at Central Reserve
1 April	10am	Easter Sunday Combined service
1 April	3pm	Children's Easter Event
16 April	2.30pm	Leisure Time AGM
28 April	8am	Annual Walk-a-thon for Chaplaincy



Wed 7 Mar, 7:00pm-9:30pm: Workshop on “Create a thriving family culture”

- Hosted at [Glen Waverley Uniting Church](#), Cnr. Bogong Ave & Kingsway, Glen Waverley
- Evening workshop for families & leaders on creating thriving family culture, “Belonging & Becoming”
- Goals include connecting families with each other for ongoing encouragement, support, & accountability
- Participant cost \$30 includes book and light refreshments.

[Registrations now open!](#)

Create a thriving family culture with Mark and Lisa Scandrette

Join Mark and Lisa to explore the eight essentials of family culture that help each person to flourish. Families come in all sorts of configurations, but all families can provide the secure space of ‘belonging and becoming’ which everybody needs in order to thrive.

Mark and Lisa’s book ‘Belonging and Becoming’ will help your church community to reach out in love and mission to nurture families for the good of the world.

Could this be the approach that not only nurtures each family in your local church, but helps you to reach out and build relationships with families in your local neighbourhood?

• Tue 6 March,
Living Faith Church,
37 Grimshaw St, Greensborough

• Wed 7 March,
Glen Waverley Uniting Church,
Cnr. Bogong Ave & Kingsway, Glen Waverley

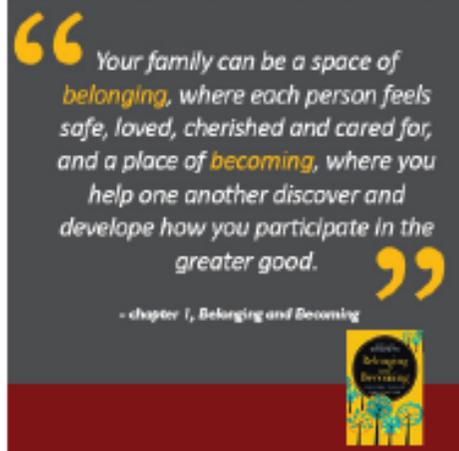
Time: 7.00pm - 9.30pm

Cost: \$30 per person includes light refreshments & book

REGISTER ONLINE @:
<https://ucvt.gongkster.com.au/s/scandrette2018>

Registrations appreciated by
Sunday 25 March 2018

MORE INFORMATION:
info@ctm.uca.edu.au 03 9340 8815



“Your family can be a space of *belonging*, where each person feels safe, loved, cherished and cared for, and a place of *becoming*, where you help one another discover and develop how you participate in the greater good.”

- chapter 1, Belonging and Becoming



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The Christian Church in the World

High cost faith in Uganda’s Muslim-dominated region

Uganda’s population is 85 percent Christian, with a Christian president and a secular constitution that guarantees religious freedom. However, persecution with impunity is becoming prevalent in the Muslim-dominated Eastern Region. Munabi Abudallah put his faith in Christ on 20 January and within 24 hours had lost everything. On Christmas Day a Muslim neighbour attempted to poison the Madina family, which she held in contempt for leaving Islam for Christianity. In October Shiekh Mulangira Ibrahim had a dramatic conversion experience and within hours had lost everything; Muslims are still trying to kill him today. Islamists are exploiting Uganda’s decentralisation and following Sharia principles locally. That persecution is enabled by systematic corruption. Without radical reform, the situation can only get worse. Please pray for Uganda, her politicians and her Church.

Battle for Mindanao (Philippines) far from over

With the battle for Marawi City over, IS and its affiliates are recruiting and regrouping across western Mindanao. They target displaced Muslims and Islamist sympathisers who are furious about the destruction of Marawi, which they blame on the Philippine military. Senior intelligence officials warn that cashed-up ‘ sleeper cells are everywhere’ and that Cotabato City ‘could be the next Marawi’. Exploiting the situation for political gain, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) is insisting that peace in Mindanao is only possible with the establishment of an autonomous Islamic sub-state. President Duterte agrees and is eager to have the potentially unconstitutional law enacted by March 2018. With continuing Islamic guerrilla war and the prospect of MILF rule, there is much to concern Mindanao’s Christian minority. Please pray for the Philippines and its Christians.

from *Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin*

A few thoughts from “The Garden of Faith”.

