



## 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 7 December - Advent 2

- 10am Family Nativity Worship (+live broadcast) *Rev Chris Waddell / Rev Ian Ferguson*  
*including Sunday Squad Kids & Teen programs*
- 5pm FEAST - Please bring a plate of food to share *Rev Chris Waddell*  
*we are offsite this week for FEAST - please contact Chris Waddell for the location!*

### Tuesday 9 December

- 7.30pm Remembrance Service *Rev Ian Ferguson / Di Paterson*

### Sunday 14 December - Advent 3

- 10am Worship (+live broadcast) *Rev Ian Ferguson / Rev Chris Waddell*  
*including Sunday Squad Kids & Teen programs*
- 5pm FEAST - Please bring a plate of food to share *Rev Chris Waddell*

### Sunday 21 December - Advent 4

- 10am Carol Service (+live broadcast) *Rev Chris Waddell / Rev Ian Ferguson*
- 5pm FEAST - Please bring a plate of food to share *Rev Chris Waddell*

**Wednesday 24 December - 7pm Christmas Eve Service**  
**Thursday 25 December - 9am Christmas Day Service**



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.

## Beloved - Advent Bible Study - The Two Stories of Christmas

**When?** Final week is Thursday 18th December at 6.30pm for a meal - *please bring a dish to share.*

**Where?** Glen Waverley Uniting Church. **RSVP** to Glyn Howells [glynh117@icloud.com](mailto:glynh117@icloud.com) 0439 490 679 - All are welcome.

## Quilt Display



Our Advent/Christmas installation this year is on now in Room 1.

### "Beloved - Wrapped in Love"

showcases quilts supplied by Quilts for Orphans (2025 COP recipient), along with some contributions from within our own congregation. If you have a quilt you would like to display, please contact Susan Karoly 0433 692 862.

Glen Waverley Uniting Church  
Youth Group

## Christmas Fun

Join us for our last youth group for 2025  
Friday December 12th @ GWUC  
7:00pm - 9:30pm

Youth Group is open for youth in Year 7- Year 12  
In term Grade 6 youth are welcome  
Cost \$2. Special Christmas supper provided

For more information  
Contact Chris Waddell  
0418373065

## Empty Christmas Tree

Our Christmas Tree is now in the foyer - waiting for your donations of toys, gifts, non-perishable food. Please DO NOT WRAP your gifts. Our gifts will be distributed by Uniting Homelessness Support Services in Blackburn and will also go to some families within our local community.



## 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](#). 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.

**ACT FOR PEACE**  
CONFRONTING INJUSTICE TOGETHER  
THROUGH THE OCCUPANCE



Christmas  
Bowl

## The Christmas Bowl in Jordan

In Jordan, Hassan was unsure of his future after displacement left him without opportunities. Through the Christmas Bowl, he joined the Forsa Youth Project and trained in hotel management, giving him skills, confidence, and employment. The Forsa Youth Project, run by the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees, empowers Syrian and Palestinian refugees to rebuild their lives through vocational training, business development, and financial literacy. Families who fled their homes are finding hope and self-reliance through this locally led initiative. Hassan now works in catering and customer service, a transformation he describes as life-changing. Learn about Hassan and the Forsa Youth Project at [christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/resources](http://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/resources)

## Remembrance Service

Christmas can be a difficult time for families who have experienced a bereavement. You are invited to participate in a special Service of Remembrance for those who have lost loved ones. The service will be held at GWUC on Tuesday 9 December 2025 at 7.30pm.

The service will be short and reflective, and there will be opportunity to come forward to light a candle to remember your loved one.

Refreshments will follow this service.

Please share this invitation with your family and anyone else who has had a close relationship with your loved one, so that you may all have the opportunity to participate. If

you are unable to attend in person, you can view a live stream of the service at [www.gwuc.org.au/live](http://www.gwuc.org.au/live).

This is a special time to honour our love for one another in joy and in sorrow.



## Food for Friends



As our church is now part of Monash Inter Church Council, we participated in the "Food for Friends" collection at IGA Ritchies-Hamilton Place Mt. Waverley. Our volunteers, David M, Judith G, Norma S and Jan C were rostered for the first shift on Tuesday 25 November. Ten churches from the Inter Church Council had volunteers rostered on, during the week 24-28 November. Each church nominated a recipient of their donations - we nominated our Welfare program.

Over the week, 122 boxes of food and about \$800 in cash were donated. These boxes were divided between the ten churches, and we were delighted to receive our allocation this week which will be used to restock our Welfare cupboards.

We were very pleased to be participating in this annual collection and look forward to helping in November next year. *Jan Clear.*



## Christmas Day Luncheon

An open invitation is extended to anyone who will be on their own this year. Please join us for lunch on Christmas day following the 9am service. To assist in preparations, please put your name on the list on the office counter if you are attending, or if you are able to donate a salad, dessert or your time! Monetary donations towards food costs are also welcome. Enquiries Vida Foo 0411 246 254

## GWUC Annual Christmas Lunch

Thank you to everyone who organised, shopped, set up, decorated and helped on the day with the GWUC Annual Christmas Lunch last Sunday. Thank you to everyone who came and supported this lunch. We were able to give over \$600 to GWUC Welfare to help needy families.

## Christmas Morning Tea at The Hub.

**Thank you** to all who supported our Christmas Morning Tea at The Hub. The total of donations received for our GWUC Welfare is \$884-66. Thank you.

Don't forget ~ **Christmas Cards** are available for purchase from the church office.  
All proceeds support the work of Uniting (Share).

## Crosslight

The December 2025 issue of Crosslight is now available from the stewards table.

## Minutes of November Meeting of the Congregation

Minutes of the meeting of the Congregation held on Sunday 23 November are available in Info Central at <https://info.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/GwucInfoCentral>

If you have any questions, spot any errors, or would like a printable copy please contact John Snare ([john.snare@bigpond.com](mailto:john.snare@bigpond.com)).

### Scam Texts from Ian

Several members of our congregation have recently received scam or fraudulent text messages pretending to be from me.

If you receive a message claiming to be from me, **please check the phone number carefully** to ensure it is genuinely mine.

If anything seems unusual or you're unsure, feel free to contact me directly on my known number (0438 547 842) or through the church office (9560 3580).

It is unfortunate that we live in times where this is so common. Thank you for your vigilance and care for one another. *Ian*

### 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!

### 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.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday 28 February 2026**  
**Annual Book Sale**



## What's On...

### MONDAY 8 DECEMBER

10am	<b>GOMERs</b>	Fellowship
8pm	<b>Badminton/Table Tennis</b>	Hall

### TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER

10am	<b>The Hub Volunteers MT</b>	Fellowship
10am	<b>Playgroup</b>	Room 2/3
2pm	<b>Meditation</b>	Zoom
7.30pm	<b>Remembrance Service</b>	Church

### WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER

7pm	<b>Free Spirit Xmas Party</b>	Fellowship
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### THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER

7.30pm	<b>Church Council</b>	Zoom
8pm	<b>Badminton/Table Tennis</b>	Hall

### FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER

10am	<b>Choir of Hope</b>	Church
7pm	<b>Youth Group Xmas Party</b>	Hall

## Contact Us:

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