

20 February 2022



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 February - Epiphany 7

10am Worship (+live broadcast) *incl. Holy Communion* Rev. N Peters / A Hearnshaw

1pm Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom

Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

Sunday 27 February - Transfiguration of Jesus

10am Worship (+live broadcast) Rev. Neil Peters / Alanee Hearnshaw

1pm Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

Wednesday 2 March - Ash Wednesday

7.30pm Worship (+live broadcast) Rev. Neil Peters

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17;
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom

Please use Zoom meeting code: **980 1882 3667** (passcode: **773026**)
or [click here](#) to log in.

Current COVIDSafe settings...

Masks are 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 services.
- Ensuring adequate ventilation, so dress appropriately.
- Providing sanitiser and cleaning agents.
- Encouraging groups to meet on Zoom when appropriate.

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 Church Council Elections

Nominations are now being received for Church Councillors. The closing date for all nominations is Sunday 27 February. A ballot for election of Church Councillors will be held at all services on Sunday 20 March. Please prayerfully consider nominating someone you think would serve the congregation well or offering yourself for nomination. Nomination forms are available from the stewards table. Please contact the church office for more details.

Bible Study - 2nd & 4th Tuesday - 7.30pm on Zoom

Have you ever wondered how the books of the Bible were put together? Come and join us for our first look into the Bible on Tuesday 22 February where we will have an overall review of the 66 books of the Canon and the book of Genesis. All are welcome to join us. Please contact Susan Karoly for further details 0433 692 862.

Bilingual English Class

The Bilingual English Class will recommence next Wednesday 23 February. It will be held online via *WeChat* until the end of June. For enquiries, please contact Sheila Chan 0412 659 386.

Thoughtful Flowers

Thoughtful Flowers are a way to remember loved ones and celebrate events. Due to the many lockdowns we have been unable to fulfil some requests during 2020/2021. Please contact the church office if you have 'missed your turn' and we need to catch up, or if you would like to book a date for Thoughtful Flowers in 2022. A contribution of \$60 is suggested. As there are many requests, please do not assume that if you have had a date in the past it will be available this year.



Today's flowers have been arranged by Margaret Colvin.

2021 National Church Life Survey

The National Church Life Survey is underway.

After multiple delays, Glen Waverley is now running the National Church Life Survey. This is designed to enable the whole congregation to provide input into church planning, and will be especially valuable this year as we move towards calling another Minister of the Word. Its usefulness however, depends critically on how representative it is, that is, getting as many members as possible to take part.

- This is a voluntary, anonymous and confidential survey.
- Most people complete it in 15 to 20 minutes.
- Choose one response to each question unless it states otherwise.
- Not all surveys are exactly alike. There are many issues being covered.
- Further details are available at <https://www.2021ncls.org.au/about>

The options for taking part are:

- Online at attendersurvey.ncls.org.au for 15+ or childsurvey.ncls.org.au for 8-14yrs. Our Church Code is **UA291301** Glen Waverley Uniting Church.
- Paper copies available at 10am service on February 20th. The preference is for them to be filled in and left on the day, but return to the church office or mailbox is acceptable.
- Contact the office asking Joanne to send you a paper survey by post.

If there is anything that we can do to encourage you to take part, please contact the church office office@gwuc.org.au or David Morgan councilsec@gwuc.org.au

Door Stewards

To assist our return to worship, Pam Graham would be delighted to hear from anyone not already on the roster and willing to serve as Door Stewards. Pam would also be pleased to hear from current door steward volunteers nominating a Sunday in which they could serve. The Door Stewards stand near the stewards table in the foyer, at the internal entrance to the church, where they can welcome people to church and hand out bulletins or relevant papers. They will take the offering bowls forward during the service and assist in directing people to empty seats (if required). They also remain in the foyer or at the rear of the church during the service to assist any latecomers. Door Stewards are not responsible for assisting with QR Code Check-in - this is done by the Greeters at each external door. If you are able to assist, please contact Pam via email at frangipani1964@yahoo.com.au.

