



18 December 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 18 December - Advent 4

10am Nativity Worship (+live broadcast) *Rev. Neil Peters & others...*
All are invited to come along dressed as Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise people, angels or stars and be a part of the Christmas Story. Some dress ups will be available on the day.
Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

Saturday 24 December - Christmas Eve

7pm All-Age Worship (+live broadcast) *Ps. Di Paterson & Rev. Neil Peters*
11pm Coffee & Carols (+live broadcast) *(Coffee available from 10.30pm) Rev. Neil Peters*

Sunday 25 December - Christmas Day

8.30am Worship (+live broadcast) *Rev. Neil Peters*
10am Worship (+live broadcast) *Rev. Neil Peters*
Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

Saturday 31 January - New Year's Eve

11pm Worship (+live broadcast) *Rev. Neil Peters*
Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8; Revelation 21: 1-6a; Matthew 25:31-46



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.

Christmas Bowl



This congregation is a strong supporter of the Christmas Bowl appeal. Envelopes are now available. Another two examples of the work of Christmas Bowl are; In Zimbabwe where food reserves are low, Christmas Bowl supports training in the latest climate-resilient farming techniques; and Christmas Bowl offers health care to Sri Lankan refugees living in India.

As is our usual practice at Glen Waverley UC, all Open Plate offering received at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services will be donated to the Christmas Bowl appeal. Online donations can be made via their website using the link [Christmas-Bowl-GWUC](https://www.christmas-bowl-gwuc.org.au) 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.

Empty Christmas Tree

Our tree is now in the foyer and waiting for your donations of toys, gifts, non-perishable food. Please DO NOT WRAP your gifts. Our gifts are given to Lentara UnitingCare at Broadmeadows and also to some families within our local community. Last Sunday for gifts is Dec 18.



2022 Christmas Services

18 December

10am Nativity Worship

24 December - Christmas Eve

7pm All-Age Worship

11pm Coffee & Carols

(Coffee available from 10:30pm)

25 December - Christmas Day

8.30am & 10am Worship

Join us in person or online at www.gwuc.org.au/live

Three quarters of the way

In September, the congregation meeting agreed to seek two full time ministerial staff, knowing that an increase in giving was needed to fund that. In October an appeal was launched, seeking an extra \$30,000 annually in giving. Our giving recorder has reported that increases in envelope giving advised to him, plus the increase in electronic bank transfers for November over September, indicated increased giving of \$22,500 per year. This is a somewhat conservative estimate, and represents three quarters of our target.

Church Council would like to thank all those who have contributed to this pleasing result, and shown confidence in our future. For those who have not yet done so, it is not too late to help meet our target.

Annual Leave & January Office Hours

- Neil Peters will be on leave from 3 Jan, returning 23 Jan 2023.

- Di Paterson will be on leave from 11 Jan, returning 24 Jan 2023.

The church office will be closed between Christmas and New Year, and then from 16 January, reopening 30 January 2023. During this time, messages and emails will be monitored, so please email office@gwuc.org.au or leave a message at 9560 3580 if you have any queries.

**Services at GWUC in
January 2023
10am (+live broadcast)
Each Sunday**

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.

HONEY MONEY for Asylum Seekers

Sales of our delicious pure honey continue to support the Uniting Church Asylum Seeker Project. Their clients benefit significantly from their services.



 Honey is a welcome addition to Christmas hampers, as a gift for a host, teacher or colleague, or simply on your toast! Thanks for your ongoing support for this effort.

Self-service near the kitchen counter.

Painter Recommendation

If you have had a whole house, internal, painting job done in Glen Waverley (not just a room or two) and they did a really good job, for a really good price, please let me know. Warren Greenwood. 0403 028 948

Christmas Cards

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

Come along and see our 2022 Christmas Installation

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from 18 December - All Welcome

What's On...

MONDAY 19 DECEMBER

10.00am **GOMERs** (*David Morgan 0423 127 807*) Fellowship

WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER

7.00am **Prayer Time** (www.gwuc.org.au/live) Online

8.00pm **Free Spirit** (*Deb Leigh 0411 778 417*) Church

If no contact is listed above, please call the church office for more details.



SAVE THE DATES...

Book Fair Saturday 4 March 2023
Church Fete Saturday 21 October 2023



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