



# Glen Waverley

## Uniting Church

### Welcome

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

#### SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - March 2019

Time	March 3 Transfiguration of Jesus	March 10 Lent 1	March 17 Lent 2	March 24 Lent 3	March 31 Lent 4
8.00 am	10am Combined Service and Congregational Meeting including Lunch Ministry Team	Susan Karoly Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion
9:15 am		Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters	Alanee Hearnshaw	Di Paterson
11.00 am		Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Alanee Hearnshaw	Di Paterson
1.00 pm		Indonesian Service	Indonesian Service	Indonesian Service	Indonesian Service
4.30 pm		To Be Confirmed	Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families
5.30 pm		Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw
Lectionary		Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35	Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9
Liturgical Colour	White	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple

Ash Wednesday - March 6 - 7.30pm - Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 - Purple

#### FEBRUARY

3 February	12 noon
5 February	10am
10 February	12noon
19 February	7.30pm
21 February	2.00pm
23 February	2.00pm

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Bring & Share Lunch
The HUB Resumes
Light Lunch
Safe Church training
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#### MARCH

1 March	10.30am	World Day of Prayer service
2 March	8.30am-4pm	Book Sale
3 March	10am	Combined Service & Congregational Mtg
5 March	11am-1pm	Pancake day
6 March	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday service
13 March	3pm	Chinese Fellowship starts



# Book Sale

1000s of Secondhand Books

二手書出售

Glen Waverley Uniting Church

cnr Kingsway & Bogong Ave, Glen Waverley

Saturday 2 March

8:30am-4:00pm

Enjoy a Devonshire Tea



Donations of books  
welcomed from  
February 24



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work of Glen Waverley  
Uniting Church

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## The Christian Church in the World

**Christian aid workers held captive:** Australian missionary doctor Ken Elliot (aged 84) has been held captive for nearly three years by a group associated with Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM). Dr Elliott and his wife, Jocelyn, had run a 120-bed charitable medical clinic in Djibo, northern Burkina Faso, for over 40 years before they were abducted on 15 January 2016. Whilst Mrs Elliott was subsequently released, Dr Elliot is being held by AQIM in the Malian desert along with several other foreigners, most of whom are aid workers and Christian. Please pray that the Lord will sustain, protect, comfort, encourage and deliver Dr Elliott and his fellow captives, and that the Elliotts can return to operating the greatly needed clinic in Djibo.

*From Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin*

Quoting from the New Testament James 1:

“Greetings to all God’s people scattered over the whole world.

Every good gift and every perfect present comes from heaven.

When you pray, you must believe and not doubt at all.

Thanks to God, our Creator, He brought us into being, so that we should have first place among all his creatures.”

## Solar panel performance

Our church building finished 2018 as a net generator of electricity. For further information please click on the following link:-  
<http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/SolarPowerPerformance>

## Employment Opportunity

St Andrews Christian College (Wantirna South) is looking to appoint a Risk and Compliance Manager. For more information please see the sign on the Community Notice Board.

## Office Hours

Church Council have approved changes in office hours effective Monday 11 February.

The office will be open Monday to Friday from 9am until 3.30pm.

## Asylum Seeker Support Group Update

The Asylum Seeker Support Group would like to thank the Glen Waverley Uniting Church congregation for its support in 2018. The boxes in our foyer for donations of useful items and specific foods were well patronised, and the goods were distributed to either the Dandenong Asylum Seeker Centre or Lentara Asylum Seeker Project. We collected 53 boxes of linen, clothing and sundry small household items as well as 5 boxes of non-perishable food items and cleaning agents. Our association with the Outer Eastern Asylum Seeker Support Network has continued. New links are being made with other groups south and east of the city. A continuing concern has been the situation of those detained on Nauru and Manus, and the secrecy surrounding their care, particularly medical care.

While Glen Waverley is too expensive an area for asylum seekers to live in, we can do much to assist in their support by fund-raising. We have been active in raising funds for the support of asylum seekers currently supported by Uniting Lentara. COP funding and donations, a concert held by Free Spirit, and money raised from honey sales etc amounted to over \$7000 in 2018, and we have plans for 2019 commencing with a BBQ at Pinewood on February 16 (volunteers invited!). The forthcoming federal elections are an opportunity to ensure that our elected representatives hear our concerns for these most vulnerable members of our community, and we hope to create opportunities for learning more about refugee policies.

