



27 November 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 27 November - Advent 1

10am Combined Worship (+live broadcast) *Rev. Neil Peters*
followed by Annual Christmas Lunch at 12pm in the hall (bookings essential)
Isaiah 2: 1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13: 11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Sunday 4 December - Advent 2

8am Contemplative *Susan Karoly*
9.15am Interactive (+live broadcast) *incl. Holy Communion* *Rev. Neil Peters*
11am Traditional (+live broadcast) *Rev. Neil Peters*
2pm Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom *(please note new start time for Summer)*
5pm Dinner Church - *Please bring a plate of food to share*
Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12



Giving

Please scan the QR-Code to contribute to the ministry and outreach of our Church. We appreciate your support.

SCAN ME

Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom

Meeting code: 980 1882 3667
(passcode: 773026)
or [click here](#) to log in.

Welcome...

If you are new or visiting our church, look out for the people wearing sunflower brooches. They are part of our welcoming team, and would love to have a chat and get to know you! Also, don't forget to fill in a 'Welcome' card so that we can stay in contact.



COVIDSafe advice...

As COVID infections remain in the community, we will continue to take all reasonable steps to protect our members & visitors from COVID infections. Following the latest government advice, face masks are strongly encouraged to be worn in indoor & crowded settings, church windows & doors may be open to allow for good airflow, and if you have symptoms you are encouraged to please stay home. For the health & safety of everyone, please continue to use sanitiser on arrival.



Thoughtful Flowers today are in loving memory of Eric, (husband of Ann Wardell) & their daughter Janette Lamb, much loved and greatly missed. They have been arranged by Margaret Colvin.

Planned Giving Appeal

At the meeting of the congregation last Sunday, a budget was approved that assumes that we will have enough money to fund our mission dreams through two full time ministry positions. I hope that you have seen the Appeal To The Congregation from Church Council asking you to consider your giving and to increase it as you are able. It will help with planning if you are able to let Ken Hutchinson know your intentions on 9884 4002 or kjhutchinson@optusnet.com.au. Please do not wait. We need to confirm before the end of the year that we can achieve what we have dared to hope. *John Snare (Chair of Congregation)*

Christmas Nativity Photos at The Hub Tuesday 29 November, 10am - 12pm

Come along and be a part of the Christmas story! Dress up as Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise men or angels and have your photo taken as part of the Nativity. Celebrate the real reason for Christmas - the birth of Jesus. Children, grandchildren, parents and grandparents are all welcome!

Photos taken on the day will be available for collection on Tuesday 6 December 10am-12pm.

Christmas Bowl

Each year this congregation strongly supports the Christmas Bowl appeal. Envelopes are now available. Two examples of the work of Christmas Bowl are; through partners supporting some of the million families who have fled their homes in Ukraine; supporting partners to assist refugees who fled fighting in Syria. These refugees from Syria are struggling with food and basic care in countries like Jordan.



Remembrance Service

All are invited to attend a Service of Remembrance on **Tuesday 6 December at 8pm** followed by light refreshments. The service will also be available to view online at www.gwuc.org.au/live.

Indonesian Christmas Worship and Celebration

All are welcome to attend the Indonesian Christmas Celebration on **Sunday 11 December at 5pm**. There will be worship, then a Celebration involving singing, music, dancing and Indonesian costumes. This will be followed by an Indonesian cuisine dinner. This is always a wonderful, colourful and celebratory night. If you are coming for dinner please sign up at the office counter.

Christmas Articles for "Kingsway"

Christmas is the theme for our next edition of *Kingsway* magazine. We, the editors, invite you to join us in sharing with other church community members, in no more than 200 words, a story, or even a poem, about how you celebrate Christmas. Tell us about a family tradition, a cultural tradition, an act of kindness or an amusing event associated with a past Christmas. A photograph of your Christmas spent in another country would also be appreciated. *Kingsway* is your magazine and we would love you to send a contribution to office@gwuc.org.au by Friday 10th December. Christmas blessings,
Joanne and David

Playgroup Volunteers for 2023 DESPERATELY REQUIRED

Involves 2 hour (10am-12 noon) commitment 1 or 2 times/week, currently Monday and/or Tuesday during school terms. Duties include assistance with set up and pack up of equipment, and assistance of carers and children with activities and Morning Tea. Please contact the church office to find out more! With thanks, *Chris Krahn, Playgroup Coordinator*

UCAF

will meet on 6th December at 11.00 am. where the AGM and Christmas Service will take place in Room 1. Christmas lunch will follow in the Fellowship area. Members are asked to bring a plate of food to share. All are welcome. Non perishable food for GWUC Welfare may be left near the office. 2023 subscriptions of \$15 are now being collected. If you subscribe to 'Network' magazine, please pay \$20 to Norma Saxton. All enquiries to Margaret Duncan.



Chinese New Year and Lantern Festival.

This church has been invited to participate in the Chinese New Year and Lantern Festival to be held in Kingsway on Sunday 5 February 2023. We intend to offer craft and information about our church programs. This is a great opportunity to engage with our community. We are seeking a few people to form a planning team to get this organised before Christmas. Offers to Joanne in the office please. Keep the date in mind so you can offer to help on the day.

Christmas Cards

are now available from the church office. Each pack of 10 cards is only \$11. Various designs to choose from. Your purchase of cards helps support people in crisis this Christmas through *Uniting*.

Christmas Morning Tea at The Hub

THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER

10AM - 12PM

EVERYONE
WELCOME!



What's On...

MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER

10.00am	GOMERs (<i>David Morgan 0423 127 807</i>)	Fellowship
10.00am	Playgroup	Room 2/3
10.00am	Craft Group (<i>Susa Karoly 0433 692 862</i>)	Room 1
8.00pm	Badminton (<i>Lynne Boyer 0408 564 443</i>)	Hall

TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER

10.00am	The Hub (<i>Judith Greenwood 9803 8373</i>)	Fellowship
10.00am	Nativity Photos at The Hub	Foyer
10.00am	Playgroup	Room 2/3
2.00pm	Meditation (<i>Susan Karoly 0433 692 862</i>)	Zoom

WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER

4.00pm	Meditation Online (www.gwuc.org.au)	Online
8.00pm	Free Spirit (<i>Deb Leigh 0411 778 417</i>)	Church

THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER

10.00am	Christmas Morning Tea at The Hub	Fellowship
11.15am	English Conversation Class (<i>Jan Clear 9803 6820</i>)	Room 4

FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER

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

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