



Glen Waverley

Uniting Church

Welcome

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July 2019

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| 7 July | 9.15am & 11am | Daniel Sihombing preaching |
| 21 July | 2.30pm | Seniors' Praise Service |
| 28 July | 10am | Combined Service followed by Congregational Meeting |

August 2019

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| 14 Aug | 10am | Celebration Morning Tea at The Hub |
| 25 Aug | 12.30pm | Munch with a Bunch |
| 31 Aug | 9am | Church Spring Clean |

| SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - August 2019 | | | | |
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| Time | August 4 Pentecost 8 | August 11 Pentecost 9 | August 18 Pentecost 10 | August 25 Pentecost 11 |
| 8.00 am | Ross Mackinnon Communion | Susan Karoly Peter Baker Communion | Ross Mackinnon Communion | Rev. Neil Peters Communion |
| 9.15 am | Rev. Neil Peters Communion | Rev. Neil Peters | Rev. Neil Peters Communion | Alane Hearshaw |
| 11.00 am | Rev. Neil Peters | Rev. Neil Peters | Rev. Neil Peters Communion | Alane Hearshaw |
| 1.00 pm | Rev. Evangeline Pua | Rev. Apwee Ting | Rev. Apwee Ting | Rev. Neil Peters Communion |
| 4.30 pm | Children & Families | Children & Families | Children & Families | Children & Families |
| 5.30 pm | Alane Hearshaw | Alane Hearshaw | Alane Hearshaw | Alane Hearshaw |
| Lectionary | Hosea 11:1-11 | Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 | Isaiah 5:1-7 | Jeremiah 1:4-10 |
| | Psalms 107:1-9, 43 | Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23 | Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19 | Psalms 71:1-6 |
| | Colossians 3:1-11 | Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 | Hebrews 11:29-12:2 | Hebrews 12:18-29 |
| Liturgical Colour | Green | Green | Green | Green |



Coming soon: our

Grand Fete

Save the date:

Saturday 19 October

8:30am - 2:00pm



We need your help!

Got a Good Photo?

Do you have a cute photo of someone you know which would be appropriate as the new 'face' of our fete, to be used in fete publicity?



Got space you don't need?

Do you have an unused garage or weatherproof shed which could be made available for storage of Fete equipment and early donations?



Like a day off work?

Do you enjoy having a day OFF WORK to be spent with friends, or making new friends? We would really appreciate having some new (and younger!) volunteers to assist in setting up on the Thursday or Friday before the Fete. Could you take a day's leave?



If you are able to be part of the fun of the Fete in any of these ways, please contact the Committee (fete@gwuc.org.au) or leave a message with the church office 9560 3580. We would love to hear from you.

Sue Morgan, Murray Lowe and Peter Anderson

The Christian Church in the World

The battle for Idlib heats up in Syria

Idlib Governorate in Syria's north-west, bordering Turkey, is the last major rebel stronghold in Syria. Syria cannot allow Idlib to remain a terror sanctuary from where missiles are perpetually launched into civilian centres. On 6 May the Syrian Army launched an offensive to drive the jihadists back and end the shelling of civilian centres. On 12 May rebel missiles fired from Idlib struck Al-Suqaylabiyah, a Greek Orthodox Christian city in northern Hama. Five children playing together were killed instantly while a woman was killed nearby; eight were wounded. The next day, one civilian was killed and seven wounded when the jihadists shelled Al-Suqaylabiyah again. Jihadists are also threatening western Aleppo and northern Latakia, home for many Christians yearning for peace and security. Please pray for Syria and its Church. *from Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin*

Christian Crisis in Eritrea

President Afwerki has long used the 'Ethiopian threat' as a pretext to justify his repressive dictatorship and indefinite military service. Consequently, when Ethiopia and Eritrea brokered peace in July 2018, many hoped human rights would improve. Today, however, Eritrea's human rights remain among the worst in the world and Eritreans continue to flee en masse. To prevent protests as the nation prepared to celebrate Independence Day (24 May), the regime deployed police and soldiers to the streets of Asmara and raided several Protestant groups. On 10 May 141 Christians, including 14 minors, were arrested as they gathered in north-east Asmara; 50 were subsequently released. A further 30 Christians were arrested on 17 May in gatherings in south-west Asmara. Conditions in detention are horrendous; torture is routine. Please pray for Eritrea and its Christians. *from Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin*

The deepest companionship with Christ is forged not in the moments of ecstasy when a new and marvellous experience fills us with overflowing joy, but is found in those hours of suffering and hardship when we realise that He makes good His word: "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world". (Matthew 28:20)

God's love for sinners is in the action of Christ who died for us.