Anyone interested in joining our group, or in participating in a supported group writing letters to politicians should contact Robin Pope (9753 6348), Heather Wilkins (9560 1440), or Bobbie Rooks (9803 0379) for information.

Robin Pope.

## Meditation - Tuesdays 2-2.45pm; 3-3.45pm in the Sacred Space

Mindfulness is a type of meditation in which you become aware of what you're sensing and feeling in the moment, without interpretation or judgement.

Practising mindfulness involves breathing methods, guided imagery, and other practices to relax the body and mind and help reduce stress. Mindful meditation also takes the opportunity to be still and listen to the heartbeat of God within our own heartbeat.

All are welcome.

Susan Karoly.

## THE HUB resumes 5 February

The Hub will resume on Tuesday 5th February 2019. THE HUB operates Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am - 2pm, and Wednesdays 10am - 12noon during school terms. You are welcome to drop in for a cuppa and a biscuit, a chat and some company, or to have some time out in your busy day. We would love to see you.

## Hot Cross Bun Morning tea at THE HUB - 4 April

This special morning tea will be held on Thursday 4th April, 10am - 12noon. All donations will be given to The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

## World Day of Prayer 2019

When: Friday 1 March at 10.30am

Where: Glen Waverley Uniting Church

What: World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

This year's service has been prepared by the women of Slovenia. The Speaker from the Bible Society will tell us about the Society's project 'Trauma Healing for Women' which is being prepared for Slovenia.

All are invited to attend, men and women. Morning tea will be served after the service.

If you can assist with serving morning tea, or as a Steward or Reader, please add your name to the list on the Office counter.

Enquiries: Alison Clarkson - 9560 3167 or [alison@gwuc.org.au](mailto:alison@gwuc.org.au)

## **Inclusive Community Report**

The Inclusive Community Committee would like to wish you a Happy New Year. We hope that you have enjoyed special times with family and friends during the break and that you are ready to get back into your routines.

**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 now Bring and Share Lunch:** You are all invited to the Bring and Share Lunch after the 11am service today and on the first Sunday in every month. Bring a plate of food to share. This will be held in the Fellowship area. Enquiries Church Office.

**Diary Dates:** Our first Munch with a Bunch Lunch will be at the RSL on Sunday 31 March at 12.30pm.

Pancake Day will be held on Tuesday 5 March from 11am to 1pm.

**Light Lunch** will be held next Sunday 10 February after the 11am service. This will be held in the Fellowship area.

Our next Inclusive Community meeting is Thursday 14 February at 1pm. If you have suggestions for functions or activities please let us know.

Jan Clear.

## **Devotions at Aged Care Facilities**

These regular devotions are a valued and important community outreach to local nursing homes and hostels. This year, due to the ill-health and relocation of some helpers, we urgently need volunteers to assist Alison Clarkson and Jan Clear in this fulfilling ministry. Services of 20-30 minutes are held monthly on the 2nd Mondays at 10.30am, 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays at 2.00pm and 2nd Thursdays at 10.30am and 4th Thursdays at 1.45pm.

If you are able to play the piano or feel you could lead devotions on one or more of these days, please talk to Alison or Jan for more information, or leave your name at the church Office.

## **Thank you from the Table Tennis Club**

A very big thank you congregation from the Table Tennis Club. Readers may notice that the picture below contains not only two new Ping Pong tables, but indeed three.

Following the approval at the last Congregational Meeting for funding of new table tennis tables, they have now been delivered. As they are competition standard tables we were able to secure the extra table from our near new 'scratch and dent' supplier.

All members of the congregation are invited to come and enjoy a game on our great new facilities. Many thanks from the members of the club.

The Badminton / Table Tennis Committee.



### Chinese Fellowship - 13 March 2019

Chinese Fellowship is a new group which aims to introduce Christian faith through various activities and to serve as a social group for care and support of the Chinese community. It will be held every Wednesday from 3 to 4 pm in Room 1, starting from 13 March 2019. The fellowship will be under the Ministry team and Rev Neil Peters will be leading us for reflections once every month. Other programs will include Chinese hymns, bible reading, praise dance (exercises), reflections, meditation through music, games, information talks, arts and crafts etc.

