



Glen Waverley

Uniting Church

Welcome

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

SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - July 2018

Time	July 1 Pentecost 6	July 8 Pentecost 7	July 15 Pentecost 8	July 22 Pentecost 9	July 29 Pentecost 10
8.00 am	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Susan Karoly Peter Baker Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	10am Combined Service and Congregational Meeting
9.15 am	TBA Communion	TBA	TBA	Alanee Hearnshaw David Spittler	
11.00 am	TBA	Rev Dr Arina GMIM Moderator	TBA Communion	Alanee Hearnshaw David Spittler	
4.30 pm	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	Children & Families	
5.30 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	
Lectionary	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29	2 Samuel 7:1-14a Psalm 89:20-37 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	2 Samuel 11:1-15 Psalm 14 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green

JUNE

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3 June	12 noon	Club 2018
8-11 June	All day	State Youth Games
10 June	All day	Material Aid Offering
15 June	3pm	NewView Contributions Due
24 June	10am	Church Anniversary - Combined Service and Congregation Lunch
JULY		
1 July	12 noon	Club 2018
29 July	10am	Combined Service and Congregational Meeting
	2pm	Freedom from Slavery Concert



Rotary  **Presents**
Club of Waverley
Freedom from Slavery Concert

Featuring;
The Melbourne Singers

Conductor Ian F Lowe

Songs of Freedom programme includes –

Ol' Man River Exodus
Go Down Moses Amazing Grace

SUNDAY, 29th JULY, 2018 at 2 pm

Glen Waverley Uniting Church,
10-12 Bogong Avenue, GLEN WAVERLEY
(Melways ref. 71 C 3)

Proceeds go to the Ping Pong A Thon
Anti-Slavery Project

Tickets: \$25.00 each Includes Afternoon Tea
RSVP 13th July

Payments to the Rotary Club of Waverley
BSB 633108 A/C 145652004 Ref. Your Full Name
Enquiries – Alan Randle
Mobile 0404 817 448 or e-mail: jhrarr@inet.net.au

The Christian Church in the World

Church increasingly anxious in Turkey: President Erdogan continues to exploit US-Turkey tensions to further fuel the rise of Islamo-Turkish nationalism, which, as history demonstrates, is an exceedingly dangerous phenomenon. Sources report that Christians in Turkey are increasingly being accused of supporting 'terrorists' (code for 'Kurds'). It must be noted that Erdogan revived the language of the Armenian Genocide on national television when in June 2016 he described Turkey's Christian Armenians as 'separatist terrorists'. According to local sources, apprehension and anxiety are growing in the churches. Yet, despite the escalating sense of crisis, Turkish Christian ministries continue to witness courageously, fully aware that spiritual transformation through Jesus Christ is ultimately Turkey's only hope. Please pray for Turkey and her threatened, yet witnessing, remnant Church.

Ethnic cleansing of Kachin in Burma (Myanmar): Since November 2017 the Burmese military has been using ground forces, aerial bombardments, heavy shelling and helicopter gunships to drive the Kachin Independence Army out of Kachin State's most resource-rich regions. Violence escalated further in early April, confirming that a war of ethnic cleansing is underway as the Burmese military seizes control of Kachin State's jade, amber and gold mines. According to the UN, some 5,000 Kachin became displaced in April alone. About 120,000 Christian Kachin are displaced in total. While thousands of the newly displaced are being sheltered in churches, thousands more remain trapped in the jungle without food, medical care or shelter. The region is closed to humanitarian aid, so all food and clothing is provided by the churches. Please pray for Burma and for the Christian Kachin.

From Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin

Read 1 Peter 1:1-7.

This is about "hope". "A Living and active Hope, in which we work with God to achieve his purposes. Hope springs from the death of Jesus, and that we die in actively living for Him. As we see ourselves in this light, that is the death of pride and self-delusion. As we face ourselves, we are thrown onto Jesus as the one source of strength and life. We are transformed into the discovery of grace.

I cling to Hope, Lord
And know, you walk with me."

From Meditations by Eddie Askew

Next Issue of NewView

The next issue of *NewView* will occur in late June. As we remember the many changes which occurred with the formation of the Uniting Church in 1977, we will consider the theme of 'Change'. During our lives we change as we grow and gain more experience; modern life itself seems characterised by a rapid rate of change. Adjusting to change forces us to: examine our own attitudes and to determine what is important and must be retained - and why; or decide to consciously alter our own attitudes and practices. Or perhaps we bury our heads in the sand and ignore the world around us by refusing to acknowledge that change is necessary!

