

Masks & Covid Safe Guidelines

Masks must be carried at all times, and are once again **mandatory** to wear while inside the church buildings.

As per the recent government and Synod guidelines the **windows and doors of the church will be open** to allow for adequate natural ventilation. The fans and air conditioners will NOT be operating. Please adjust your clothing and seat choices to allow for this.

A reminder also that the foyer/fellowship areas should not be used for gatherings and should be kept as clear as possible. If you wish to catch up with others please move outside to do so.

Zoom Morning Tea

All are invited to join in our Zoom Morning Tea, which is held each Sunday after the 10am Worship. 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 a great opportunity to catch up with people you may not have seen for a while as well as perhaps meeting new friends. *All are welcome!*

Check-In Thursday with Neil - Thursday 25 February @ 10am

Neil is inviting members of the church to 'Check-In' on Thursday mornings for a casual 40 min small group chat on Zoom. 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!*

Can you help?

During 2020, GWUC was fortunate to continue to offer Sunday worship services in an online format. One important aspect to these services was the contributions made by you, our GWUC family, who recorded videos of bible readings and prayers.

As we are beginning to plan a return to our normal services we would like to be able to call on some of our family who are not on the usual roster for bible readings or prayers to assist with these. This may be by recording the reading/prayer to use in the service, or by attending worship and speaking live. We are hopeful for a mix of contributions by a mix of people!

For those of you already on the bible reading or vestry roster, can you please notify Joanne (church office) if you would like to continue and if you are willing to speak live or do a recording. Your contribution to our worship services is greatly valued and we hope you will continue on in the future.

If you are not on the regular roster and would like to offer a contribution to our Sunday services by bringing the bible reading or a prayer, please contact the church office on office@gwuc.org.au or by phone 9560 3580.

Children's Space

The children's space was removed during the last few months to accommodate adequate social distancing requirements but has now been returned to the usual layout.

Choir Leader

If you're passionate about music and want to share it with others, and you enjoy attending church, then we would like you to become our Choir Leader. Uniting Voices sing twice a month at the 11am Sunday Worship Service at Glen Waverley Uniting Church and practice weekly on a Thursday evening. This is a voluntary position but a Remuneration for travel expenses is negotiable.

Please contact Susan Karoly (0433 692 862 or susan_karoly@hotmail.com for further details.

Morning Tea

From Sunday 28 February, we will again be sharing in Morning Tea following the morning service. This will be held following the covid-safe guidelines. All are welcome.

Only 1 week to go...

Book Sale

Saturday 27 February | 8:30am - 4:00pm

Books may be brought to the church any time this week during office hours.

Happy to assist with setup or on the day?

Please email Sue at sue@morgands.net or add your name to the list on the office counter. We also look forward to donations of the many books you read during lockdown.

When might you be able to assist?

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| Thursday 25 Feb, 5:30pm | Arranging of tables by those of us able and willing! |
| Friday 26 Feb, 10am - | Sorting and setting out of books. We intend to allow the full day to do this, so workers have more space as they do so. Come when you can for as long as you are able. Just come if you can. |
| Saturday 27 Feb, 8:30-4:00 | Book Sale. A roster will be drawn up shortly. |
| Sunday 28 Feb, 11:30 - | Pack up and dispose of unsold stock. Sadly, Yarragon CFA are already over stocked and cannot accept our books, so please look for groups who might be happy to accept donations. |

World Day of Prayer - Live stream only

The 2021 World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 5 March at GWUC at 10.30am. The service will be live streamed on the GWUC YouTube channel only - no congregation please. The guest speaker will be Mark Zirnsak who is Social Justice Advocate, in the Uniting Church Synod of Victoria and Tasmania.

Crosslight

The February 2021 edition of Crosslight is now available. Pick up your copy from the steward's table.

With Love to the World

The Lent and Easter edition is now available. Please collect your copy from the letter rack.

ISOLATED - BUT NOT ALONE

Remember, we are here for you. 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 the purposes of worship and pastoral care please email celebrations and prayer concerns to the church office. The bulletin gives you contact details.

*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.

Contact Us...

