



## 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!

### **Friday 18 April - Good Friday**

10am Worship (+live broadcast)

*Rev Ian Ferguson*

*Following the service, you are invited to a Hot Cross Bun morning tea*

*Please bring a packet of hot cross buns to share.*

### **Sunday 20 April - Easter Day**

10am Worship (+live broadcast) *Holy Communion*

*Rev Ian Ferguson / Rev Chris Waddell*

### **Sunday 27 April - Easter 2**

10am Worship (+live broadcast)

*Rev Chris Waddell / Rev Ian Ferguson*

1pm Indonesian Fellowship

*Rev Ian Ferguson*

5pm FEAST

*Rev Chris Waddell*

*Please bring a plate of food to share.*



If you are new or visiting our church, look out for the people wearing yellow flower 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.

## **Easter Bible Study - 24 April 2025**

We will conclude Lent Bible Study with a session focussing on the Easter story as told in Luke's Gospel.

**When:** Thursday evening 24 April at 6:30pm. Meal provided.

**Where:** Glen Waverley Uniting Church - Fellowship Area and Church.

**Please Bring:** A bible in the translation or language of your choice. Interpreters will be present for Mandarin and Indonesian speakers.

**RSVP** to Glyn Howells [glynh117@icloud.com](mailto:glynh117@icloud.com)  
0439 490 679

## **Monash Inter-church Council Ecumenical Event - 15 June 2025**

We will again be participating in this year's Christian Unity Ecumenical Celebration which have been observed in our area since 2000. The Monash Inter-Church Councils' leadership members believe that we should continue these celebrations, to show our communities, that we follow Jesus' wishes for harmony and love in Glen Waverley Uniting Church and with neighbouring churches.

We hope to send representatives to three other churches in our area and have two representatives stay at our church. Representatives from other churches will be welcomed here at GWUC. One person will light a candle and one will read the prayer. (We will supply the prayer & candle.) This year's theme will be World Peace or Christian Unity. Participants will be commissioned during the 10am service on Sunday 8 June.

Those who have attended other churches in the past, have enjoyed their experiences. We would love to hear from people who would like to participate, either here at GWUC or by visiting another church. If you are interested, please notify John Hurst, Jan Clear or the church office. Thank you. *Jan and John.*

## **Planned Giving**

The Giving Recording Committee acknowledges with much gratitude the personal gifts given for the work of our church. Your financial gifts are very much appreciated, particularly during the difficult time of the past three years. Currently we have 114 active pledge contributors - 65 using Direct Giving and 49 through the envelope system.

To those who give through the Open Plate system, you may like to consider changing to either the envelopes or the Direct Giving system which allow you to make regular gifts. The Direct Giving system means no need for envelopes or cash, regular donations are assured and a reduced workload on the Finance Stewards. Please contact the Recorder, Ken Hutchinson on 9884 4002 if you would like to make a change. Planned Giving Letters are now available from the office counter. Please check and take yours and any you can deliver. Please advise the office if any name or address details are incorrect.

## **KOGO Knitting Project**

The Outreach Committee are again promoting knitting of beanies, scarves and other items to be given to KOGO (knit one give one). The charity supplies hand knitted items to over 300 Community Partners and not-for-profit organisations - working with a range of people undergoing hardship and who are the most vulnerable in our community. Items suggested are: Beanies, Scarfs, Babies Cardigans/Jackets (not jumpers) and Children's Jumpers/Cardigans (No items for premature babies please). Please return finished items by the end of July. Free patterns are available from the brochure stand near the office door or at [www.kogo.com.au/patterns](http://www.kogo.com.au/patterns), however feel free to use your own favourite pattern.





### Thank you - Christmas Bowl



Thank you for your generous donations to the 75th Christmas Bowl, an agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia.

Please see the Certificate of Appreciation on the Outreach and Social Justice noticeboard. *"In a world that often feels divided, your commitment to standing with those in urgent need is a testament to the hope, peace, joy and love that Christ calls us to share."*

### Harmony Dinner



Monash Interfaith Gathering cordially invites you to attend the annual Harmony Day Celebration. Let's unite to celebrate Peace & Unity in a Multicultural Society. Please wear your cultural attire. **Saturday 10 May 2025, 5pm - 8.30pm** Mt Waverley Community Hall, 47 Miller Crescent, Mt Waverley. **BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!!** Contact Jan Clear 0419 589 175 or [secretary@monashinterfaith.org.au](mailto:secretary@monashinterfaith.org.au).