What changes have impacted on your life? Was it anticipated with joy, or was it unwelcome? How did you cope with it? What did you decide was non-negotiable and should continue the same? What did you relinquish, and why? What was the outcome? How was change achieved? Looking back, do you think it could have been managed differently, or better? What did you learn from the experience?

Your stories, anecdotes, poems, photos on the theme are welcomed, as are reports, reviews and photos of recent happenings in our community that keep us all informed about our many members and their activities. Send your submission to popesr@aapt.net.au by Friday, June 15, or hand it in to the office.

Robin Pope.

Material Aid Offering June - RSPCA

The next Material Aid Offering will be for the RSPCA. RSPCA Adoption Centres are always on the look out for donations. We use them to care for our animals and to keep them warm.

If you are in a position to donate, the following items are helpful: blankets, towels, sheets, polyester doonas, pillow cases, face washers, pet beds, kitty litter, treats, laundry detergent, toys (for cats and dogs!), pet bowls, newspaper (both shredded and unshredded), catching posts, plastic kennels, collars and leads, dog coats, puppy pee pads, play pens, pet crates, pet carriers, clam shell pools, baby gates and baby bottles. Please note we cannot accept pillows and doonas due to the mess they may cause.

A Further Message from Neil

Last week I shared in the bulletin that I was having an angiogram on Monday. This was necessary due to a couple of symptoms, a stress test, and family history. Since then my news has been filtering around the congregation. I require multiple heart bypass surgery. The news took us by surprise. I am taking it easy on advice until the surgery on Monday 11th June.

I will be on extended sick leave. I will need time to rest, to focus on my healing and rehab, and regain my strength. I will not return to work until advised by my doctors.

The Presbytery are working to put in place a Supply arrangement which is up to 0.5 time and the Synod will pay for this. I am thankful that the ministry team, office staff and many others are willing to put in the effort to ensure the good functioning of our congregation. If anything gets missed, let's be gracious and understanding.

I am thankful that I acted on my symptoms. I am grateful for the medical care already received and that I will receive in the coming weeks. I feel I am in very good hands.

We would value the prayers of our church family.

Neil Peters.

Endowment Fund

We have an Endowment Fund that holds a number of bequests. The rules of the fund state that "The earnings of the Fund shall only be used for particular ministries and mission projects recommended by Church Council and approved by the Congregation." We currently have earnings of around \$10,000, and Church Council is canvassing for suggestions of appropriate projects. If you have a project that you would like to see funded from this, please talk to a member of Church Council.

For details of the fund, please see:-

<http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/EndowmentFundRules2018>

Save the Date ... Spring 2018 Getaway

Our 2018 Spring Getaway will be to Healesville from 8 to 13 November.

We will be staying at Gateway Lifestyle Holiday Park, 322 Don Road, Healesville.

You can contact the park directly on 5962 4398 if you wish to make a booking direct. For more information please feel free to contact Joanne Boldiston on 0438 413 964.

Thank You from Elizabeth and Wildlife Warriors

Thank you to everyone who participated in the guessing competition last Sunday. A total of \$150 was raised to support Wildlife Warriors. Congratulations to our winner Binsar Napitupulu who guessed the exact number of jellybeans in the jar - 373. Well done also to Oliver Cornall, Evangeline and Judy Boucher who all were close with a guess of 375.

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. You might be interested to know that there are fifteen contacts on the Prayer support list.

Ecumenical Celebration: We were delighted to have six visitors worshipping with us last Sunday. They came from St. Stephen and St. Mary (Mount Waverley), St. Leonard's (Glen Waverley) and St. Justin (Wheelers Hill). Thank you for making them feel so welcome at morning tea and after the 11am service in which they participated.

Club 2018 will meet as normal today.

Munch with a Bunch lunch was held on Sunday 20 May in the hall and we had 47 guests. We enjoyed a lovely roast and dessert prepared by our friend George and his team. 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 - the 10 June. Please join us after the 11am service for this time of fellowship.

Mothers' Day: We had a special morning tea (between services) on Sunday 13 May to honour mothers, grandmothers and aunties in our church community. We were very pleased that several playgroup mothers and members of our English classes joined us for the service and the morning tea.

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.

Church Anniversary: We will celebrate the Church Anniversary with a combined service and lunch. This will be at 10am on Sunday 24 June. We hope that you can join us.

Our next Inclusive Community Meeting will be held in June. If you have suggestions for activities, please let us know. Due to unforeseen circumstances we've decided to postpone the Cultural Night until March next year.

Jan Clear.