Ministry Team

Rev. Neil Peters - Minister of the Word - 0417 580 532 revneilpeters@gmail.com

Alanee Hearnshaw - Youth & Young Adults - 0402 030 342 alanee.h@gmail.com

Jemma Graham - Children & Families jemmagrahamm@gmail.com

Di Paterson - Pastoral Care Worker - 0400 961 052 dpaterson7@bigpond.com

Church Office

Joanne Boldiston - Office Manager - Mon - Fri: 9am - 3.30pm

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Emails: office@gwuc.org.au or minteamandoffice@gwuc.org.au

Website: gwuc.org.au

GWUC Bank Account Details:

Bank: Westpac

Account Name:

Uniting Church Glen Waverley

BSB: 033 052

Account Number: 92 2198

Church Council Election 2021

As we pray together in electing our new Church Council, we invite you to think and reflect on who God is encouraging to lead our church at this time.

Duties & Responsibilities of the Church Council

Our Church Council is charged with building our community of God's love. This is a process to identify gifts of spiritual oversight and vision as we enter into 'being Church'.

As a part of our new Church Council, the ministry specifically calls for spiritual leadership of the Congregation. That is, in giving priority in its life to building up the Congregation in faith and love, sustaining members in hope, and leading the congregation to a fuller participation in Christ's mission in the world.

The Church Council, with its committees and communities, is also charged with assisting and leading the congregation to achieve the visions and mission as agreed with the congregation from time to time.

*Be Kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other,
just as in Christ God forgave you.*

Ephesians 4: 32

Love is patient, Love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

Voting - Sunday 28 March 2021

A ballot for election of Church Councillors will be held on Sunday 28 March 2021. There will be nine positions to fill.

A single purpose congregation meeting is called for that day, encompassing all the services of worship, to enable persons attending any of the worship services to vote.

This is to ensure the maximum possible participation by our congregation.

The Uniting Church in Australia regulations indicate that a vote can only be held at a Congregational Meeting and that absentee and postal voting is not permitted.

Ballot papers will ONLY be handed out at worship services held on Sunday 28 March. They will not be available at other times during the day.

Nominees receiving the support of a majority of those participating in the ballot will be declared to be elected.

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In accordance with the congregational decision of July 2013, all Church Councillors will be elected as Elders as well as Councillors.

Nomination Forms

These will be available on Sunday 14 February 2021 and at any time after that date from the office or office counter until Sunday 7 March 2021 when nominations will close. Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to carefully consider accepting nomination and to make nominations.

Each nomination requires:-

- a Proposer and Secunder
- a Nominee
- signatures of Proposer, Secunder and Nominee
- the Nominee is requested to provide some personal information to assist our decision-making.

Nominations close on Sunday 7 March 2021

The nomination forms may be returned to the Church Office until the end of that date.

Candidates can obtain from the office a copy of the duties of a Church Councillor as recorded in the Uniting Church in Australia regulations, or by accessing the Uniting Church in Australia web site, or by talking to any Church Council member. This is also available via -

<http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/ExpectationsOfCouncilMembers>

Information about what the Church Council does is available at:

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Nominations

Nominations will be announced in the week of **14 March 2021**.

Retiring Councillors

The following councillors have completed their term of appointment, and are all eligible for re-nomination (although some may not wish to renominate).

- Ryan Chan, Alison Clarkson, Anne Cook, Glyn Howells, Wendy Pepper

Election Result

The successful candidates will be announced during the week following the election.

Any questions relating to the voting procedures can be directed to John Snare or the Church Office.

*John Snare
Chairperson of Congregation, Glen Waverley Uniting Church*

**UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA
GLEN WAVERLEY CONGREGATION**

CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTION for 2021

We, _____ [Proposer]

and _____ [Seconder]

nominate

to be a CHURCH COUNCILLOR OF
GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH

for a term of (1 to 5) _____ years.

Signed: _____ [Proposer]

_____ [Seconder]

_____ [Nominee]

*Nominee - please indicate the length of time you wish to be a Church Councillor for
Glen Waverley Uniting Church - a period of up to 5 years.*

Nominee to complete next page:

