

GLEN WAVERLEY Uniting Church

Welcome. GWUC is a faithful, Christ-centered community that meets God and shares in that unconditional love.
If you are new to our congregation, please say hello after the service.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1 March	10am	Combined Worship followed by Congregational Meeting
3 March	7.30pm	'Safe Church' Training
4 March	1pm	Bilingual English Class
4 March	2.15pm	Chinese Fellowship
5 March	10am	"Forming Disciples in a Missional Church" Workshop
7 March	1.30pm	'Safe Church' Training
8 March	12pm	Light Lunch
13-16 March		Getaways - 'Autumn Getaway to Warragul'
22 March	2.30pm	Seniors' Service
26 March	10am	Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea @ The Hub
29 March	12.30pm	Munch with a Bunch
6 April	2.30pm	LeisureTime AGM
10 April	9.15am	Good Friday Service <i>followed by Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea</i>
12 April	10am	Combined Worship - Easter Day



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Hosted by Port Phillip East Presbytery

Register at ucappep.org

Forming Disciples in a Missional Church

Led by Craig Mitchell

A workshop about congregations as lifelong learning communities

- Stories from Uniting Churches across Australia
- Insights from recent research
- Congregational practices for growing disciples
- Guides for intentional leadership of learning

Craig will present findings from his recent doctoral research for the UCA National Assembly about faith formation and discipleship in congregations, based on interviews with ministry leaders in diverse settings. This interactive workshop provides an opportunity to learn from the wisdom of others and reflect on your own situation in connecting growth in faith with participation in the mission of God.

Thursday 5 March, 10am-3pm

Glen Waverley Uniting Church, cnr Bogong Ave & Kingsway

Register by 29 February

Thursday 19 March, 10am-3pm

Centre for Theology & Ministry, 29 College Cres, Parkville

Register by 13 March

Dr Craig Mitchell is Presbytery Minister - Church Development in Port Phillip East Presbytery. He was previously UCA National Director - Formation, Education and Discipleship, and on the faculty of the Adelaide College of Divinity and Flinders University. Craig is also Port Phillip East's eLM minister.

Cost \$25 covers lunch
and refreshments



WELCOMING AT OUR CHURCH

Over the years we have had people rostered to be welcomers at the welcome table in the foyer. We appreciate the efforts of those rostered to offer a word of welcome. At the same time, we have been trying to encourage a culture of the whole congregation being a people who offer words of welcome to new people and regulars they may not know well.

After much thinking and conversation, the Inclusive Community Missional Group this week decided to alter our welcoming process. We will continue to have a place where flyers are available advertising our various programs. We want welcomers at 9.15 and 11 to be free to move around the foyer keeping an eye out for new people and anyone on their own. Those rostered would be free then to talk with people, introduce them to others, take them to morning tea, show them a leaflet. We plan that our welcomers might also have a welcome badge that helps people know their role.

We are keen for those currently on the roster to continue to serve in the church this way. It is also an opportunity for others to join this team of 'welcomers'. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet people and serve in the church through the important ministry of welcoming. If you want more information please talk to Jan Clear, Faye Wagon or Neil Peters. If you would like to join the team of welcomers please add your name to the list on the office counter.

WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE



HOT CROSS BUN MORNING TEA at **THE HUB**

Join us for hot cross buns, tea or coffee

聯誼中心特別茶點活動

歡迎一起享用復活節十字飽、咖啡或茶



支持皇家兒童醫院復活節籌款活動

supporting THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



Where : Glen Waverley Uniting Church
cnr Bogong Avenue & Kingsway

When : Thursday 26th March 2020

Time : 10 am to 12 noon

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 Joanne in the office during office hours, or Beverly on 0417 359 779.

Medical Forms. A couple of years ago we encouraged everyone to complete a medical form if they don't carry a card giving details of emergency numbers. If you are new and would like a form, please see Joanne, in the office. The information is put in a locked safe and the only people who know the code are the Ministry Team, Warren G., Jan C. and Joanne. Your form will not be taken out of the safe unless there is an emergency during a church service or meeting.

