

Glen Waverley

Uniting Church

Welcome

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

SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - October 2018							
Time	October 7 Pentecost 20	October 14 Pentecost 21	October 21 Pentecost 22	October 28 Pentecost 23			
8.00 am	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Susan Karoly Communion	10am Combined Service after Fete Ministry Team		Rev Neil Peters Communion	Rev Neil Peters Communion	
9.15 am	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Rev Neil Peters			Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	
11.00 am	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters Communion			Indonesian Worship	Indonesian Worship	
1.00 pm	Indonesian Worship	Indonesian Worship			Children & Families	Children & Families	
4.30 pm	School Holidays	Children & Families			Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	
5.30 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw					
Lectionary	Job 1:1, 2:1-10 Psalm 26 Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16	Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31	Job 38:1-7, (34-41) Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22) Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52			
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green	Green			Green

SEPTEMBER

2 September	<i>All day</i>
9 September	<i>2.30pm</i>
21 September	<i>5pm</i>
22 September	<i>1pm</i>

OCTOBER

14 October	<i>2pm</i>
20 October	<i>8.30am</i>
21 October	<i>10am</i>
25 October	<i>10am</i>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Church Council Elections - Fathers Day
Afternoon with Free Spirit at GWUC
NewView Submissions Due
Moon Festival Community Outreach Event
Seniors Celebration
Fete
Combined worship service
Seniors' Morning Tea



*Enjoy an afternoon with
Free Spirit
as they sing contemporary,
sacred & secular music,
jazz & comedy*

A Spirit For All Seasons



Sunday 9th September 2018

2:30pm

Glen Waverley Uniting Church

corner Kingsway & Bogong Avenue, Glen Waverley 3150

**Admission \$25.00 / \$20.00 concession
includes Afternoon Tea**

**Tickets available from Church Office 03 9560 3580
or Vida 0411 246 254**

Proceeds support our Church Programme & Activities

The Christian Church in the World

Christian family persecuted in Iran

On 11 July Ramiel Bet Tamraz, an ethnic Assyrian, was sentenced to four months' jail, charged with 'propaganda against the state by attending house churches'. Ramiel's mother, Shamiram Isavi Khabizeh, and father, Pastor Victor Bet Tamraz, are currently appealing against their five- and ten-year prison terms on charges of 'acting against national security'. In Iran, ethnic Assyrians are normally allowed to practise their Christianity quietly without reference to the Persian majority. The 'crime' of this Assyrian family is that they witness to and worship with ethnic Persians, who, despite being born Muslim, are freely turning to Christ in unprecedented numbers. Ramiel's lawyer will appeal for the sentence to be reduced or cancelled. Please pray for this intensively persecuted family and for the Church and its outreach in Iran.

Sword of weaponised Islam revealed in Indonesia

In September 2016 Islamists prevented Ahok - a popular ethnic Chinese Christian - from being elected Governor of Jakarta. First they warned Muslims against voting for him (citing the Koran); then they used a trumped-up charge of blasphemy to destroy him. Today, as Ahok serves his two-year prison term, every potential leader is aware this 'sword of Islam' hangs over their head. On 17 April 2019 Indonesia will hold its first presidential election of the 'post-Ahok era'. To protect himself, President Joko Widodo has chosen a fundamentalist Islamic cleric as his running mate. Ma'ruf Amin is not only one of Indonesia's most influential clerics but, as chairman of the Indonesian Ulema Council, he signed the fatwa that destroyed Ahok. These are pivotal days. Please pray for Indonesia and its Christians.

From Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin

Ephesians 4: 1-24

"There is one God and Father of all mankind, who is above all and through all and in all" - He gave gifts to his people; to equip the saints for building up the body of Christ.

"Father, You gave us gifts to use as You work through us and in us. Guide us with Your Spirit and hold us in Your Love".