Clean Up Australia Day - Sunday 6 March



Our congregation, as an expression of our faith, seeks to care for the environment. So the ministry team wants to encourage you to participate in Clean Up Australia Day through this simple challenge. When you go for a walk leading up to Sunday 6th take a bag and pick up some rubbish in your area. Take a photo of your collected rubbish bag and send it to us before placing the bag in your bin. Another option is walk to church on the 6th and pick up some rubbish on the way, take a photo before putting the rubbish in the church bins. Let's get involved and make a difference in our world. Remember to do this safely.

Photos can be sent to: minteamandoffice@gwuc.org.au.

Crosslight

The February edition of Crosslight is now available. Click [here](#) to view online. Printed copies are now available from the stewards table.

Leisure Time Drivers Needed

On the first Monday of the month, Leisure Time will be holding a scrumptious afternoon tea for members of our congregation who have difficulty in attending Sunday fellowship as they do not drive. We are looking for drivers who are willing to pick up and drive home our guests so that they can attend between 2pm and 3.30pm.

The dates we need help with are:

June 6th, July 4th, August 1st, September 5th, November 7th, and December 5th.

Susan Karoly is eagerly waiting to hear from you on 0433 692 862. 😊

Donations to GWUC Welfare - February 2022

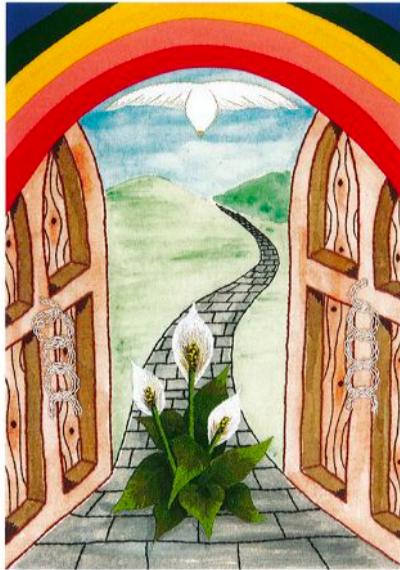
For the month of February the Welfare Committee are collecting donations of shampoo and conditioner (travel sample size are also welcome), full cream UHT milk and dried red lentils. Please leave donations in the coloured bins near the office door. Thank you for your support.

Congregation Information Session

Following the service on Sunday 6 February, Church Council presented an information session concerning future plans for our congregation. If you were not able to attend, or would like to see the information again, please click [here](#) to view the presentation in full. (You may then need to also click on the picture to play the video.) A document containing the slides shown can be viewed [here](#). Discussion of all the matters raised will be possible at a full meeting of the congregation to be held on March 6th. Please click [here](#) for more details. Please contact the church office if you would like a printed copy of the information.

World Day of Prayer 2022

England, Wales and Northern Ireland



Friday 4 March 2022

10.30am service (10am Morning Tea)

*High Street Road Uniting Church
482 High St Rd, Mount Waverley*

Contact: Jan Clear 0419 589 175

WHAT'S ON...

MONDAY 21 FEBRUARY

10.00am	GOMER (<i>David Morgan 0423 127 807</i>)	Fellowship
7.30pm	Church Council (<i>David Morgan 0423 127 807</i>)	Zoom
8.00pm	Badminton (<i>Lynne Boyer 0408 564 443</i>)	Hall

TUESDAY 22 FEBRUARY

12.00pm	Mindful Meditation (<i>Susan Karoly 0433 692 862</i>)	Zoom
7.30pm	Bible Study (<i>Susan Karoly 0433 692 862</i>)	Zoom

WEDNESDAY 23 FEBRUARY

2.00pm	Bilingual English Class (<i>Sheila Chan 0412 659 386</i>)	WeChat
8.00pm	Free Spirit (<i>Deb Leigh 0411 778 417</i>)	Church

THURSDAY 24 FEBRUARY

2.30pm - **Funeral** of Margaret Harmer - please go to www.gwuc.org.au/private/harmer to view.

FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY

9.30am	Choir of Hope (<i>Deb Leigh 0411 778 417</i>)	Church
5.30/7.00pm	Uthies/Youth (<i>Alanee Hearnshaw 0402 030 342</i>)	Hall

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