



GLEN WAVERLEY Uniting Church

WELCOME

GWUC is a faithful, Christ-centered community that meets God and shares in that unconditional love.

We welcome all those who are worshipping with us here in the church or via our Broadcast Ministry - we are glad you are here!



Sunday 20 December - Advent 4

ONCE UPON A NATIVITY

10am Live Stream Rev. Neil Peters & Alanee Hearnshaw
2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27;
Luke 1:26-38

Thursday 24 December - **CHRISTMAS EVE**

7pm Live Stream Ministry Team
Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

Friday 25 December - **CHRISTMAS DAY**

10am Live Stream Rev. Neil Peters & Alanee Hearnshaw
Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20

Sunday 27 December - Christmas 1

10am Live Stream Rev. Neil Peters
Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

Thursday 31 December - New Year's Eve

11.30pm Online (pre-recorded) Rev. Neil Peters
Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8; Revelations 21:1-6a; Matthew 25:31-46

Zoom Morning Tea - not just for Newcomers!

All are welcome to join in the Zoom Morning Tea - after the 10am Worship on Sunday. Click here to join: <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/VirtualMorningTea>. (You will also need to click the 'this link to join' link)

This is an opportunity to meet new people as well as catching up with others you may not have seen for a while. *All are welcome!*

ONCE UPON A CHRISTMAS
INSTALLATION

EXPERIENCE
THE
CHRISTMAS
STORY IN A
NEW AND
THOUGHT
PROVOKING
WAY

NOW OPEN

17 December - 10am-12pm
18 December - 7am-5.30pm
19 December - 10am-12pm
20 December - 11.30am-2.30pm
21 December - 9am-5.30pm
22 December - 9am-3pm
23 December - 9am-3pm

ALL WELCOME
TO THIS ALL-AGE
EXPERIENCE

"Pieced Together"

Closing date Friday 25 December

With threads connecting, we can offer each other a little square of our experience, allowing us to be Pieced Together.... If you have not dropped your quilt square into the church office - NOW IS THE LAST CHANCE - Closing date for quilt squares is **Friday 25 December**.

Please use a Square of any fabric - 25cm by 25cm - making sure the final design fits within a 20cm by 20cm square, leaving a 2.5cm border on all sides.

Pieced Together
A Covid Quilt by Glen Waverley Quilting Church

Empty Christmas Tree

Food and Gifts for children and adults can be left under the empty Christmas tree to support families known to our Welfare team. Gifts also go to Uniting Broadmeadows. Gifts should be left unwrapped.

As we are unable to have 'gather in the foyer' at the moment, we have put our Empty Christmas Tree closer to the carpark door. We hope this will allow donations to be quickly 'dropped-off', without the need of recording your attendance.

Cleaning and Lawn Mowing Roster 2021 - Volunteers required

If you could give a couple of hours on a Friday evening or Saturday morning, four times a year, your help would be gratefully received. We urgently need new volunteers to join the roster, in particular younger members of the congregation. At present many of our volunteers are in their 70s and 80s. Please add your name to the list on the office counter, or let me know directly. I am happy to answer any questions you may have about the cleaning or mowing roster and requirements. My contact details are: mobile 0417159890 or email f.mackinnon@bigpond.com. *Fairlie Mackinnon (Property Committee)*

The Christmas Bowl

Online donations can be made via their website using the link [Christmas-Bowl-GWUC](#) or by direct debit to our bank account (BSB 033-052, Account 92 2198, please use code "Bowl").

If you prefer to donate using the Christmas Bowl Envelopes, they can be picked up from the box on the window outside the church office (ceremonial drive entrance). Filled envelopes can be left in the church letterbox and these will be sent on to the Christmas Bowl Appeal.



Good news from Church Council re Neil's long service leave

In view of circumstances, Rev. Neil Peters delayed his long service leave, planned for 2020, to 26 April - 6 June 2021. During a brief meeting last week "Council gratefully accepted the offer from Pastoral Relations Committee of Presbytery for Rev Ineke Giles to be supply minister during Neil's long service leave."

Other Church Council News...

From Monday 7 December, worshippers are now able to attend the church for worship services. Online worship will continue to be available, so if you are uncomfortable about returning to the church complex, or are unwell, please stay home and join in via our YouTube channel or our website: www.gwuc.org.au/live.

Included with Friday's Happy Email is a document "*We are re-opening!...but with caution*" which shares with you the guidelines in place for those attending onsite worship. These guidelines are based on both government and Synod restrictions and are expected to be in place until at least the end of January 2021.

We encourage you to make your own decision about your own return to church activities and look forward to welcoming you when you return.

Check-In Thursday with Neil

Thursday's Zoom Check-in is taking a break over Christmas and January and is planning to return in February 2021.

What's On Next Week?

Monday	10am	Virtual GOMER - Zoom
Tuesday	2pm	Mindful Meditation - Zoom
Wednesday	7am	Prayer - Live Broadcast
Thursday	7pm	Christmas Eve Service - Live Broadcast
Friday	10am	Christmas Day Service - Live Broadcast
Sunday	10am	Worship - Live Broadcast
	<i>after 10am worship</i>	Zoom Morning Tea

*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:
connect@gwuc.org.au*

Contact Us...

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