Welcoming. Please read Neil's article in this bulletin. Inclusive Community Committee has been discussing this topic for a long time. Welcoming new people and visitors is very important and we want to do it well.

Bring and Share lunch will NOT be held on 1 March. The combined service will conclude at 11.15am and the congregational meeting will begin at 11.30am. Snacks and water will be available between the end of the service and the congregational meeting. Please note there won't be lunch this time.

Pancake Day for 2020 will be held next Tuesday 25 February, at our church. We will sell pancakes from 11.30am-1pm. Come and enjoy a pancake lunch and tea or coffee. We will send proceeds to Uniting for their projects. Thanks to Alanee for letting us use the young people's pancake making equipment and ingredients.

A **Light Lunch** will be held on Sunday 8 March, after the 11am service. Food is provided so join us, in the fellowship area.

Munch with a Bunch will be held on Sunday 29 March at 12.30pm. Please take note of the part of the invitation that asks if you need transport to and from the RSL. We are looking at several options to make this easier for those who can't walk that far.

Dates for your diary. Neil's walkathon will be held on Saturday 16 May from 8am.

The **Way of the Cross** will be held at Central Reserve on Good Friday the 10 April at 11am. We will have some representatives taking part in this special event with people from other churches in our area.

Our next **Inclusive Community Meeting** will be held on Tuesday 17 March at 10am in the Sacred Space. If you have suggestions for activities, please let us know.

Jan Clear.

Annual General Meeting – LEISURE TIME

The Annual General Meeting of the Glen Waverley Uniting Church - Leisure Time will be held in Room 1 on **Monday 6th April 2020, at 2.30pm.**

Please put the date in your diary and come along to hear how we serve the isolated seniors in our community.



Under the Constitution all Church members and all Leisure Time volunteers are eligible to attend and cast a vote so please participate.

Agenda papers will be available from the Church Office the week before the meeting.

Material Aid Offering - March 2020

The mission of Dress for Success is to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life.

Your donations of gently used, nearly-new professional attire can be left in the coloured bins in the foyer.



DRESS FOR SUCCESS®

National Church Life Survey

As part of GWUC participation in the Presbytery Mission Pilot Process, the Church Council has agreed to ask members of the congregation to complete the National Church Life Survey as a way to better understand our church. This is an anonymous survey about a range of aspects of church life that can be completed online or on paper. The aggregate results will give us a very useful picture of where we are at as a congregation, You will be asked to complete this sometime during a three week period commencing shortly. David Morgan will be co-ordinating the survey. More information will be provided in the next couple of weeks. We hope that you will assist the Council in joining in providing us with a snapshot of our life together.

If is planned that the survey will be available for completion on Sunday 8 March, 15 March and 22 March. The survey can be also be completed online. More details to follow as arrangements are finalised.

Monthly Bulletin

Please note that from today the Monthly Bulletin will be issued on the last Sunday of each month. Please submit notices for publication by the Wednesday before.

Faith Development Missional Group – BLOGSPOT!

Jan Richardson is an artist, writer, and ordained minister in the United Methodist Church in the USA and travels widely as a retreat leader and conference speaker. Known for her distinctive intertwining of word and image, Jan's work has attracted an international audience drawn to the welcoming and imaginative spaces that she creates in her books, online blogs, and public events. As an artist, she uses paintings and collages to, as she puts it, take us to "places where words alone cannot take us."

She is the author of several books which combine reflections using Scripture, poetry and paintings. Her most recent book "The Cure for Sorrow: A Book of Blessings for Times of Grief" was written after the sudden death of her husband.