Flyers can be found in the foyer and our programs will be displayed on the "Faith" notice board. Please invite your Chinese friends and neighbours to come and join us. Remember us in prayers and if you want to share with us your faith journey, your favourite scripture or hymns etc. (for 10 to 15 minutes), you are most welcome and can contact Sheila or Angel through the church office.

### Safe Church Training - February 19, 21 and 23

Ministers, pastors, lay preachers, lay and appointed leaders and volunteers who are over 18 years and who work with children and/or young people as part of a congregation, Presbytery or Synod activity, program or event, must have a current WWCC and undergo Safe Church Training.

If you need to update your training (this should be done every three years) please phone the Church Office. Training times are:-

Tuesday 19 Feb at 7.30pm, Thursday 21 Feb and Saturday 23 Feb both at 2pm.

## GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH ADULT FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

# A MUSICAL FEAST



Presented by

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## WESLEY COLLEGE GLEN WAVERLEY CAMPUS

**TUESDAY 2nd APRIL 2019**  
**PERFORMANCE 11am LUNCH 12noon**

**TICKETS \$25.00 AVAILABLE UNTIL 27/03/19**

**We hope that some of your members will join us  
for the performance and for lunch afterwards.**

**RSVP Church Office 9560 3580**

## Faith Development Missional Group - BLOGSPOT!

The internet is a source of valuable devotional material especially for those of us who lead worship. The Faith Development Missional Group has asked me to introduce some of these resources via the Monthly Bulletin.

I begin with “Listening to the stones” which is the Blog of the New Kilpatrick Parish Church in Bearsden, just north of Glasgow, Scotland. The Church’s motto is “open hearts, open minds, open faith”. Each week, the minister of the church, the Rev Roddy Hamilton, writes a new liturgy for Sunday worship. As the website says:

*Being a free church, in that we aren’t required to use specific liturgy for any specific occasion, nearly all our liturgy is freshly written for each Sunday.*

*That means, excepting the Lord’s Prayer and the Amen, no one will have heard what you will hear on a Sunday anywhere else or in any other era. Of course, we love our heritage and tradition but that tradition is constantly in flux with the world and so our liturgy is new each week responding to that world, and holding onto that which anchors us through our traditions. Sometimes it works beautifully, marrying the season to world events, to the Gospel, to the text. Other times it isn’t a perfect match but that is when we learn most about ourselves and the adventure we are on and realise we are creators with God in finding new words within The Word.*

*Here you’ll find some of the original prayers, reflections and creative moments we have used.*

I have chosen a couple of pieces from the website to whet your appetites.

### Gathering

Welcome to church:  
not a place,  
but an invitation;  
not a building,  
but a way of engaging;  
not a service,  
but a way of serving;  
not an institution,  
but a path to adventure.

In this new year  
let us gather  
and welcome each other  
make space for all  
decide to love more  
and break the rules of the world  
with the generosity of the kingdom

And if anyone asks  
‘why?’  
or ‘how?’  
or ‘what does it all mean?’  
simply use Jesus’ own words:

Come and see

### Unlock

Thomas is interesting. Obviously, he is out and about in the world when Jesus makes his first appearance. The disciples are generally locked in to the upper room. They don’t go out. They are scared. Thomas doesn’t seem to be there.

What about faith shuts us in, scared to go out faithfully?  
What about believing in God makes us hesitate, embarrassed?  
What about being in the church keeps us from telling folk that beyond the walls.

Thomas does a difficult thing. When he sees Jesus he takes what he fears and decides to move out into the world with new belief, trust.

It is a lesson for us: Church doesn’t work well when it is shut in, closed to the world, to the questions and debates and conversations.

Faith is an adventure in the world  
Faith has questions  
Faith explores doubts and certainties  
Faith opens doors and takes us into what us uncertain.

Salt dough  
Take a wee bit and make an impression of a key in the dough  
and take it with you  
Let it dry  
and leave it somewhere as a reminder: belief doesn’t have everything sorted, it opens doors, takes you out into the world where there is a lot of uncertainty and dares us to believe ...

The website address is: <https://www.nkchurch.org.uk>

Ross Mackinnon