SENIORS' MORNING TEA

長者早茶聚會

Thursday 25th October 2018

10 am to 12 noon



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

ALL AGES WELCOME

歡迎任何年齡人士參加; 籌款支持

肌肉萎縮麻痺症的研究工作

All donations to research into

Motor Neurone Disease

Glen Waverley Uniting Church

cnr Bogong Avenue & Kingsway, Glen Waverley

To assist with catering, please add your name to the list on the office counter, if you are attending.

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. For more information please feel free to contact Joanne Boldiston on 0438 413 964.

Review of selection process of Congregation Outreach Projects

The Community Outreach Group will be reviewing the selection process of the Congregation Outreach Projects and allocation of funding. Members of the Congregation are invited to provide feedback on the process via email to outreach@gwuc.org.au by Sunday September 30th.

The current criteria and application form may be found on the Church Wiki at: <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/CopProjects2018>

Material Aid Offering September - Brentwood Secondary College

For this month's material aid offering we will be collecting muesli bars and 'up and go', pens and pencils and noodles in a cup for Brentwood Secondary College's Wellbeing department. Thank you for supporting our local high schools.

Empty Beeac Premium Bags

Please return any emptied Beeac Premium bags to the church (put them beside the recycle bins) so we can prepare for this year's fete. Ordering will be available shortly. Thank you - Warren Greenwood. 0403 028 948.

Congregational Meeting

Today (Sunday 2 September) there will be a congregational meeting to elect Church Council members. At this meeting you will also be asked to approve the Inclusive Community Committee submission that was put to the July meeting of Church Council. This submission asked for \$3,000 from the Endowment Fund to buy a larger freezer to put in the kitchen, in place of the bar freezer that is there at present. (This will require some renovations in the kitchen.) A withdrawal from the Endowment Fund requires approval from Church Council (already received) and the congregation.

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. Thanks to the fifteen people who make up the prayer support group.

Club 2018 will meet as normal today.

Fathers' Day Morning Tea is on today between the 9.15am and 11am services. Please join us for this celebration.

Light Lunch: There will be a light lunch on Sunday 9 September. Please join us after the 11am service for this time of fellowship.

Diary Date: High tea and entertainment on Sunday 14 October at 2pm. There are more details elsewhere in this bulletin.

Our next Inclusive Community Meeting: We will advertise the date later. If you have suggestions for activities, please let us know so that they can be discussed at our meeting.

Jan Clear.

Moon Festival

We are again inviting families to celebrate the moon festival with us!

Moon festival is a time of being thankful, thankful for families, for friends and for blessings.

We are celebrating on Saturday 22 September from 1pm until 4pm with free games, crafts, activities, photo booth and of course, moon cake, nibbles and tea.

If you would like to help and celebrate with us there is a sign up sheet outside the office. We'd love craft helpers, setting up and packing away helpers and people to sit and chat over a cuppa.

The Moon Festival Team.

Celebration of Seniors - Sunday 14 October from 2pm to 4pm

Entertainment and High Tea in the Fellowship area. All are welcome to attend. For catering, please indicate attendance on the list outside the office.

Acknowledgement of First Peoples

Church Council has been considering questions about acknowledgement of the First Peoples in our services, meetings, documents, web presence and building. Some of the inputs to the discussion so far can be found at <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/AcknowledgementOfFirstPeoples>. Council resolved to seek input from the congregation on this topic. If you would like to contribute, please email councilsec@gwuc.org.au, or leave paper comments at the office, or talk to a church councillor. Proposals will be discussed at a future meeting of the congregation.

David Morgan. Secretary to Church Council.

Join us in
celebrating
the

Moon Festival

FREE
Family Fun



SATURDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER - 1PM-4PM

**CRAFT, LANTERNS, ACTIVITIES, PHOTO BOOTH,
GAMES, FUN AND REFRESHMENTS**

**WHERE: GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH
CRN KINGSWAY & BOGONG AVE,
GLEN WAVERLEY**



AMAZING GENEROSITY

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OPPORTUNITIES

We are very excited to share with you that we have received an extremely generous bequest.

The bequest is to be used to continue our local outreach to the community and therefore be used for Community Service arising from within our congregation.

