

Updated COVIDSafe settings...

The Victorian Government has recently announced further relaxing of COVID restrictions:

- QR Code check-ins are no longer required to attend worship, although they are still required for morning tea. Please use the QR code on the round tables in the Fellowship Area to check in.
- The requirement to check vaccination status has been removed.
- **Face masks** are not required to be worn, however please continue to wear a mask if you would prefer.

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.

Please remember, 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.

Worship

Church Council has decided to continue 10am services until Easter. There continues to be COVID infections in the community and uncertainty. These are not easy decisions to make. We know some can't make it to worship by 10am.

We will also hold two Seniors Services on 13 March and 10 April at 2.30pm. The service in April will be communion and have an Easter focus. These two afternoon services will be live streamed. We are trying to meet the needs of our congregation in these challenging times.

Meeting of the Congregation

A meeting of the congregation will be held this Sunday 6 March at 11.30am, following the 10am service. If you wish to attend, please remain in the church at the conclusion of worship. All are welcome to attend. An agenda can be found at <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/CongMeetingAgenda20220306>.

Please note, morning tea will not be served this week. Bottled water will be available.

To watch the meeting on live stream, please go to www.gwuc.org.au/live.

If you have watched the service, please don't log out at the end. Remain online, the screen may go blank, but the picture will return when the meeting begins.

To allow questions and/or comments from those viewing online, we will be offering a **live chat** function with the congregation meeting. Questions and/or comments submitted will be relayed during the meeting on your behalf. Please note, there may be up to a 30-second delay for questions or comments submitted via the chat function.

The chat function may not be available to all televisions or devices.

Honey Sales to Support Asylum Seekers

Thanks to all who purchase honey from the box near the servery. We will be bottling another 27kg of delicious pure honey soon. Please return your honey jars or other jam jars to the honey counter. Just wash them and we do the sterilisation. With thanks, Margaret Fraser



2022 Walkathon

Put on your walking shoes and start training - the Annual Walkathon will be on **Saturday 14 May**. Save the date now to come along and join Neil for 1 lap or 8! All are welcome!

Donations to GWUC Welfare - March 2022



For the month of March the Welfare Committee are collecting donations of Weetbix (small packs preferred), Tinned Tuna (95g tins) and Coffee. Please leave donations in the coloured bins near the office door. Thank you for your support.

Clean Up Australia Day - Sunday 6 March



The ministry team has been encouraging us to participate in Clean Up Australia Day through this simple challenge. When you go for a walk, take a bag and pick up some rubbish. Take a photo of your bag of collected rubbish and send the photo to minteamandoffice@gwuc.org.au - preferably by 9 am on Sunday 6 March (unless you plan to do it on your way to church) so the photo can be shown during the 10am service.

Let's get involved and make a difference in our world.

Planned Giving Letters

These are available from the Office counter. Please check and take yours and any you can deliver. Please check name and address details carefully and advise the Office of any changes necessary.

Lent Bible Study

We are using a creative worship resource for Lent and Easter. Part of this is a devotion which includes Bible readings, poetry and art. Neil is offering this as a study both in person and online (www.gwuc.org.au/live) on Thursday afternoons commencing 10 March at 2 pm. Neil now feels that this will work best weekly. Express your interest to Joanne in the office so that we can provide you with the resource booklet.

Participants are encouraged to have a look at the material for the [Week of Ash Wednesday](#) and the [Second Week of Lent](#) for the 10th.

Material for the [First Week of Lent](#) will also be provided for private reflection.

**Full
to the
Brim**
An expansive lent

Uniting Church Flood Appeal

Uniting Church in Australia President Rev Sharon Hollis has launched a national appeal to support people and communities impacted by the intense rainfall and devastating flooding along the East Coast.

Sharon said "Our prayers are with all those communities affected by this disaster, and we pray for the safety of people who are trapped or impacted by the rising floodwaters."

At present 19 chaplains have been deployed to 11 evacuation centres by the Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy Network of NSW and ACT

Direct Deposit

Bank Name: Westpac

BSB: 032 003

Ac No: 269941

Cheque

Please make your cheque payable to "UCA Assembly - National Disaster Relief Fund" and post to:

UCA Assembly - National Disaster Relief Fund

PO Box A2266 Sydney South NSW 1235

Please include a reference (for example, your surname or congregation name)

5th Anniversary Celebration of Indonesian Fellowship.

