



Welcome

CWUC 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 13 March - Lent 2

10am Worship (+live broadcast)

Rev. Neil Peters

1pm Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom

Rev. Adriana Baura

2.30pm Seniors' Service (+live broadcast)

Rev. Neil Peters / Ps. Di Paterson

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36

Sunday 20 March - Lent 3

10am Worship (+live broadcast) *incl Holy Communion*

Rev. N Peters

1pm Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom

Rev. Tonny Wowor

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom

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



Today's Flowers

have been arranged
by Ruth Dayment.

Staying COVIDSafe ...

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.

- Sanitiser is provided at each door - please use on arrival.
- 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.
- Windows and doors will be open - please adjust your clothing and seat choices to allow for this.
- Worship services will continue to be live-streamed.
- Please contact the office for details of our Zoom licence.

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.

Please contact the church office if you have concerns or comments.

You are not alone.

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.

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 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.



Church Council & Joint Nominating Committee Elections

The Church Council & Joint Nominating Committee Elections will be held next week on Sunday 20 March following the 10am worship.

The nominees' profiles are included with this bulletin. The JNC will play an important role in selecting a minister to replace Neil Peters when he retires.

Please prayerfully consider your voting. Further information is available from the church office.

Be quick! Last chance to complete the National Church Life Survey.

It is too late for paper surveys, but online is **still open** - if you are quick. Go to attendersurvey.ncls.org.au to complete your survey. GWUC code is **UA291301**.



Church Council Nominees



David Morgan - I have been a member of Church Council for more than 10 years and secretary under 4 different chairs. I see my strength being in the attention to detail rather than broad vision, both of which I see as essential. I am the Safe Church contact person, with responsibility for ensuring that we meet child safety and related concerns. I am nominating for a term of 5 years.



Sachin Remson - I am a 5th Generation Indian Christian, born in a family which has a mixture of 2 distinct Indian cultures. My father belongs to Rajasthan, North India and my mother is from a South Indian background. Since the beginning, my elder sister and I were educated and sent to Saturday Bible studies and Sunday school. During our summer vacations, we used to attend Vacation Bible School, organized by YMCA and in Christmas holidays, we used to participate in Choirs and Christmas Pageant.

We were always encouraged to keep God and his words in the centre of all our decisions and take the leap of faith. One such decision, which we took, was to come to Australia in 2019 and make this country our home. A true essence of being a Christian is having a sense of one community and one nation under God, and this is what we experienced when we joined Glen Waverley Uniting church three years back. I feel the concept of "Love thy Neighbour" should be encouraged as it is the key to build strong bonds in the community.

Post pandemic, there would be a greater need of reaching out to older members for encouragement and I feel that our teenagers can bridge this gap by the youthfulness and energy. Encouraging teenagers for Greeter service makes them more responsible and converse with all members walking in at the start of the service.

I am a Communication Platform consultant and have explored different countries and cultures during the last 20 years. My personal and professional experience helps me to connect with people, different communities and age groups. I am confident that I can play a role in conversing with members from diverse backgrounds as I believe communication would be the key to strengthen the Christian movement in Australia.

I am blessed to play the role of a son, a brother, a husband and a father but I still believe, I should do more in serving the Lord and his people. I hope I am given an opportunity to serve in the house of the Lord, in whatever capacity the Church deems fit.

I am nominating for a term of 1 year.

Joint Nominating Committee Nominees



Matthew Boldiston

- Hi, I'm Matthew, I'm 19 years old and studying Programming at Swinburne.

I have been actively worshipping and volunteering at GWUC for the last 13 years - you may have seen me around the place!

I am a member of the Youth Group and regularly contribute to all three morning services - including providing music through Band, Organ and Free Spirit or behind the scenes with Broadcast or Sound. I am passionate about the future of GWUC, and am looking forward to representing the congregation and contributing to that future.



Ryan Chan

- I wouldn't be my first pick for the JNC, but I'm told that I could be a useful addition to the team.

I'm part of the (hopefully soon to resume) evening service. My principal qualification is a willingness to serve and my likely contributions would be research; calls, email and conversations; prayers; drafting, redrafting and further redrafting. I don't see myself as holding a particular mandate for speaking to GWUC's vision, but like anyone else I can add to the breadth of the team's perspectives and experiences, wait on God and listen.



Alison Clarkson

- Membership at Glen Waverley UC since 1968; Ministry Team for 15 years as Coordinator of Ministry to Seniors; Currently Church Council & Presbytery PPEP Representative; Previously Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee and Synod Placements Committee, Synod and Assembly Meetings; 3 JNC's - 1 for GWUC, 2 as PPEP representative; Leisure Time Committee, UCAF, Inclusive Community & Faith Development Group Leadership experience in Education, Scouting, church groups and devotions in aged care homes and retirement villages. Theological studies, including for Lay presiding at Holy Communion.

I believe my knowledge of GWUC and my wider experiences will assist me in discerning the most suitable candidate for GWUC as we work towards our vision for the future.



Russell Crawford

- Hi everyone, I am willing to do my best as part of the JNC to call a "new Neil" if I have the support of the congregation to do so.

You may recognise me as a person who leads the Prayers for Others at Sunday Services occasionally. Also when filling the preaching roster is desperate, I lead a service, though I am not a qualified Lay Preacher. I really should do that course one day...

