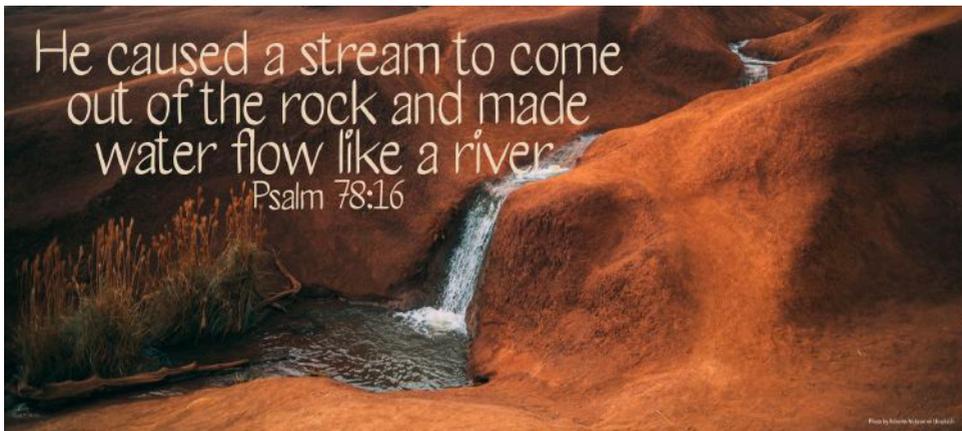




GLEN WAVERLEY Uniting Church



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 27 September - Pentecost 17

10am Live Stream

Rev. Neil Peters & Alanee Hearnshaw

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

Sunday 4 October - Pentecost 18

10am Live Stream

Rev. Neil Peters & Di Paterson

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Check-In Thursday with Neil - Thursday 1 October @ 10am

Neil is inviting members of the church to 'Check-In' on Thursday mornings for a casual 40 min small group chat on Zoom. This week's theme is: *funny happenings at work...* To participate please email Neil on revneilpeters@gmail.com and he will send you the invitation link. *Check-In with Neil and he can check-in with you!*

School Chaplaincy

A Bill has been submitted to the Victorian Parliament by Fiona Patten (Reason Party) which aims to remove the religious nature of school chaplaincy and force schools to employ secular youth workers. Currently a school can choose to appoint a chaplain, a youth worker, a nurse or none. The Bill will sideline Chaplaincy providers. The Bill will be debated soon. If this causes you concern you might like to write or email your State member of Parliament. Use this link to identify [your local member](#) and use this link for a [proposed letter](#).

Mystery Cuppa Calls

Thank you to those who participated in our recent Mystery Cuppa Calls - we hope you had some interesting and engaging conversations. Our Mystery Cuppa Calls have now concluded, but please don't let that stop you from staying in contact with others. Remember...

*It's always a
good time for a
Cuppa Call...*



GomerFun

Don't forget to check out the GOMERs group special wiki page, GomerFun (<http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/GomerFun>).

Sammy Stamp

A reminder to **keep collecting** stamps from your mail for Sammy Stamp. As we are currently not able to collect these stamps from you, please trim the excess paper off and hold onto them until social distancing restrictions are eased and collection/drop off is permitted. Thanks!

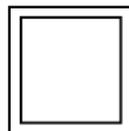


Whether you are at home alone or in lock-down with family, or housemates, whatever your age, and wherever you come from, we welcome you to take up this invitation to create a piece table cloth reflecting on your lock-down experience.

With threads connecting us with each other, we can offer each other a little square of our experience, allowing us to be *Pieced Together*.

The details:

- Use a **Square** of any fabric - 25cm by 25cm
- (Maybe it's a piece of the PJ's you have now worn out from wearing every day!)
- Paint, sew, stitch, glue, write, knit, craft, create - anything you want...
- Make sure the final design fits within a **20cm by 20cm square**, leaving a **2.5cm border** on all sides



Church Council News

The minutes from the most recent Church Council meeting are now available on the wiki. They can be found at <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/CouncilMinutes20200923> or via the [HeadLines](#) page. *Reminder: you will need to be logged in to view them.*

Due to current social distancing requirements relating to church buildings, no meetings will be held at the church during this time. **The complex remains closed, and online worship will continue throughout October.**

Sharing Good News: Ministerial transitions and future strategy

Over some months Church Council has worked through the following process with a minimum 5 year timeframe:

1. Affirm Direction and Priorities.
2. Where do we need paid roles in line with strategic direction?
3. Where can we work with volunteers to meet strategic direction?
4. What does our financial position say to us?
5. Affirm staffing needs?
6. Affirm who will fill roles or how we fill roles?

Back in July, Council affirmed the Organic Vision that arose from a deeply engaged process back in 2014 (<http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/OnePageVision2014>).

At our August meeting, realising that unfortunately it is not possible to keep Neil working forever, Council agreed that as we look to the future and our commitment to live out our vision, we continue to prioritise our ministerial staffing, with an emphasis on ensuring continuity. Council has affirmed a transition process with Neil's anticipated retirement in something like three years' time, to try to ensure we have a Minister of the Word at GWUC prior to Neil concluding.

At Wednesday's meeting we unanimously took another important step forward:
... Council gratefully acknowledges Alanee for her faithful, creative and inspiring ministry and affirms its desire to extend Alanee's appointment for a further 5 years.

Following the usual practice, the congregation will be asked to affirm this at the next Congregational Meeting.

At the same time, recognising their wonderful contributions, Council has also asked People and Culture Committee to extend the contracts of Di Paterson and Joanne Boldiston and to carry forward Jemma Graham's Children and Families role into 2021.

Council also approved in principle the recruitment of a part time welfare coordinator funded from the Gwenda Henry bequest.

There are still many steps to take, but these are vital decisions for our future vision and mission. Finally, let me share with you the challenge Alanee put to Church Council in August:

As we find ourselves in this peculiar time in the life of our church community, I propose we take the opportunity to explore, research, dream and discern future opportunities.

And time to dream and explore the new unimagined opportunities of church community that we have found ourselves faced with at this time.

If you look at the minutes of Church Council, with reports from groups and individuals, you will see how this process has begun and the initiatives which already are being explored.

Glyn Howells
Chair, Church Council

What's On?

Monday	10am	Virtual GOMER - Zoom
	4.10pm	Mice, Kats & Dogs - Zoom
Tuesday	10am	'Cuppa Call' with Neil
	2pm	Mindful Meditation - Zoom
Wednesday	7am	Prayer - Live Broadcast
	10am	'Cuppa Call' with Di
	5.30pm	Uthies - Zoom (alternate weeks)
	8.00pm	Free Spirit - Zoom
Thursday	10am	'Check-In Thursday' with Neil - Zoom
	7.30pm	Evening Reflection - Live Broadcast
Friday	12pm	'Cuppa Call' with Alanee
	5.30pm	Uthies - Zoom (alternate weeks)
	7.30pm	Youth - Zoom
Sunday	10am	Worship - Live Broadcast
	5pm	Catch Up/Discussion - Zoom

*Do you have a
Celebration
to share in our next
service or perhaps a
Prayer Point
to share?*

*Send an email to let
us know:
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