We invite you to pray, dream and ponder what we might do with a bequest of tens of thousands...

How can we expand our ministry to our local community?

What would help us to serve?

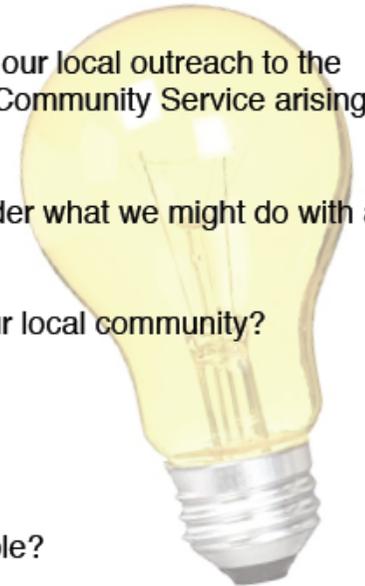
Who can we support?

What could we start, seed, grow, enable?

In what ways can we grow our vision to be a faithful, Christ-centred community that meets God and shares that unconditional love:

We would love for you to get together in all our many groups in the Church and dream big, brainstorm, discern what should we do with this opportunity?

Then fill out the form on the back & pop it
in the box outside the office by 23rd September





Our idea:

MISSION

Why we think it would be great:

COMMUNITY

Who it will serve:

VISION

What the ongoing costs/sustainability might be:

Some extra considerations to note:

OUTREACH

Name/s/ Group etc:

(optional, but handy for follow up)

Who is my family? (...cont)

I know when the whole blood family agree on something then the interest, time and effort is blessed (such as parents agreeing on a style of education suitable for their family principles). But when families cannot allow freedom of choice, such as differing religious belief, it appears the worst possible outcome is family division.

Jesus loved his family as shown at the cross when he asked John to take care of his mother.

Jesus also loves his spiritual family.

So while I sat in the pew listening to the wonderful tributes I noticed that not only the blood family was present, but also others like me, who are part of the wider spiritual family, were also present. Like Jesus answering the question who is my neighbour included more than the person who lives next door, I believe that my family includes my brothers and sisters in Christ.

Susan Karoly.

Pastoral Letter from Assembly President

Below is a link to a pastoral letter from the Assembly President Dr Deidre Palmer about recent decisions concerning the new marriage liturgy and the date that it is authorised for use. I continue to be encouraged by the way so many in the Vic/Tas Synod are looking to work together even as we hold diverse views on marriage. I continue to hold the Synod and the whole Uniting Church in prayer.

Grace and Peace, Rev Sharon Hollis - Moderator.

You can access the document via:

<http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/PastoralLetterAssembly2018Aug30>

Alternatively it is linked from the HeadLines page via:

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



Who is my family?

Over the past two weeks we have had many tributes given in celebration of the lives of those who have recently died. I have been able to attend two funerals of members of our congregation and have been moved by what family have said about their loved ones.

It made me reflect on the question who is my family. As a migrant from the UK I left all of my family when I travelled to Australia to start a new beginning with my husband David. Now 38 years later, not only have I become part of David's family, we have grown our nuclear family to include two children and three grandchildren.

A definition of family could be nuclear, extended, single parent, reconstituted or even childless. Family also crosses bloodlines, with groups forming strong bonds that would normally be associated with blood relatives. Certainly, many migrants survive loneliness by making strong friendships through those they associate with.

Then there are the family bonds that have been stretched through distance, argument or some other dysfunctional problem. The photo above is of my mother's brothers, Albert and Gerald. I can only physically catch up with them when visiting the UK and when we meet it is as if we have never been apart. Such is the bond of love.

Questions about family bonds and spiritual bonds are brought to mind by the words of Jesus. You may recall when he was talking in a home, such was the intensity of the visit, Jesus had not been given the opportunity to rest or eat. In the middle of all of this, his family, concerned about his welfare, came to 'rescue' him from this situation. So when Jesus was told that his family was outside and were calling for him (Matt 12:45-46) his curt reply was that the ones he pointed to within the home were his family. We also have the words of how Jesus came to divide father against son, mother against daughter (Luke 12:51-53).