My family and I joined GWUC about 4 years ago cos our former congregation (Forest Hill) did not run children's ministries. Also, I know Neil from the Emmaus Walk program, and my sister, Anne Newton, is a member here. A weird

historical note is that as a teenager I was a member here, at the GW Presbyterian Church, at the time of the vote on Union. I voted "yes", and I'm delighted with where we are today!

But JNC's work is about the future. The church universal is facing decline across the western world, perhaps to be expected in times of peace and prosperity. But GWUC is bucking the trend: we are strong in numbers and ages. We need to discern God's will for the future church, we need to make the wisdom of Jesus's teaching and of the Bible writers relevant to a new tech-savvy community, and we need to be the best 'traditional' church we can be.

I think the current worship model is excellent, especially 11am 'traditional', 9.15am 'less traditional'. My starting position is that we want a minister who can be both traditional, that's where our strength lies, and innovative, as we search for the direction in which God is leading us. But I'm madly hoping that God points the way for us, and that we notice!

Amen.

Oh, and my wife told me to nominate!



Vida Foo - My strength is in organising and caring for those in need.

I am involved in Free Spirit, Choir of Hope, Church Council and

Indonesian Fellowship.

I have been a part of the group to visit our sister church in Manado, and part of 3 other JNCs including Alanee's and Neil's.

I have organised fund raising activities such as the International Dinners, Fashion Show for the youth, Asian stall at the Fete, Concerts and Ecumenical Choral Services.

With my past experience, I am able to navigate my strength to areas where it is

most needed. In this case to ask the questions of candidate and match their strength to the needs of our congregation.



Margaret Fraser - I would like to support the ongoing life and mission of GWUC by assisting in the JNC process to call our new minister. I'm a long term

member (since 1978) and have served on various committees during that time, eg. Church Council, Elders, Strategy Committees, Leisure Time and Careful Kitchen Crew.

I have also been a Sunday School teacher, youth leader, Leisure Time co-ordinator, fete helper, Honey Money organiser and FISH group leader. I continue to serve on several rosters and enjoy participating in the 3rd Saturday walking group. I have led groups in both my working and church life, and am happy to offer my listening and collaborative approach to what will be a challenging but very important task.



Martin Wojak - I have been a member at GWUC for 20 years and have happily contributed to worship services throughout that time,

including playing clarinet in the band each fortnight. In my weekly work life I manage IT infrastructure for the Victorian Government. I have previous experience on the JNC which led to the employment of Neil. If elected, I will work closely with others, guided by the vision for GWUC, to consider a suitable candidate for GWUC's ministry team.

To all GIVERS OTHER THAN THROUGH ENVELOPES AND DIRECT DEBIT

The Giving Recording Committee acknowledges with much gratitude your personal gift for the work of our church. It is very much appreciated, particularly during the difficult time of the past two years.

Currently we have 174 active pledge contributors – 90 using Direct Giving and 84 through the envelope system.

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.

Light Lunch

Our 'Light Lunches' will return for 2022 on Sunday 3 April in the Fellowship Area following the 10am service. All are welcome.

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 Autumn Getaway to Warragul 18-20 March

All are invited to join the Getaways Autumn Getaway 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 at 12.30pm Saturday 19 March for lunch.** 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). Happy Camping!

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.

Book Sale - Calling all Walkers!

The 2022 Book Sale is now on April 30, and we look forward to working together to make this event a great success. Volunteers are needed to help deliver 5000 flyers advertising the Book Sale in assigned areas in Glen Waverley. The flyers will be available from 10 April for delivery during the week 17-23 April. The sign-up sheet is on the office counter. If you helped last year, please tick your name on the sheet to indicate you are able to assist again this year. New walkers are always needed - please add your name to the list. If you have any questions, please contact Peter Anderson on pjanderson253@gmail.com or 0411 123 253. Thank you!

2022 Walkathon

Put on your walking shoes and start training (delivery of Book Sale flyers perhaps!?) The Annual Walkathon will be held on **Saturday 14 May**. Save the date now to come along and join Neil for 1 lap or 8! All are welcome!

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.

Meditation Online

This months' online meditation is now available to view via our website at www.gwuc.org.au.

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.

Donations via **Direct Deposit** to Bank Name: Westpac, BSB: 032 003, Account No: 269941) or **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).*

**Book
Sale**
**Saturday
30 April**
**8.30am
to 4pm**

Donations
welcome
from
April 24.



WHAT'S ON...

MONDAY 14 MARCH - Labour Day Public Holiday - Church Office is closed today.

10.00am	GOMER (David Morgan 0423 127 807)	Fellowship
10.00am	Craft Group (Susan Karoly 0433 692 862)	Chapel (Room 1)
8.00pm	NO Badminton/Table Tennis today due to public holiday	

TUESDAY 15 MARCH

2.00pm	Mindful Meditation (Susan Karoly 0433 692 862)	Zoom
7.30pm	Intercultural Bible Study (Daniel Sihombing 0414 319 904)	Zoom

WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH

7.00am	Prayer Time (www.gwuc.org.au)	Online
2.00pm	Bilingual English Class (Sheila Chan 0412 659 386)	WeChat
8.00pm	Free Spirit (Deb Leigh 0411 778 417)	Church

THURSDAY 17 MARCH

2.00pm	Lent Bible Study (www.gwuc.org.au/live)	Church / Online
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FRIDAY 18 MARCH

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

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