What my father told me about war (continued ...4)

So where does that leave us now? Are we an independent country bravely forging our own way in an increasingly polarised, fractious and unforgiving region of the world? America in decline; China on the ascendancy. How clear-sighted are we about the changing power structure in our neck of the woods? Can we see where our interests lie in the long term when economic necessity seems to compel us to accept that others dictate where our future lies? Are our national leaders standing up for the values and principles for which our forebears sacrificed? Are government policies looking after the least among us by advancing the welfare of all who call Australia home?

So let us continue to break bread with one another; to spread fellowship in a safe place where the loudest voice does not command respect, where those who are seeking, those who are lost and those who have never seen themselves as lost, all recognize that we are called to discipleship by Jesus who reveals God's Love for all creation.

Glyn Howells

Christians and Unbelievers

*People go to God when they're in need,
plead for help, pray for blessings and bread,
for rescue from their sickness, guilt, and death.
So do they all; all of them, Christians and unbelievers.*

*People go to God when God's in need,
find God poor, reviled, without shelter or bread,
see God devoured by sin, weakness, and death.
Christians stand by God in God's own pain.*

*God goes to all people in their need,
fills body and soul with God's own bread,
goes for Christians and unbelievers to Calvary's death
and both alike forgiving.*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Letters and papers from Prison (1944).

What my father told me about war

Last month our Seniors Service remembered ANZAC Day. Heather Hon spoke of her changing views having grown up in the era of opposition to what the Vietnamese call "The American War" which we call the Vietnam War. And she spoke of her uncle's involvement in WWI. Many of us have similar stories. Wars have played a massive part in our post white settlement history from the recently acknowledged frontier wars, to the Boer War, to WWI, to WWII, to the so-called Malayan Emergency (1948 - 1960), *Konfrontasi*, the Korean War, to Afghanistan, to Syria and Iraq, not to mention our peace keeping missions. In most cases we have been willing followers of big powers.

My father, Alban Howells, was conscripted a week after Pearl Harbour in December 1941. He was 18. Originally encamped on the common in Geelong he used to regularly go AWOL (absent without leave) at night to be with his widowed mother. He was sent to the north west coast of Australia "with six blokes and a horse" to repel a Japanese naval invasion. Later he did jungle warfare training in Kuranda in far North Queensland before being shipped to New Guinea and New Britain to repel the advancing Japanese army. He was a non-smoker, a non-drinker and a sergeant. He was a Christian. He was issued a Thompson sub machine gun and later the more reliable Australian Bren gun. After the war Alban spoke to us kids about the war: gruelling marches, crossing treacherous rivers, one of his men being saved from drowning twice in New Guinea and once in a dam in WA, malaria, attabrin, dog biscuits, digging in, rain, fungal feet, church services, Padres, carrying his Bible and his chess board in his small backpack, and how the Australian soldier in adversity was often saved by the "fuzzy wuzzy angels". He was probably fitter and stronger than many and not one to lead from the rear. It came time for the 14/32nd battalion to dislodge elite Japanese soldiers who commanded a valley with a 6 inch naval gun lodged in a cave on rail tracks impervious to air attack. Officers planned elaborately on all fronts. Each month one man returned home on leave. As the assault loomed, who would be sent? The soldier who got the most mail was judged by this token to be the most valued member of his family. Dad got weekly letters from his mother, Ruby, brother Tom and fiancé Theda. When he went on leave he knew nothing of the impending battle. When he returned the 14/32nd had prevailed but not without fatalities and casualties. Years later, Dad summed these up as five wasted years of his life.

What my father told me about war (continued ...2)

He never joined the RSL or marched on ANZAC Day until he retired and revived the battalion association in order to support the old diggers, the widows who had never been visited and to publish a brief WWII history of the battalion. I believe Dad saw war as brutal, immensely wasteful and a sign of human folly and *hubris* notwithstanding the fact that the war was to save Australia from invasion.



What my father told me about war (continued ...3)

The previous generation: Stanley Gordan Jullyan, my maternal grandfather, saw action in WWI at Gallipoli, in the Middle East and on the western front in France. By God's grace he returned without bitterness or "shell shock" (PTSD). At Gallipoli he was a medic who remained off shore for the first few days after the landing treating the wounded. He returned equably to civilian life, told his children stories of the war and remained a contented family man. According to his death certificate, he died of a heart strained from being a stretcher bearer. Mum occasionally quipped that, "At least Simpson had his donkey; Dad was the donkey." After the war, in Geelong, Mum's family would walk to the dawn service in the dark before the first tram was running. Although one can never underrate the sacrifices or the bonds of friendship forged in those hell holes, I find it hard to understand why we were trying to invade Turkey? One hundred years ago, one in seven of the Australians who went to the other side of the world, "for King and Country" did not come home.

