



# 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.*



## *An Unexpected Experience*



### Sunday 17 December - Advent 3

10am **Nativity Worship & Service of Release for Rev. Neil Peters**

*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.*

*Following the service, a luncheon celebrating Neil's retirement will be held in the hall.*

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 or Luke 1: 46b-55; 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28

### Sunday 24 December - Advent 4 - Christmas Eve

10am Worship (+live broadcast) *Rev. Neil Peters / Rev. Chris Waddell*

7pm All-Age Worship *Rev. Neil Peters / Ps. Di Paterson*

11pm Cocoa & Carols (*Hot Chocolate from 10.30pm*) *Rev. Chris Waddell*

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16; Luke 1: 46b-55 or Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

### Monday 25 December - Christmas Day

8.30am Worship (+live broadcast) *Rev. Neil Peters / Rev. Chris Waddell*

10am Worship (+live broadcast) *Rev. Neil Peters / Rev. Chris Waddell*

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2: 11-14; Luke 2: 1-14, (15-20)

# YOU ARE INVITED!

During the 10am service TODAY,  
Sunday 17 December, we share in the  
"Release of Ties" Service & Retirement Celebration  
for **Rev. Neil Peters**.

Following the service, a celebration luncheon will  
be held in the hall. All are welcome.

Pages are available from the stewards table if you  
would like to contribute to a **"Memories &  
Greetings Book"** for Neil and Lynn.



## Christmas Greetings from Riedel

To: Rev. Neil Peters, Rev. Chris Waddell, Members of Church Council and the whole congregation.  
Shalom. We have received congratulations from GWUC. We are very happy. We hope the love of  
Jesus Christ be with us all. Our greetings to all the congregation there. From us who love you all in  
Jesus Christ.

Pdt Dr Dan Sompe,  
Sekretaris Mr Donald Wagey  
Seluruh Pdt's, Majelis dan Anggota Jemaat GMIM Riedel Tondano

## 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.

## Christmas Cards

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

## Christmas Morning Tea at The Hub.

**Thank you** to everyone who supported our  
Christmas M/tea at The Hub. Special thanks to  
The Hub volunteers who baked shortbread or  
helped on the day. The total of donations  
received was \$902-20 which has been given to  
GWUC Welfare for needy families this Christmas.

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Join us for a



## Cocoa & Carols Service

December 24, 2023

10:30pm-11:00pm Hot Chocolate	11:00pm-12:00am Church service
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Join us for an informal and interactive service where we reflect on the true meaning of Christmas as it is celebrated all over the world

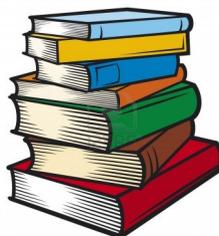
Save the Date!

## Book Sale

Saturday, February 24, 2024

8:30am-4pm

We would love you to be part of this event. The summer holidays are a great time to sort through those books you no longer need. We will be setting up on Friday 23, packing up on Sunday 25, and would appreciate your donations of books and your help over those 3 days. Donations of books welcome from 19 Feb.



## 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](https://christmas-bowl-gwuc.org.au). 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.

Third Sunday of Advent



### Finding Joy in resilience

Twelve long years have passed since Rima\* and her family fled their beloved home in Syria as the devastating civil war unfolded. Forced to leave everything behind, they sought refuge in Jordan, carrying with them only the essentials. With your kind gift to the Christmas Bowl, you can support Act for Peace's local partner, the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees, continue to provide vital food packages, hygiene kits, and the long-term support that refugees need to rebuild their lives. **Please give today.**

\*Name changed for safety reasons



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



The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188



# 2024 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER -PALESTINE

Date & Time:

**Friday 1st March  
10.30am Service**

Location: 10am Morning Tea

## **GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH**

Cnr Bogong Avenue & Kingsway  
Enquiries: Jan Clear 0419 589 175

### What's On...

#### MONDAY 18 DECEMBER

10.00am **GOMERs** Fellowship  
8.00pm **Badminton** Hall

#### TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER

2.00pm **Mindful Meditation** Zoom

#### WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER

7.00am **Prayer Time** [www.gwuc.org.au](http://www.gwuc.org.au)  
8.00pm **Free Spirit** Church/Rm 1

#### THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER

8.00pm **Badminton** Hall

### **Indonesian Fellowship on Zoom:**

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

### Contact Us:

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**Join us here this Christmas**

**17 December**  
10am Nativity Worship

**24 December**  
**Christmas Eve** Services @ 10am, 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

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

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