While some may think Jesus treated his family badly and was divisive with regard to families, I believe reading behind the text we know that Jesus tried to unify communities through the preaching of peace and forgiveness. So how do we compare these texts with his philosophy of family?

September Issue of NewView

Our last theme of change brought some thoughtful responses and the challenge to think about how we should respond to change. Consequently the next issue will examine **community**, as a follow-up to change.

What kind of community do we envisage in the future for Glen Waverley Uniting Church? What values should we aspire to? What are our dreams for it?

What are the challenges of building a community? What changes do you think we will have to accommodate? How will we deal with the possibility of changes that see the demise of much-loved traditions or practices? Will these changes have an impact on our faith? How would we cope with that?

Your thoughts on these matters are invited, together with reports, anecdotes, photos, reviews of activities that have occurred in our community, and any other material relevant to our individual faith journeys in this community. Please send to popesr@aapt.net.au or hand in to the office by Friday, September 21.

St John's HymnFest - Sunday 16 September at 2.30pm

There will be a 'HymnFest' at St John's Uniting Church in Mount Waverley (37-43 Virginia Street) on Sunday 16 September at 2.30pm. As well as contributions from the choir and the opportunity for everyone to join in some favourite hymns, those able to attend will be blessed by the voices of the Canterbury Tongan Men's Choir. All are welcome to join us and afternoon tea will be provided afterward.

Frontier Services Outback BBQ - Sunday 9 September at 12 noon

We look forward to another cluster Outback BBQ at noon on Sunday 9 September at High Street Road Uniting Church, with special guest Martin Shields of Frontier Services. An excellent meal is \$10. Donations are welcome for the work of Frontier Services and the country people of Australia.



7 short weeks until our Annual

FETE

20 OCTOBER 8:30-2:00

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

How might you contribute?

* A SPECIAL APPEAL for help!!

Can you take a day of leave at work? On Thursday and Friday, our church will be transformed as the stalls are set up. **More help is urgently needed** in setting up trestles and booths, or assisting those with trailers who are collecting equipment.

Each year, the task falls on fewer and older helpers. They are a great team, and have a lot of fun. They would really appreciate your help.

Are you able to take Thursday and/or Friday off work?

Sign-up sheets will be available shortly. Peter Anderson would love to add you to the team.

* Donate items for the Silent Auction

Thank you to all for your past donations towards the Silent Auction and we look forward to receiving all the lovely new goodies that you have in store for us this year. It would help us greatly if you are able to hand in your donation of goods or voucher(s) to Yan Emms as early as possible.

Please contact Yan on 0419 365 913 if you would like more information about donating towards the Silent auction.

* Letterbox leaflets advertising the fete - Sign up TODAY

We need about 50 people to letterbox-drop 13,000 leaflets to houses in areas around the church to help promote our fete. The sign-up sheet is on the office counter. Those who delivered leaflets for last year's fete are listed on the sheet - please tick your name if you can help again this year or cross out your name if you are unable to assist. New volunteers are always welcome - please add your name to the list. The leaflets will need to be delivered during the second week of October.

Enquiries: Murray Lowe - 9885 8514

* Plan to assist on a stall on the day

Sign-up sheets will be available shortly, but please consider making yourself available for one or more hours.

* Spring clean, putting aside items to be sold

Clear out the clutter!

Please put aside:

- clothing in good condition.
- books
- treasure (household items, electrical goods, toys and small pieces of furniture).

We are always grateful to receive your donations for the fete, but ask that they are in a sale-able condition as disposing of items not sold is very expensive. We are also only able to accept small items of furniture.

(Please deliver to the church on Friday 20 October. Collection can be arranged).

* Knit, stitch, or pot some plants

Our craft and plant stalls appreciate your donations of craft and gift items and potted plants and seedlings.



Need More Information?

Murray Lowe 9885 8514
Sue Morgan 9560 8024
Peter Anderson