



Glen Waverley Uniting Church

19 February 2023

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!

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.



Sunday 19 February - Transfiguration of Jesus

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| 8am | Contemplative <i>incl. Holy Communion</i> | Rev. Neil Peters |
| 9.15am | Interactive (+live broadcast) | Rev. Hoon You |
| 11am | Traditional (+live broadcast) <i>incl. Holy Communion</i> | Rev. Neil Peters |
| 2pm | Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom | |
| 5pm | Creative Worship | |

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9



Wednesday 22 February

7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service

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

Sunday 26 February - Lent 1

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| 8am | Contemplative <i>incl. Holy Communion</i> | Ross Mackinnon |
| 9.15am | Interactive (+live broadcast) | Rev. Neil Peters |
| 11am | Traditional (+live broadcast) | Rev. Neil Peters |
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Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11



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.

Pancake Day 2023

is officially Tuesday 21 February, however we will be celebrating on Sunday 26 February instead. Join us for morning tea between services and enjoy delicious freshly cooked pancakes! All donations from this morning tea will go to Uniting Care for their programs.

We would love to hear from you if you can help on the day and also to cook the pancakes

on the BBQ's! Please contact Jan Clear for more details.



Outreach Missional Group

With Alanee's departure and Fairlie unable to continue, we now have an opportunity to revitalise the Outreach Missional Group, one of our four Missional Groups. Church Council are now looking to recruit members to this group.

The opportunities of this group include:

- * Supervising the allocation of fete money through the Congregational Outreach Projects.
- * Supporting and encouraging members of the congregation in pursuing their outreach passions. Examples have included Tanks for Timor, flood reconstruction, Habitat for Humanity, Kids Hope and Material Aid offerings.

- * Liaising with the Uniting Church Justice and International Mission cluster, which "works with congregations and social justice networks to shift and shape public policy towards a fair and just world."

- * Support and oversight of ongoing outreach style groups, including Asylum Seeker Support Group, the Fete, the Eco group and pancake breakfasts at the high school.

If you can see yourself as part of this, please contact David Morgan, Neil Peters, or any member of Church Council.

Meeting of the Congregation

There will be a meeting of the congregation on Sunday March 5th at 11:30am following 10:00am worship (and before a light lunch). At this meeting (amongst other things) we will receive the 2022 financial report and consider how we want to organise congregational outreach projects this year. There will be an opportunity for you to raise other business at the meeting, but it will help me manage the available time if you let me know before hand.

A developing agenda is at <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/CongMeetingAgenda20230305>. Contact John Snare (john.snare@bigpond.com) if you have suggestions for the agenda or for further information.

Crosslight

The February edition of Crosslight is now available.

Printed copies are available from the steward's table, or to view online click [here](#).

World Day of Prayer 2023 - Taiwan

Friday 3rd March - 10am Morning Tea for a 10.30am Service at Anglican Parish of St Stephen & St Mary, 383 High St Road, Mt Waverley. For more details please contact Jan Clear 0419 589 175.



Sunday 5 March - All are invited

10am Combined Worship including dedications of the church piano and the stained glass panels installed in the foyer. Following the service a Meeting of the Congregation will be held which will then be followed by a light luncheon. All are welcome to attend.



GWUC Member Photos

Our Church Rolls database, accessible to our ministers, can include a photo for each member. Those photos can be seen at <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/PhotoDirectory> if you are logged in to the wiki. With Hoon arriving and other new ministers expected, now is a good time to add to or update that collection. For this purpose, David Morgan will be available between services this Sunday 19 February. Alternatively, head and shoulders photographs, at least 640 x 480 pixels, can be sent to councilsec@gwuc.org.au

Donations for Refugees and Asylum Seekers.

