



GLEN WAVERLEY Uniting Church

HOPE

Welcome. GWUC is a faithful, Christ-centered community that meets God and shares in that unconditional love. We especially welcome all those who are worshipping with us via our Broadcast Ministry - we are glad you are here!

Sunday 5 April - Palm Sunday

10am Live Stream Rev. Neil Peters and Alanee Hearnshaw
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 21:1-11

Friday 10 April - Good Friday

10am Live Stream Rev. Neil Peters and Alanee Hearnshaw
Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25 or 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

Sunday 12 April - Easter Day

10am Live Stream Rev. Neil Peters and Alanee Hearnshaw
Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

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How to come to Church on Sundays...

Option 1:

1. Open the Internet on your computer, iPad or device
2. Go to the Glen Waverley Uniting Church website - www.gwuc.org.au
3. Click on the **Worship Live Stream** box
4. Move your mouse over the picture of the church and when the arrow in the middle highlights red, click the arrow.

Option 2:

Open YouTube and search for **Glen Waverley Uniting Church** to find our YouTube channel.

Services/Events go 'Live' 5 minutes before the start time

Holy Week Reflections

Join us at 7.30pm each evening during Holy Week for reflections on the theme of Hope - available to view on our broadcast channel.

Monday 6 April to Thursday 9 April
7.30 pm
www.gwuc.org.au



Weekly Happenings

Tuesday

10am-12pm Call Neil for a catch up

Pretend you are shaking hands with Neil after a Sunday service - share a laugh or a concern or just ring to say Hi. Neil will be available from 10 till 12 each Tuesday morning.

Wednesday

7am Prayer Broadcast

*Join our live broadcast channel to be led in a short time of prayer each Wednesday morning.
(or you can catch up later on - it will be available on the broadcast channel)*

10am-12pm Call Di for a catch up

*Di can't visit you in person but you can catch up with her on Wednesday mornings
between 10 and 12. Give her a call and say Hi.*

Thursday

7.30pm Evening Reflection Broadcast

*A little bit bible study, and a little bit church service - tune in to our live broadcast channel on
Thursday evenings at 7.30pm for a time of reflection to help you get through the week.
(or you can catch up later on the broadcast channel)*

Friday

12pm-2pm Call Alanee for a catch up

*Alanee would love to catch up with as many people as possible - maybe you could share stories!
Give her a call on Fridays (except Good Friday) - she'll be around from 12 till 2.*

Sunday

10am Live Broadcast

Join in at 10am each Sunday to view the live broadcast - log in to

www.gwuc.org.au - we would love to see you!

FAITH DEVELOPMENT MISSIONAL GROUP BLOGSPOT!

Lighting a candle

The Catholic and Orthodox Churches have a long-standing tradition of lighting a candle for someone in need. More recently, Protestant Churches have taken up this practice. At the back of our church, we do not have a stand for lighting candles, but we have a prayer tree covered in small electric lights and we are encouraged to add prayers to this tree by writing on a paper leaf and attaching it to the tree.

Lighting a candle for someone is often done in a church, but it can be done at home. In this time of isolation because of the Covid-19 virus, this is one way in which we can pray for others in our homes. When we light a candle for someone, the flame reminds us of the person we are praying for, and it also reminds us of our Creator God who said in the beginning “Let there be light”; the light also reminds us of Jesus, the Light of the World, and the moving flame reminds us of the Holy Spirit. When we light a candle for someone no words are required. The candlelight is our prayer and that is all that is needed. All we need to do is light the candle and spend a few moments in quiet reflection watching the flame.



When I was working, whenever any of my colleagues were heading overseas, I would give them a two-dollar coin and ask them to light a candle for me in a sacred place somewhere on their travels. It was up to them to decide where to light the candle. It didn't have to be a Christian setting – all I asked was that the candle should be lit in a sacred place. Without exception, my colleagues took my request seriously and always reported back as to where they had lit their candle and why they had chosen that particular place.

The Brisbane Catholic Education Office, embracing modern technology, provides an opportunity to light a candle on line. It can be for a special need or simply to say “thank you” to God. The Education Office's **Light a prayer candle** website has this to say: *In many different traditions lighting candles is a sacred action. In the Catholic Christian tradition, lighting a candle is an old, old ritual of prayer used individually and together; found in cathedrals and roadside shrines; lit in need or in gratitude. It is a sign of God's presence and the light of Christ. In this candle prayer site, we are gathered in a special way: on our own, yet part of a wide community; lighting our own candles, yet drawing from the light of a great communion. This marvellous reality of presence, seen and unseen is the deep treasure of our tradition.*

If you would like to use this website, its home page URL is: <http://lightaprayercandle.bne.catholic.edu.au/LightaPrayerCandle/Default.aspx>. To “light” a candle, click on “Light a candle” on the top line and follow the instructions.

Ross Mackinnon

GWUC Survey

These are challenging times for everyone, and many of us are feeling pushed to our limits. We're all in this together, and we are all experiencing challenges we have never faced before. It takes time to find our way through things and we are all learning.

As we continually try to connect with our GWUC family we have created a survey which will help us compile a list of members who might be needing a bit more assistance, and those who can offer some. It'll only take a couple of minutes and will help to keep our family closer together.

Click on the link to begin...<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZNB3MZZ>

'Above all, maintain constant love for one another' (1 Peter 4: 8)

Remember - we are here for you...

If you need a chat, a phone call, shopping picked up, anything (well almost!) please do not hesitate to contact us. We are only a phone call, email, text, WhatsApp or Snapchat away. Please send a message to the office or the ministry team if we can help in any way. We may not be able to help you ourselves, but we might know someone who can.

For worship and pastoral care please email celebrations and prayer concerns to the church office on office@gwuc.org.au.

*Let's remember one another, pray for one another,
and reach out in new ways so that we stay connected.
You may be isolated, but you are not alone...*

National Church Life Survey

Due to the sudden change in worship arrangements, it has been decided to postpone the National Church Life Survey until later in the year. Thank you to those who have already completed the survey - these forms will be safely stored and submitted at a later date. If you have taken a form to complete these are still being accepted by the church office - pop it in the mail if you wish!