In recent months the Indonesian Fellowship has been meeting on zoom. The church council has approved a one-off Anniversary celebration on 27 March at 1pm. The Fellowship values the relationships that have been built among the congregation over the last 5 years. If you would like to attend, please contact Lucky Kalonta 0417 352 755.

Getaways - 2022 Autumn Getaway to Warragul 18-20 March

All are invited to join the Getaways Autumn Getaway which will be at Warragul Gardens Holiday Park for the weekend of 18-20 March. Please check directly with the park for overnight bookings on 5623 2707. **Our shared meal will be on Saturday 19 March for lunch (12.30pm).** If you are not able to come for the whole weekend, we would love you to come and share a time of fellowship and food with us. For catering purposes, please let the church office know if you will be at the shared meal (cost \$15 per person, payable on the day).
Looking forward to a relaxing weekend together. Happy Camping!

Save the **New** Date!

Book Sale

1000s of Secondhand Books

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Glen Waverley Uniting Church

cnr Kingsway & Bogong Ave, Glen Waverley

Saturday

30 April

8:30am-4:00pm

Donations of books welcome
from April 24

Covid restrictions may result in
cancellation. Please check at

www.gwuc.org.au



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Uniting Church



Careful Kitchen Crew News...

The **Careful Kitchen Crew** (CKC) is a small group of GWUC volunteers that oversees our congregation's compliance with the Food Safety standards required by Monash City Council and the community at large. Our church is registered as a Food Premises and there are strict rules to follow if we wish to continue serving food. We thank everyone who takes this seriously. The hospitality shown by our congregation is important to the caring and welcoming outreach we provide.

We have two requests to congregation members -

1. Basic food safety training for kitchen users.

At the recent inspection by a Monash officer, we were able to demonstrate that food safety standards are being met and that most of the required records are being collected.

Thank you!

However, as a follow up, the officer has requested that more of our **kitchen users undertake some basic training and that training records are filed**. This includes **everyone** who prepares or serves food at the church, including lunches, suppers, morning teas, fete food stalls, funerals, etc.

Fortunately, this training may be undertaken free of charge and with easy-to-follow online training, at a convenient time, followed by a short multiple choice assessment. It's not hard to do! Go to <https://dofoodsafety.health.vic.gov.au/index.php/en/>.

We are asking all kitchen users to please **complete this easy training and assessment**. A copy of your certificate may be left for "CKC" in the letter rack or emailed to marjanfraser@gmail.com

2. Reminders regarding use of the church kitchen

As we begin using our church kitchen again, please remember to -

- Clean benches before and after use, and clean up any spills immediately
- Use the dishwasher for all washing up, and turn it off at the wall after use
- Take used tea towels home to launder and return to the marked drawer
- Take left-overs home. If you need to leave food in the fridge or freezer, ensure it is labeled.
- The floor is to be swept and mopped after all events
- Empty the kitchen bin after all events. Place recycling articles in the Yellow bins outside.
- Do not leave high-risk foods in the temperature danger zone (5^o-60^o). *If in doubt, throw it out.*
- Always wash your hands before handling food or cooking utensils (for 20 seconds).

We sincerely thank all who help in the church kitchen and everyone who helps maintain our food safety standards at all times.

Please contact us if you have questions, Your friendly **Careful Kitchen Crew**

WHAT'S ON...

MONDAY 7 MARCH

10.00am	GOMER (<i>David Morgan 0423 127 807</i>)	Fellowship
2.30pm	Leisure Time (<i>Susan Karoly 0433 692 862</i>)	Fellowship
8.00pm	Badminton (<i>Lynne Boyer 0408 564 443</i>)	Hall

TUESDAY 8 MARCH

2.00pm	Mindful Meditation (<i>Susan Karoly 0433 692 862</i>)	Zoom
7.30pm	Bible Study (<i>Susan Karoly 0433 692 862</i>)	Zoom

WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH

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 10 MARCH

2.00pm	Lent Bible Study (www.gwuc.org.au/live)	Church / Online
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FRIDAY 11 MARCH

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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