...are again being accepted. Specific donations which are welcomed are: Tuna in oil (400g); Olive oil (750 ml); Raw unsalted nuts (almonds, walnuts, cashews); Small bottles honey; Dried fruit (apricots, dates); Tahini; Small packs of cumin, turmeric, chilli, garam masala, curry powder; Toothbrushes, toothpaste; Laundry powder (max 1 kg). Please put your donations into the clear plastic tub in the foyer (near the Prayer Requests). Any questions? Please ring Robin Pope 0403 746 940

Earthquake Appeals

For those wishing to donate to the earthquake victims in Türkiye and Syria:

Act for Peace, the aid arm of the National Council of Churches in Australia, (Christmas Bowl) have now launched an emergency appeal at <https://actforpeace.org.au/syria-turkiye-earthquake/>

UnitingWorld have launched an Earthquake Appeal for Türkiye and Syria through their ACT Alliance partners. To donate go to <https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/earthquake-in-syria-and-turkey>

Intercultural Bible Study

A series of 10 Intercultural Bible Studies will be led by Rev. Hoon You over the coming months with a purpose "to build a foundation so we can walk together". Held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, and starting from Tuesday 7 March, the studies will be held at both 1.30pm (face-to-face) and 7.30pm (hybrid - in-person and on Zoom). The same study will be held each week at both times. To register your interest please put your name on the list on the office counter. For more details please contact Glyn Howells 0439 490 679.

This week ...

MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY

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| 10.00am | GOMERs | Fellowship |
| 10.00am | Playgroup | Room 2/3 |
| 7.30pm | Church Council | Zoom |
| 8.00pm | Badminton | Hall |

TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY

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| 10.00am | The Hub | Fellowship |
| 10.00am | Playgroup | Room 2/3 |
| 2.00pm | Mindful Meditation | Zoom |
| 7.30pm | Intercultural Bible Sharing | Zoom |

WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY

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| 7.30pm | Ash Wednesday Service | Church |
| 8.00pm | Free Spirit | Church |

THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY

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| 11.15am | English Conversation | Room 4 |
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FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY

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| 10.00am | Choir of Hope | Church |
| 7.00pm | Youth (Years 7-12) | Hall |

*Please contact the church office for details
or check out the diary at gwuc.org.au*

2023 Diary Dates

World Day of Prayer

Friday 3 March



Book Fair

Saturday 4 March

Dedication of Foyer Artwork & Piano

Sunday 5 March



Church Fete

Saturday 21 October

Contact Us:

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BSB: 033 052 Account Number: 92 2198

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.

1000's of Secondhand Books

Book Sale

Saturday 4 March
8.30am - 4pm

Donations of books welcome from 27 Feb

ONLY 2 weeks to go until our Annual Book Sale...

so it's not too late to sort out your own bookshelves - we will take all the books you no longer need!

(please no encyclopaedias)

Donations of books can be delivered to the church from Monday 27 Feb. If you would like the books collected, please add your details to the list on the office counter.

but... we can't do the book sale without volunteers and

WE NEED YOU!

Sorting and Setting Up day is on Friday 3 March from 10am - can you help for an hour or two? All are welcome as this is a big task. Fit and strong volunteers are particularly required but there are jobs suitable for all. Come when convenient for as long as it suits you.



Can you help on **Book Sale day - Saturday 4 March**? Sign up on the list on the office counter (or email/phone the office) and you will be allotted a time-slot.

Unsold books will be **Packed up** on Sunday 5 March from 12.30pm - come along and help - many hands make light work!



The charities who have previously taken our unsold books are still dealing with a 'Covid Backlog', so we are interested to hear of any charities who are able to take them - we always try to avoid dumping them if we can, so...

**Come along to the sale and grab a bargain,
most books are only \$2 each!**

Delivery of flyers: If you have offered to deliver flyers for the Book Sale, please collect them from the table in the foyer. They need to be delivered by Saturday 25 February.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 29 April 2023

WALKATHON



This will be the last Walkathon we will share with Neil, so let's make it the best one yet.

Start training now!

Sponsor Neil (or someone else) per lap or make a donation.

All money raised supports the work of Glen Waverley Uniting Church, as well as funding GWUC's Welfare Coordinator Position.



Sponsorship forms available soon!

More details to come...