“Since God is everywhere, we are free to sense His presence whenever we take time to quiet our souls and turn our prayers to Him.”

“If you are here, God is here;

If you are there, God is too.

You can’t get away from Him or His love.”

“Thank goodness”

“I am not alone, because the Father is with Me” John 16:32

“The world will make you suffer, but be brave! I have defeated the world!” John 16:33



HOT CROSS BUN MORNING TEA at THE HUB

Join us for hot cross buns, tea or coffee



and help support
THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



Where : Glen Waverley Uniting Church
cnr Bogong Avenue & Kingsway

When : Thursday 22nd March 2018

Time : 10 am to 12 noon

Please add your name to the list on the office counter
if you are planning to attend.



START TRAINING NOW FOR **NEIL'S ANNUAL WALK-A-THON**

- SATURDAY APRIL 28
- NEW ROUTE
- NO BLACKBURN ROAD HILLS
- SHORTER ROUTE - so instead of 4 laps - there will be 8 laps of 30 minutes duration. First lap leaves at 8.00am
- ASK PEOPLE TO SPONSOR YOU
- DRINKS BREAK AT THE CHURCH BETWEEN LAPS

let's walk
together

Can't join the walkers, but happy to encourage them.....then come along and share in a delicious *MORNING TEA [10.00am]* . A great opportunity to show your support and to share in a fun morning.

Walker's lists and Sponsor/Donations list available soon.

Proceeds to Chaplaincy and Breakfast programs at Glen Waverley Secondary College and to SRI in schools



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 Warragul and staying at
Warragul Gardens Holiday Park
([www.http://warragulcaravanpark.com.au](http://warragulcaravanpark.com.au)).

15th to 20th March 2018.

We would be delighted if you are able to join us for the day on Saturday 17th March. Come for lunch (BYO), explore the region in the afternoon or sit around at camp and chat, then stay for a shared meal in the evening (\$15pp - bookings required). Please RSVP to j.boldiston@bigpond.com if you will be joining us.

Of course, if you are able to stay for a whole weekend – we would love to see you! Please call the park directly on 5623 2707 to check availability.

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

Happy Camping

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Advance Notice: Our Spring 2018 Getaway will be to Healesville – details to come soon!!!

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 2018 will NOT be meeting today. There will be a lunch in the hall after the congregational meeting and the combined service and CLUB 2018 members are invited to join us for that.

CONGRATULATIONS. One of our members, Anne Newton, has just completed her Ph.D at Monash University. Her topic was "Perspectives of employability skill in vocational education". Please congratulate Anne when you see her. We wish her all the best for the future.

PANCAKE DAY FOR 2018 was held on Tuesday 13 February, at our church. We had volunteers who cooked, served and ate pancakes. Thank you to all those people. We made about \$200.

A LIGHT LUNCH will be held on Sunday 11 March, after the 11am service. Food is provided so join us, in the fellowship area.

MUNCH WITH A BUNCH was held at the RSL last Sunday the 25 February. Forty-seven people attended and enjoyed a lovely two course lunch. Our next lunch will be at the church on 20 May.

MEDICAL FORMS. If you submitted a medical form last year and you want to update your details now, please let me know and I will give you a new form to fill out. If I do not hear from you, I will presume that your details are unchanged.

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Neil's Annual Walkathon will be held in the morning on Saturday 28 April. See the flyer in this bulletin.

The Way of the Cross will be held at Central Reserve on Good Friday the 30 March at 11am. We will have some representatives taking part in this special event with people from other churches in our area.

OUR NEXT INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY MEETING will be held on Wednesday 14 March at 2.30pm in Room 2. If you have suggestions for activities, please let us know.

Jan Clear

WALK for

JUSTICE

Evacuate
Manus &
Nauru

2018 **for**

REFUGEES

End the cruelty

Palm Sunday, March 25
2pm State Library cnr Swanston & La Trobe Sts Melbourne

www.facebook.com/palmsundaywalk

Music from 1.30pm
Speakers from 2pm, Walk at 2.45pm
loop route through Bourke Street mall returning to State Library
Music includes Melbourne Mass Gospel Choir, Yomal, and Strange Tenants, and will continue at Library after the walk

Organised by the Refugee Advocacy Network, call Marie Hapke 0409 252 673 or Chris Breen 0403 013 183
or visit www.refugeeadvocacynetwork.org for more info