Each year, she prepares "Retreat" material for Advent and Christmas. This is available online and can be used by individuals or groups throughout the whole year. She takes a piece of Scripture, comments on it, and further illustrates it with poetry and paintings. Her paintings are very helpful tools for reflection and meditation. Although her Retreat material can be geared to women, it is very meaningful for men as well. She says of her Advent Retreat material:

I wanted to be able to offer some images and some words about what it means for us to really enter into this season in which, so the story tells us, God comes to us in the dark. How do we honor our longing for while also opening ourselves to the God who comes to us in the darkness?

Her latest Retreat material includes this thought-provoking poem:

Wise women also came

Wise women also came.
The fire burned
in their wombs
long before they saw
the flaming star
in the sky.
They walked in shadows,
trusting the path
would open
under the light of the moon.

Wise women also came,
seeking no directions,
no permission
from any king.
They came
by their own authority,
their own desire,
their own longing.
They came in quiet,
spreading no rumors,
sparking no fears
to lead
to innocents' slaughter,
to their sister Rachel's
inconsolable lamentations.

Wise women also came,
and they brought
useful gifts:
water for labor's washing,
fire for warm illumination,
a blanket for swaddling.

Wise women also came,
at least three of them,
holding Mary in the labor,
crying out with her
in the birth pangs,
breathing ancient blessings
into her ear.

Wise women also came,
and they went,
as wise women always do,
home a different way.

Jan Richardson's website address is: <https://www.janrichardson.com/>
The URL for her Women's Christmas Retreat 2020 is found on: <https://sanctuaryofwomen.com/blog/womens-christmas-retreat-2020-what-the-light-shines-through/>

Ross Mackinnon

GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH ADULT FELLOWSHIP
ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

ENCORE!



SOLOISTS and ENSEMBLE

from
WESLEY COLLEGE
GLEN WAVERLEY CAMPUS

TUESDAY 5th MAY 2020
PERFORMANCE 11am LUNCH 12noon

TICKETS \$25
PERFORMANCE ONLY \$15
AVAILABLE UNTIL 27/04/20 FROM

Margaret Duncan, Barbara Thompson & Church Office 9560 3580

Contribute to Monash Gambling Policy

For those who were challenged by Russell Crawford's 9.15am sermon on Feb 16th, and for all others concerned about the terrible impact of gambling on vulnerable members of our community, please consider responding to this Monash Council survey. Go to www.monash.vic.gov.au/gambling-policy-survey or phone 9518-3046. The survey is open until Friday 20 March 2020.



A Message from Rev. Robert and Heather Elkhuzen

Heather and Robert Elkhuzen will be commencing worshipping with us in March with the intention of becoming members of our congregation in retirement.

Robert is currently on leave pending his retirement after 40 years in active ministry including 12 years as minister in placement at GWUC.

In welcoming the Elkhuzen's back into our church community please be aware Robert will not be available to conduct pastoral services. Congregation members are asked to respect this advice.

Sunday Preaching Plan - March 2020

March 1 Lent 1 <i>(Purple)</i>	March 8 Lent 2 <i>(Purple)</i>	March 15 Lent 3 <i>(Purple)</i>	March 22 Lent 4 <i>(Purple)</i>	March 29 Lent 5 <i>(Purple)</i>
10am Ministry Team (11.30am Congregation Meeting)	8am Rev. Tom Rose Communion	8am Ross Mackinnon Daniel Shombing Communion	8am Rev. Neil Peters Communion	8am Ross Mackinnon Communion
	9.15am Rev. Neil Peters	9.15am Rev. Neil Peters	9.15am Alanee Hearnshaw	9.15am Di Paterson
	11am Rev. Neil Peters	11am Rev. Neil Peters Daniel Shombing Communion	11am Alanee Hearnshaw	11am Di Paterson
1pm	1pm	1pm	1pm Rev. Neil Peters Communion	1pm
	5pm Rev. Neil Peters	5pm Alanee Hearnshaw	5pm Alanee Hearnshaw	5pm Alanee Hearnshaw
Genesis 2:15-17,3:1-7 Psalm 32	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130
Romans 5:12-19	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9	Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42	Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41	Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45

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