### Mt Waverley Uniting Church - Final Service at High Street Road

The final worship service at the High Street Road site will be held on Sunday 27 April at 9.45am. A special morning tea will follow the service, and they will move into their new buildings at Virginia Street from Monday 28 April. We pray the transition to their new home will be smooth and uneventful!

## COP2025

It's time to start planning. Our Congregation Outreach Projects program has a long history of making substantial donations to projects proposed by members of the congregation and we pray that 2025 will be an opportunity to continue that generosity.

Members of the congregation are warmly invited to propose projects which they feel are worthy of our fete funds and which meet the GWUC assessment criteria. Applications for local, national and international (if compliant\*) projects are all eligible.

### COP 2025 APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN AND CLOSE ON 25 MAY 2025.

- The electronic application form (preferred) may be downloaded from <https://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/OutreachSocialJustice?action=AttachFile&do=view&target=COPApplicationForm2025.docx> Hard copies are available from the church office.
- COP Procedures and the project Assessment Criteria should be considered when applying and can be found at <https://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/OutreachSocialJustice?action=AttachFile&do=view&target=COPProcedures2025.pdf>

If you have any questions about the COP process, you are encouraged to contact Margaret Fraser, chair of the Outreach & Social Justice Mission Group ([marjanfraser@gmail.com](mailto:marjanfraser@gmail.com)) or John Snare, chair of Congregation ([john.snare@bigpond.com](mailto:john.snare@bigpond.com)).

*\*For those wishing to propose an international project, please note that there are additional due diligence and reporting requirements.*

## What's On...

### MONDAY 21 APRIL *Easter Monday Public Holiday*

10.00am	<b>GOMERS</b>	Fellowship
8.00pm	<b>Badminton/Table Tennis</b>	Hall

### TUESDAY 22 APRIL *Church Office Closed - Annual Leave*

10.00am	<b>The Hub</b>	Foyer
10.00am	<b>Playgroup</b>	Room 2/3
10.00am	<b>UCAF Committee</b>	Room 4
2.00pm	<b>Mindful Meditation</b>	Zoom

### WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL *Church Office Closed - Annual Leave*

1.00pm	<b>Community Hub MG</b>	Room 2
8.00pm	<b>Free Spirit</b>	Church

### THURSDAY 24 APRIL

10.30am	<b>Funeral of Doug Newberry</b>	
11.15am	<b>English Conversation Class</b>	Room 4
6.30pm	<b>Lent Bible Study</b>	Fellowship/Church
8.00pm	<b>Badminton/Table Tennis</b>	Hall

### FRIDAY 25 APRIL *Anzac Day Public Holiday*

### MONDAY 28 APRIL

10.00am	<b>GOMERS</b>	Fellowship
10.00am	<b>Patchwork &amp; Craft Group</b>	Room 1
8.00pm	<b>Badminton/Table Tennis</b>	Hall

### TUESDAY 29 APRIL

10.00am	<b>The Hub</b>	Foyer
10.00am	<b>Playgroup</b>	Room 2/3
2.00pm	<b>Mindful Meditation</b>	Zoom

### WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL

4.00pm	<b>Communications Committee</b>	Room 2
8.00pm	<b>Free Spirit</b>	Church

### THURSDAY 1 MAY

11.15am	<b>English Conversation Class</b>	Room 4
8.00pm	<b>Badminton/Table Tennis</b>	Hall

### FRIDAY 2 MAY

10.00am	<b>Choir of Hope</b>	Church
7.00pm	<b>Youth Group</b>	Hall

## Meditation on Zoom - Tuesday's @ 2pm

Newcomers welcome! Meeting ID 872 3262 1377; Passcode 599029. Enq: Susan Karoly 0433 692 862. *Following Meditation at 2.45pm join us for a cuppa and a chat over Zoom (30mins) Meeting ID 894 7166 2786; Passcode 274731.*

## Sunday Squad & Sunday Squad Teens

Providing opportunities for children (weekly) and teens (fortnightly) during 10am worship - to explore the Christian faith through stories, questioning, craft & creativity. All are welcome.



## 5PM FEAST

"Friends Eating And Sharing Together" - A casual place to share Faith, Food & Fellowship. Studies, testimonies, crafts, movies and reflections, all while sharing a meal together. All ages are welcome, please bring a plate of food to share!

## Contact Us:

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### Church Office

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### GWUC Westpac Bank Account Details:

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