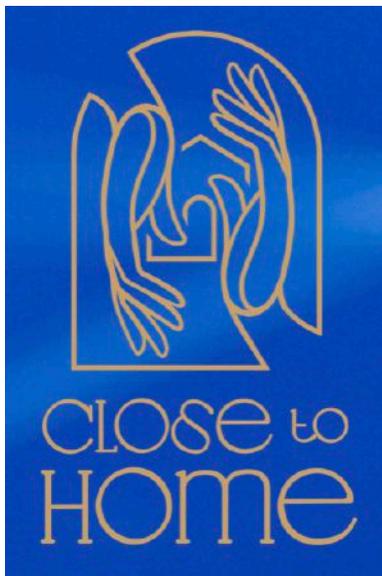




GLEN WAVERLEY Uniting Church



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!

Christmas/New Year Services

Sunday 26 December - Christmas 1

10am Worship (+ live broadcast)

Rev. Neil Peters

5pm (for 5.15pm start)

Indonesian Fellowship Christmas Celebration

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

Friday 31 December - New Year's Eve

11.15pm Worship (+ live broadcast)

Rev. Neil Peters

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13; Psalm 8; Revelation 21: 1-6a; Matthew 25: 31-46

The Christmas Bowl



As is our usual practice, all Open Plate offering received at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services will be donated to the Christmas Bowl appeal which supports overseas work where there is conflict, poverty and natural disasters. 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 placed in the offering plate or left in the church letterbox and these will be sent on to the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

Annual Leave & January Office Hours

- Rev. Neil Peters will be on leave from 7 January, returning 27 January 2022.
- Alanee Hearnshaw will be on leave from 26 December, returning 30 January 2022.
- Di Paterson will be on leave from 20 January, returning 28 January 2022.

The church office will be closed from 10 January, reopening 27 January 2022.

Thank you

Eileen Scott and family send our heartfelt thanks to the caring church family for all your messages of sympathy, love and support following the death of our dear husband, father and grandpa, Neville. Our faith is strengthened by the love of friends at such a time.

Current COVIDSafe settings...

Masks are again mandatory in indoor settings within Victoria for all people aged eight and over. Please ensure you wear your mask while attending the building.

The Victorian Government has removed the requirement to check vaccination status for most venues, including churches, but the use of QR codes to check-in remains.

We have, all through this, stayed with government advice, but not gone beyond it. We will continue to take all reasonable steps to protect our members and visitors. We urge people with symptoms, and those without the protection of vaccines, to stay home. We continue to provide sanitiser at the door. Our large opening windows in the church, and the doors on opposite sides of the foyer, ensure adequate ventilation (which guards against aerosol spread). For the same reason, we open doors and windows and run exhaust fans in the hall, the kitchen and other rooms when they are in use.

We will continue to live stream our services, and make them available for later viewing. We have a Zoom licence that groups can use to meet on line.

Please contact the church office if you have concerns or comments. You are not alone.

Things that we are doing to minimise risk

- Live streaming all services.
 - Ensuring adequate ventilation, so dress appropriately.
 - Providing sanitiser and cleaning agents.
 - Encouraging groups to meet on Zoom when appropriate.
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Things for you to do to minimise risk

- If you have COVID-19 symptoms or if you have been advised to get tested by a contact, workplace or school, get a COVID-19 test and isolate until you get a negative result.
- Wear a mask while indoors.
- Remember to check in everywhere every time using the [Services Victoria app](#).

2022 Services

Sunday 2 January - Christmas 2

10am Worship (+ live broadcast) *incl. Holy Communion* Rev. Neil Peters
1pm Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom
Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Sunday 9 January - Baptism of Jesus

10am Worship (+ live broadcast) Rev. Tom Rose
1pm Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom
Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday 16 January - Epiphany 2

10am Worship (+ live broadcast) Ross Mackinnon / Daniel Sihombing
1pm Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom
Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Sunday 23 January - Epiphany 3

10am Worship (+ live broadcast) Alison Clarkson / Jan Clear
1pm Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

Sunday 30 January - Epiphany 4

10am Worship (+ live broadcast) Rev. Neil Peters / Alanee Hearnshaw
including Back to School and Backpack Blessing
1pm Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom
Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

Sunday 6 February - Epiphany 5

8am Contemplative Ross Mackinnon
9.15am Interactive (+live broadcast) *incl. Holy Communion* Rev. N Peters / A Hearnshaw
11am Traditional (+live broadcast) Rev. Neil Peters
1pm Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom
5 pm Creative Worship Alanee Hearnshaw
Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11



Thank you



“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart.” *Elizabeth Andrew.* There are many wonderful volunteers in this congregation with the heart to work quietly for the benefit of all. Today, on behalf of myself and the congregation, I wish to thank four people who have arranged the church flowers over considerable periods of time, and who have now decided it is their time to retire.

Amy Proe and Deirdre Reynolds are retiring after giving us beautiful arrangements for many years – Amy for forty years and Deirdre for ten years. Barbara Thompson and Margaret Frecker both retired some time ago, but as Covid disrupted the flowers along with everything else, I mention them now. I think many will remember Barbara’s arrangements of blue hydrangeas from her garden. Margaret, with some exceptions, retired after 15 exceptional years as convenor, and she was a mentor to many on the roster.

Thank you Amy, Deirdre, Barbara and Margaret for your very significant contribution to this part of the church services. And a very big thank you to those who are continuing with this work next year.

Lesley Lamble

We Wish You
MERRY
CHRISTMAS
— & —
Happy New Year

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Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom

Please use Zoom meeting code: **980 1882 3667** (passcode: **773026**)

or [click here](#) to log in.