

Glen Waverley

Uniting Church

Welcome

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2019

13 Oct	all services 2.30pm	Church Council Elections Seniors' Week Concert - The Evans Family
19 Oct	8.30am-2pm	GRAND FETE
20 Oct	10am	Combined Worship
24 Oct	10am	Hub Seniors' Morning Tea

November 2019

9 Nov	12.30pm	Getaways Spring Picnic
18-20 Nov	10am-12pm	Hub Children's Christmas Nativity Photos
24 Nov	12.30pm	Munch with a Bunch Christmas Lunch

December 2019

1 Dec	10am 12.30pm 4.30pm	Combined Worship GWUC Christmas Lunch Indonesian Christmas Service & Dinner
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SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - November 2019

Time	November 3 Pentecost 21	November 10 Pentecost 22	November 17 Pentecost 23	November 24 Christ the King
8.00 am	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Susan Karoly Peter Baker Communion	Rev. Fred Waine Communion	Rev. Neil Peters Communion
9.15 am	Daniel Sihombing Rev. Neil Peters Communion	Rev. Neil Peters	Rev. Neil Peters	Alanee Hearshaw
11.00 am	Daniel Sihombing Rev. Neil Peters	Rev. Neil Peters	Rev. Neil Peters Communion	Alanee Hearshaw
1.00 pm				Rev. Neil Peters Communion
4.30 pm	Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families
5.30 pm	Alanee Hearshaw	Alanee Hearshaw	Alanee Hearshaw	Alanee Hearshaw
Lectionary	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144	Haggai 1:15b 2:9 Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98	Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 1:68-79
	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43
Uturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green	White





Getaway's Spring Picnic
 9 November 2019 - from 11am

Jells Park (Ferntree Gully Road entrance)
 Cost \$15 per person (Bookings required)
 BYO drinks, chairs, plates, cutlery.

RSVP j.boldiston@bigpond.com by 3 November



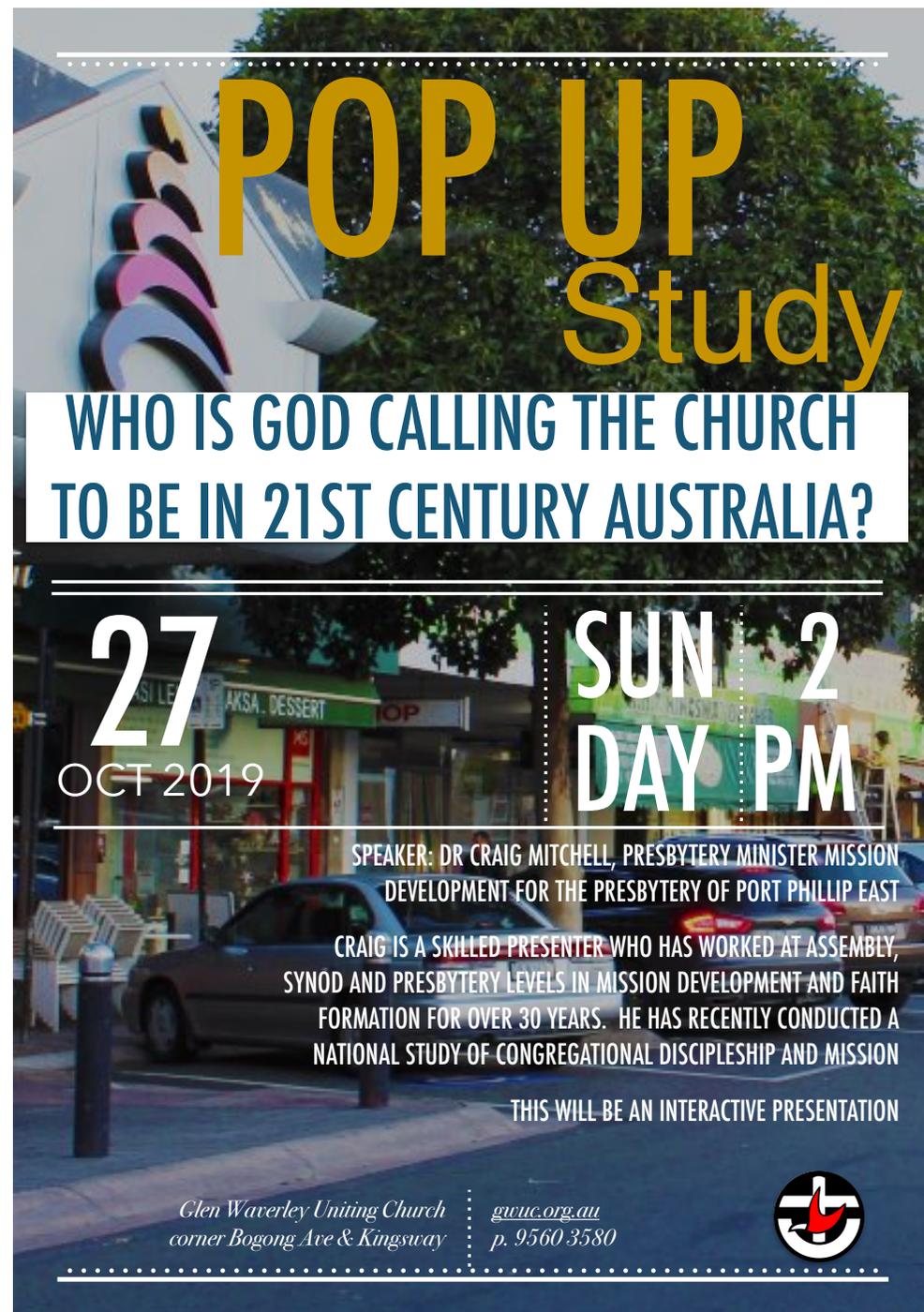
GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH
CHRISTMAS LUNCH
 An invitation to young and old to attend a sit-down Christmas meal together in the hall.

SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 2019
12PM TO 2PM

The meal will consist of chicken (1/4 for adults and 1/8 for children) with potato, vegetables, gravy, dessert, soft drink, tea or coffee.

Bookings open after the Fete

Cost
 Adults \$15
 Children (Primary School) \$6



POP UP
Study

WHO IS GOD CALLING THE CHURCH TO BE IN 21ST CENTURY AUSTRALIA?

27
 OCT 2019

SUN 2
DAY PM

SPEAKER: DR CRAIG MITCHELL, PRESBYTERY MINISTER MISSION DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PRESBYTERY OF PORT PHILLIP EAST

CRAIG IS A SKILLED PRESENTER WHO HAS WORKED AT ASSEMBLY, SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY LEVELS IN MISSION DEVELOPMENT AND FAITH FORMATION FOR OVER 30 YEARS. HE HAS RECENTLY CONDUCTED A NATIONAL STUDY OF CONGREGATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

THIS WILL BE AN INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION

Glen Waverley Uniting Church gwuc.org.au
 corner Bogong Ave & Kingsway p. 9560 3580





SENIORS' MORNING TEA

長者早茶聚會

Thursday 24th October 2019

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

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

Glen Waverley Uniting Church Bequest Advices

Over many years Glen Waverley Uniting Church has been fortunate to receive generous bequests and gifts from people who have been worshippers, guests and have come to enjoy and respect the endeavours of our Church and its many volunteers and leaders.

For several months we have been in discussions with the Trustees and Executors of the Estate of Gwenda Henry.

Gwenda Henry worshipped at Glen Waverley Uniting Church for many years and can be described as a devoted quiet achiever who was always willing to assist but also very generous.

Our discussions have been finalised and we can now convey our joy and appreciation having received a generous bequest of \$50,000 to be used by the Glen Waverley Uniting Church for appropriate Community Service Projects which would aid the work of the Church and benefit people in need through those programmes. It is anticipated that these funds will be used on projects approved by Church Council over a period of approximately 3 years.

The family and Trustees wish the congregation to be aware of the Bequest and the details of its use. We in turn will regularly advise the Trustees and Executors of our actions and programmes.

The first programme approved by Church Council and the Trustees and Executors is to support and finance the Choir of Hope Project, directed by Deb Leigh, for a period of 2 years. This is to enable the support and ongoing commitment to the work being progressed by Deb Leigh and which we are all excited about.

Church Council is considering further initiatives and opportunities for this and other Bequests to be gainfully employed within our Community and other projects. We are excited by this opportunity and our ability through the Bequest to provide support and assistance.

We have thanked the Trustees and Executors and will keep you informed as we progress.

Glyn Howells
Chairperson, Church Council

The Christian Church in the World

Christian Crisis in North India

India's Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) not only out-campaigned its rivals to win the election in a landslide, but also ran a sophisticated and subversive campaign of mass manipulation through social media. Analysing data, the BJP covertly (not using its own name) 'microtargeted' individuals and groups with custom messages delivered primarily through Facebook and WhatsApp. This strategy created a customised enemy for every group, then posited the BJP as the solution. Thus, to secure the political conversions required to win, the BJP divided communities and fuelled communal tensions. The result is escalating polarisation and persecution. This includes extreme violence and crippling boycotts, with Christians being denied access to life's necessities such as food, water, work and housing. The situation is extremely serious. Please pray for India and its Christians.

from Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin

Eritrean Regime Escalates Persecution of Church

In May over 170 Protestant Christians were arrested in Asmara. In June the government seized 22 medical clinics. On 13 June five Orthodox priests were arrested for protesting government interference in Church affairs. Up to 23 August another 150 Christians have been arrested. Officials arrested 70 members of the Faith Mission Church of Christ (FMCoC) in Keren. Authorities closed the church-run school. The FMCoC was the last church still open in the majority-Muslim city 90km north-west of Asmara. Other Christians have gone into hiding. On 18 August police arrested 80 Christians from Godaif south of Asmara. On 16 August six Christian government employees were taken to court where the judge told them to renounce their faith. They said they would 'not negotiate their faith' and would 'continue following Jesus'. Please pray.

from Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. As followers of Jesus Christ we have "a Gospel to proclaim" (TIS 245).

So I pray:

Help me; loving God, to boldly and confidently witness to your love.

With Love to the World.

SENIORS' WEEK CONCERT EVENT

**Sunday 13 October
at 2.30pm**

followed by a Delicious High Tea

The Evans Family



Come enjoy a concert by a talented multi generation family group of singers and musicians whose passion is to share their love of music and family.

entry by donation

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND, PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST ON THE OFFICE COUNTER TO ASSIST WITH CATERING

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Events this month...



Glen Waverley Uniting Church
cnr Kingsway and Bogong Ave, Glen Waverley



Grand Fete

大型淘寶日

Saturday 19 October 8:30am - 2:00pm

Ping-Pong-A-Thon 2019

Friday 25 October from 6pm will again see 24 hours of Pong Play organised by Dr Kenny Yang and supported by other members of our Badminton/Table Tennis club.

Details of this event can be found at pongpongathon.com where you can also sponsor any of the players.

For a broad overview have a chat to Andrew Hosking.



www.pongpongathon.com

Inclusive Community Report

I have just been reading about the Evans Family and their achievements. How lucky we are to have them performing for us next Sunday 13 October at 2.30pm. We want to give them a great Glen Waverley welcome but we need to have an audience to do that. There will be a delicious afternoon tea provided after the concert. This event has been advertised in the PALS Booklet so we are expecting some members of the community to attend too. Please put your name on the list on the office counter (to assist with catering) . The family do not charge for their performance but we are asking people who attend to put in a small donation as they leave the church and we will give the donations to the family. Please come and support this Seniors' event and bring your neighbours and friends.

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 onto 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 office, during office hours 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 6th October. Bring a plate of food to share. This lunch will be held in the Fellowship area so please join us.

There won't be a **Light Lunch** on 13 OCTOBER as we are having the concert. You are welcome to bring a sandwich and eat your lunch in the Fellowship area, if you don't want to go home before the concert.

On the Sunday after the fete (20 October), there will be a combined service at 10am and a special morning tea, to celebrate a good result from the fete.

Our next **Munch with a Bunch** function will be the Christmas lunch on Sunday 24 November. We will give you more details later.

Our next **Inclusive Community** meeting will be on Tuesday 22 October at 1 pm.

*If you have suggestions for functions or activities, please let us know.
Jan Clear.*

Faith Development Missional Group – BLOGSPOT!

Jim Burklo, a United Church of Christ pastor and writer, is the Associate Dean of Religious Life at the University of Southern California, USA. He calls his website "Musings" and that is what it is – musings on life and faith. He puts it this way: *The older I get, the more I know about how little I know. I'm increasingly giddy in the face of it all. Who am I to preach and write about the divine, when I hardly fathom what it is to be human? Bear with me, believe with me, hope with me, endure with me as we muse about it together....*

Here is part of his musing entitled "The Coyotes of Hollywood".

For months, I've been hiking a lot more, and a lot longer, than I did before. It all started when I became unemployed, and suddenly had more time to enjoy the great outdoors. I used the time on the trail to practice a simple meditation. I kept asking myself the same question, over and over: "Am I here?" It is a gentle way to snap myself out of obsession with what is on my mind, and be more fully present and aware of the beauty that surrounds me. Am I here, really here? Not lost in thought about what I'm going to do next, or what I want to do next, or where I next want to be. Am I here, fully aware that my feet are on the dirt and my gaze is on the mountains and trees?

This week I started as the Associate Dean of Religious Life at the University of Southern California, in Los Angeles. Instead of taking long walks in the woods of Marin County I'm living and working in the heart of America's biggest city. Each day I ride a bus to the Metro, take the subway to Macarthur Park station, and from there hop on another bus to USC. So far, on that bus, I'm the only white person aboard.

The traumatic part of it, for me, is that I've moved from Marin County, which abounds with gorgeous open space, to Los Angeles, which lacks it. So, each evening, I seek out what there is to find. I take a sunset hike up Beachwood Canyon, a densely-populated street that ends at a dirt road leading into the 5-square-mile Griffith Park. It's an island of natural landscape surrounded by the vast metropolis. I hike up the dirt road to a turn that affords a panorama of the top of the park's ridgeline. I stand there for a while and listen to the coyotes yipping across the canyon. And I thank God for them! Because I know that their crazy howling can bring sanity to a new city-slicker like myself, whose head is abuzz with all that comes with a new job.

The coyotes are yelping the human equivalent of the words "I am here!" "I am here!" They remind me to ask again: Am I here? Am I paying attention? When I am on the bus, am I here? When I am working in my office, am I here? When I am on the dirt trail gazing at the chaparral in Griffith Park, am I here?

I praise the Lord for the coyotes of Hollywood. "Ow ooooooh! Yip yip yip!" They let me know they are here. I'm working on being here, too - body and soul.

The URL for Jim's website is: <https://tcpc.blogs.com/musings/>

Ross Mackinnon

Children's Christmas Photos

Come along to The Hub at the Glen Waverley Uniting Church and let your children or grandchildren dress up, be a part of the Christmas story, and have their photo taken.

Monday 18 November

Tuesday 19 November

Wednesday 20 November

10am - 12noon

Dress up as Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise men or angels.

Help your children or grandchildren to remember the real reason we celebrate Christmas - the birth of baby Jesus.



Photos taken will be available for collection on Thursday 5 December between 10am and 12noon.

The Hub - Glen Waverley Uniting Church, Corner Bogong Avenue & Kingsway, Glen Waverley