It seems that goodness is often a prey to evil and that wrong seems to eclipse right, but God always has the last word. Jesus submitted to death, but by the cross He cancelled forever the power of evil. (see Luke 9 and 1 Corinthians 1:18-31)

Why the You Yangs are an inspiration to me:

The name "You Yangs" is derived from local Aboriginal words and means "big mountain in the middle of a plain" and there are three main granite peaks that rise up from flat volcanic plains near Corio Bay, around which the city of Geelong is situated.

For me, the You Yangs have always had a Trinitarian aspect, alongside the concept of the hills of Zion that surrounded Jerusalem, to which the pilgrims gazed in hope and anticipation as they journeyed to their religious festivals. In Jerusalem, they experienced their pivotal worship experiences which strengthened them and their faith in God, but which had to last them for unknown lengths of time.

As we meditate on the Psalms, we are spiritually nurtured to help us understand that *"...His purpose in all of this was that the nations should seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him - though he is not far from any one of us. For in him we live and move and exist..."* (Acts 17: 27-28a); until the next moments of meditation and prayer.

Psalm 121 is always part of my meditations every time I look to the You Yangs: *"I look up to the mountains - does my help come from there? My help comes from the Lord, who made the heavens and the earth!"*

I am always reminded that although the "hills/mountains" were places of refuge in times of struggle, ultimately my help has always come from God.

The URL for The Timeless Psalms is <http://www.thetimelesspsalms.net/>

Ross Mackinnon

A new project for Glen Waverley Uniting Church

Envision Employment Services Inc is a not for profit community based organisation here in Melbourne. Its mission is:

- to facilitate the ongoing integration of significantly disadvantaged job seekers into the working community by supplying innovative, engaging and supportive work experiences which also engender strong personal growth and wellbeing;
- to support and assist community not for profit organisations working with the most marginalised people via the donation of goods and services that most greatly support their needs;
- ensuring we play our part in the reduction of the carbon footprint via utilising recycled materials wherever possible in the goods we make/refurbish.

Presently the organisation is in the process of recycling and turning plastic bottle tops bound for landfill into colourful, super hero prosthetic hands and arms for children in war torn countries.

The original goal of 1,000,000 tops has been reached, from which 100 prostheses can be made.



Usable plastic tops are from soft drink bottles, water bottles, 1, 2, and 3 litre milk bottles (NOT juice bottles or milk cartons)

We ask for your support for this very worthy project by saving your usable bottle tops to help Envision collect the next 1,000,000.

A collection box will be placed on the bench under the Community Notice Board.

Inclusive Community Report. July 2019.

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 the church office on 9560 3580, or Beverly on 0417 359 779.

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

Bring and Share Lunch. You are ALL invited to the Bring and Share Lunch after the 11am service TODAY 7 July. Bring a plate of food to share. This lunch will be held in the Fellowship area so please join us. Enquiries Church Office.

Church Anniversary. Thanks to every member of the congregation for providing food and a huge thank you to those who set up tables and chairs and cleaned up after the event. If you would like to be a helper for congregational events to set up furniture and clean up afterwards, please speak to Glyn Howells or John Snare. (These helpers are also needed after Munch with a Bunch lunches.)

Our next **Light Lunch** will be on Sunday 14 July after the 11am Service. This will be held in the Fellowship area. We will have soup, sandwiches, fruit and some sweet food. You do not have to bring a plate of food for the light lunch. The food for this is provided.

Seniors Praise Service. 21 July. If you are at church for the 11am service, please bring a sandwich and join others for lunch in the Fellowship area. The service will be at 2.30pm and will be followed by afternoon tea. Free Spirit will be joining us and we will be singing hymns that are favourites.

Diary Date: The next **Munch with a Bunch** gathering will be Sunday 25 August at our church. Invitations will be sent out early August.

Our next Inclusive Community meeting will be on Tuesday 16 July at 2pm in Room 2.

If you have suggestions for functions or activities, please let me know.

Jan Clear.

