



# 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!

*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 3 December - Advent 1

- 10am Worship (+live broadcast) *incl Holy Communion* Rev. Neil Peters / Rev. Chris Waddell  
 1pm Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom  
 Isaiah 64: 1-9; Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 24-37

## Sunday 10 December - Advent 2

- 8am Contemplative *incl. Holy Communion* Rev. Neil Peters  
 9.15am Interactive (+live broadcast) Rev. Chris Waddell  
 11am Traditional (+live broadcast) Rev. Neil Peters  
 4pm Multicultural Christmas Worship & Celebration  
 Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3: 8-15a; Mark 1: 1-8

# CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA



Donations welcome for needy families in our Community

**Thursday 7 December**  
**10am - 12pm**

@The Hub



### 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.

## Thoughtful Flowers



Today's flowers are given by Anne Wardell in loving memory of her husband Eric, and their daughter Janette Lamb, much loved and greatly missed.

## UCAF

... will meet at 11am on Tuesday 5th December for our Christmas Service and afterwards in the Fellowship Area for the Christmas Break Up. Would members please bring a plate of food to share.

Subscriptions are now due: \$15.

All are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

Donations of non-perishable goods may be placed in the containers near the office.

Enquiries Margaret Duncan - 9803-1507

2023  
Annual  
Christmas  
Lunch

**TODAY**  
Sunday 3  
December  
12pm



COST: Adults \$16, Children (Primary School) \$6

## 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 December 17th.



## Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards are **now available** from the church office. All proceeds support the work of Uniting (Share).

# YOU ARE INVITED!

You are warmly invited to share in the  
"Release of Ties" Service & Retirement Celebration  
for Rev. Neil Peters on **Sunday 17 December at 10am.**

Following the service, a celebration luncheon will be held in the hall. **Please put your name on the list on the office counter to attend the luncheon.** All will be welcome.

Pages are available from the stewards table if you would like to contribute to a **"Memories & Greetings Book"** for Neil and Lynn. *Please return pages to the church office by Friday 15 December.*

Monetary contributions towards a gift are also being received.

These can be given to Joanne (church office) or Rev. Chris Waddell, or deposited into the church bank account - please use code "Neil Retire". BSB 033-052 Account 92 2198.





## Multicultural Christmas Worship & Celebration

A Multicultural Christmas worship, Celebration and dinner will be held at GWUC on Sunday 10th December commencing at 4pm. The program will include worship at 4pm, celebration performances at around 5pm and dinner at 6.30pm. Come and experience worship led by various members representing some of the wonderful cultural diversity of our congregation. This will be a special evening and all are warmly invited.

## Remembrance Service

**Tuesday 12th December - 8pm**

You are invited to participate in a special Service of Remembrance for those who have lost loved ones. The service will be held in the church on Tuesday 12 December 2023 at 8.00pm. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. *Go to [www.gwuc.org.au/live](http://www.gwuc.org.au/live) to watch the service online.*



## Christmas Bowl

This congregation is a strong supporter of the Christmas Bowl appeal, and 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](http://Christmas-Bowl-GWUC). If you prefer to donate using the Christmas Bowl Envelopes, these are now available from the steward's table, and they can be placed in the offering plate or left in the church letterbox to be sent on to the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

### First Sunday of Advent



### Hope for families forced to flee

Jehan\*, a brave mother of five, made the courageous decision to escape on foot to Pakistan with her family when Afghanistan fell to the Taliban in 2021. Your gifts through the Christmas Bowl can help Act for Peace coordinate rapid emergency responses with local partners, like Church World Services Asia, so that they can immediately act, giving families like Jehan's safety in exile – and hope for the future – when they need it most. **Please give today.**



\*Name changed for safety reasons

**CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: [christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au](http://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au)**

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 85 519 970 188



An  
Unexpected  
Experience

## Join us here this Christmas

**17 December**  
10am Nativity Worship

**24 December**  
**Christmas Eve** Services @ 7pm & 11pm

**25 December**  
**Christmas Day** Services @ 8.30am & 10am

**31 December**  
11pm New Year's Eve Service

**Services in January 10am each Sunday**

go to [www.gwuc.org.au/live](http://www.gwuc.org.au/live) to watch online

### What's On...

#### MONDAY 4 DECEMBER

10.00am	<b>GOMERS</b>	Fellowship
2.00pm	<b>Leisure Time</b>	Fellowship
7.30pm	<b>Property Committee</b>	Room 1
8.00pm	<b>Badminton</b>	Hall

#### TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER

10.00am	<b>The Hub</b>	Fellowship
10.00am	<b>Playgroup Christmas Party</b>	Room 2/3
11.00am	<b>UCAF Christmas Service</b>	Room 1
2.00pm	<b>Mindful Meditation</b>	Zoom

#### WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER

7.00am	<b>Prayer Time</b>	<a href="http://www.gwuc.org.au">www.gwuc.org.au</a>
8.00pm	<b>Free Spirit</b>	Church/Rm 1

#### THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER

10.00am	<b>Christmas Morning Tea @ The Hub</b>	
7.30pm	<b>Online Reflection</b>	<a href="http://www.gwuc.org.au">www.gwuc.org.au</a>
8.00pm	<b>Badminton</b>	Hall

#### FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER

7.00pm	<b>Youth</b>	Hall
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### Contact Us:

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### **GWUC Westpac Bank Account Details:**

Account Name: Uniting Church Glen Waverley BSB: 033 052 Account Number: 92 2198