Next issue of NewView

As we approach Easter we have taken *separation* as our theme, remembering that Jesus was aware of what the future held, and how he tried to prepare himself and his followers for the separation ahead. We all experience separation in many forms during our lives. Sometimes it is forced upon us when friends move away, relationships break down, loved ones pass away, or jobs disappear. Conversely, sometimes we *choose to separate* ourselves from damaging relationships, bad habits (our New Year's resolutions!), meaningless values or negative outlook. What part does our faith play in these times? How does it help us cope? Your thoughts, stories, poems on this theme are welcome, in addition to the concerns, reports, photos and stories of events taking place in our GWUC community. Submit by Monday March 19 to popesr@aapt.net.au or hand your contribution in to the office.

Hot Cross Buns on Good Friday

Following the 9.15am service on Good Friday, 30 March, Hot Cross Buns and a cuppa will be available in the hall. Please bring a packet of Hot Cross Buns to share. Everyone welcome.

Notice of Meeting - Leisure Time AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Glen Waverley Uniting Church Leisure Time will be held in Room 1 on Monday 16 April 2018, at 2.30pm.

Under the Constitution all Church members are eligible to attend and cast a vote so come along and participate. Agenda papers will be available from the Church Office the week before the meeting.

Ken Hutchinson - Secretary

Material Aid Offering - Sunday 11 March

It has been wonderful serving the students of Glen Waverley Secondary College pancakes on Thursday mornings. We have been getting to know lots of students!

For this month's material aid offering we will be collecting muesli bars and "Up & go" for the school's wellbeing department.

The wellbeing department are there for the students and the School Nurse was sharing with us that she is constantly giving out food during the week...but no longer on Thursdays!

Thank you for supporting our local high schools.



Cox Bight where in the Palawa dreamtime, life on earth began:

Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.

Earth Celebration

During my recent holiday to Tasmania, I spent some time at the Cygnet Folk Festival, an annual event that I try to attend each year. This small town of 600 people swells to 6,000 as folks come together in celebration of music, dance and the environment.

As some went to church on Sunday, the festival offered an alternative spiritual time, called *Earth Celebration* led by the former Greens Senator, Bob Brown. I decided that I would join this packed hall of people as we took time to evaluate and reflect that it is good to celebrate planet earth because:

- if we don't celebrate it we will lose it
- celebration leads to action and
- acting together we can protect Earth.

The programme included visuals, poetry, song, a short film from Jane Goodall regarding Mother Earth, a reflection from Bob Brown, and a call to action to stop the logging of the ancient Tarkine forest, and to stop the Adani mining port on the Great Barrier Reef.

While God was never mentioned, while prayer was never said, it was a true spiritual experience for me as I wondered about the beautiful planet we live on, but seem determined to destroy.

Whether we are Christians, or of another faith, or even have no faith at all, here in this time of reflection we were in one accord that the earth is a special place. I believe that the values and goals of many people are to live a peaceful, compassionate and loving life, and to support the vulnerable whether they be human, animal or our planet. As a Christian, I uphold these tenets through my faith, as I try to emulate the teachings and actions of Jesus. But that does not mean others do not also emulate these actions. Our goals may be the same, our terms of reference and methodology may be different, but as humans we can bond together whether as people of faith or not.

Human conflict is often caused due to us not agreeing upon the same methodology to gain our common goal. Does making Australia the armament capital of the world make a more peaceful world?

Does insisting that all must share a particular faith to be loved by God? Does our need for a continual growing economy mean that this must be at the expense of our environment, both within Australia and without Australia?

We concluded our time together at the Earth Celebration by saying together the Suzuki pledge (David Suzuki is a well known Canadian environmentalist whom I have admired for many years).

To this we commit ...

We will give of our wealth, apply our skills, peacefully defy the planet exploiters however we may and, each through our own best contributions, never give up until the Earth, which we are, is guaranteed. For the sheer joy of fostering our human community's future right to inherit a liveable planet, this we declare.

I find great happiness, that within our congregation we have those who continually strive to make our property environmentally friendly so that our physical existence is just a light footprint. Likewise, I find great happiness, that our congregation continues to strive to emulate the tenets of Jesus, that is to live and treat others as Jesus did, embracing the values of inclusiveness, love, forgiveness, and healing that he radiated in word and deed. May those footprints be heavy.

Susan Karoly - Deputy Chair, Church Council.