Faith Development Missional Group - BLOGSPOT!

Joan Stott is a member of the Uniting Church in Australia with a deep love of the Psalms. These magnificent poems have inspired and consoled people of many faiths and no faith for thousands of years. For some time now, Joan has taken the psalm listed in the weekly lectionary and has written about it on her website appropriately entitled "The Timeless Psalms". Our minister, Neil Peters, just happens to be Joan's nephew and he tells me that she is no longer adding to her website, but that is of no matter, as the website is still open and contains a wealth of very helpful material.

Joan has always had a deep involvement with the Church, locally, nationally and internationally, first as a Methodist and now in the Uniting Church. Her biography on her website is inspirational, especially as much of what she has achieved has been while suffering ill-health.

In dealing with the Psalms, Joan usually follows this pattern for each psalm:

- 1.A call to worship based in the psalm chosen,
- 2.A copy of the psalm - usually the New Living Translation,
- 3.Prayers based on the psalm -these can be thanksgiving, trust, petition, praise, etc, depending on the theme of the psalm in question, and
- 4.A personal meditation - the psalms are personal poems and lend themselves to personal devotion and meditation.

Joan lives in Geelong and I was particularly taken with some of Joan's comments on Psalm 121.

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SONG TO THE MOON

A concert of music by
Gluck – Mozart – Verdi – Dvořák – many others



Eva-Marie Middleton (soprano)

Dominic Perissinotto (organ)

Thursday 18 July 2019

10am at GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH

Cnr Kingsway & Bogong Ave, Glen Waverley

Proceeds to assist church projects. Enquiries to Office 9560 3580

Dominic is one of Australia's most exciting recitalists, and widely sought after as a soloist and accompanist. He has a passion for promoting the organ, as both a church and concert instrument. A Master of Music graduate of the University of Melbourne, Dominic was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to assist with further studies at the Royal College of Music in London. After his earlier years in **Glen Waverley**, Dominic moved to Perth in 1998 and is now Organist and Director of Music at **St Patrick's Basilica, Fremantle**.

Eva-Marie graduated from the University of Western Australia with first class honours in music. Her operatic roles have included Maddalena: Rigoletto, Musetta: La Boheme, Despina: Cosi Fan Tutte, and Josephine: HMS Pinafore (Gilbert & Sullivan Society of WA)

Material Aid Offering for July



RSPCA Adoption Centres are always on the look out for donations of blankets and other items to assist in the care and warmth of their animals.

Useful items include:

Blankets, towels, sheets, pillowcases, facewashers, collars and leads, dog coats, laundry detergent and baby bottles.

Donations can be left in the Material Aid tubs in the foyer.



Toilet Facilities

Congregation members may not be aware that in addition to our traditional Mens and Ladies toilets on the west side of the complex, we also have a Unisex toilet, with disabled features, on the south side of the hall. It can be accessed through the hall or via the external entrance ramp. This facility is large enough for Carers to assist members needing to use the toilet and can also accommodate a wheelchair or walker. It has handrails and hand washing facilities. If you, or your loved one, need special assistance, you may wish to use this option should the traditional facilities be difficult for you to use. Property Chairperson.



Hospitality - Understanding - Belonging

Glen Waverley Uniting Church Special Morning Tea

Celebrating

10 years
of **THE HUB**



YOU ARE INVITED

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All donations to research into Parkinson's Disease

Where: **Glen Waverley Uniting Church**
cnr Bogong Ave & Kingsway

When: **Wednesday 14th August 2019**

Time: **10 am to 12 pm**

*If you are planning to attend, please add your name to the list
on the office counter to assist with catering.*

FAQ's...

- Do you like talking to people, welcoming them?
- Are you interested in being a part of worship services on Sundays?
- Do you like pottering in the garden?
- Are you interested in bible studies or discussion groups?
- Do you enjoy helping children to grow in faith?
- Are you happy to drive people?
- Do you like filing and researching?
- Do you enjoy dreaming and strategising?
- Do you have ideas?

If you can answer YES to any of these questions then maybe you have thought about volunteering?

Here at Glen Waverley Uniting Church there are many opportunities to volunteer and get involved. You can be a part of the many ministries and communities that make up our church.

If you would like to chat about the possibilities of volunteering,

the Ministerial Team would love to hear from
YOU!