

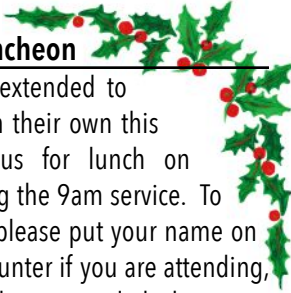
Empty Christmas Tree

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 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



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 actalliance



Christmas
Bowl

The Christmas Bowl in Indonesia

In In Central Sulawesi, Indonesia, Eko and his family have lived through multiple floods that devastated their rice fields and community. Through the Christmas Bowl, they've joined the DREAM program, learning farming techniques that improve crop quality and help them adapt to climate change. The DREAM program, led by our partner Church World Service (CWS), equips farming families like Eko's to withstand floods and natural disasters. Eko has gained knowledge and tools that strengthen crops, reduce expenses, and improve family resilience. Across Indonesia, CWS is helping communities prepare for disasters and adapt to a changing climate. Learn about Eko and our partner CWS at christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/resources

ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR A REALLY USEFUL GIFT THAT WILL HELP OTHERS? HAVE YOU EVER GIVEN SOMEONE A GOAT, CHICKEN, CLEAN WATER, A TEACHER, SCHOOL BOOKS OR A TOILET.....?

GO TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES TO PURCHASE ONLINE. IF YOU CHOOSE TO RECEIVE A DIGITAL CARD IT WILL BE EMAILED QUICKLY.

TEARFUND GIFTS
USEFULGIFTS.ORG

UNITINGWORLD GIFTS
EVERYTHINGINCOMMON.COM.AU

HARD COPY CATALOGUES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR OUTREACH NOTICEBOARD

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 0439 490 679 - All are welcome.

Congregational Outreach Projects (COP) - donations sent this week

The Outreach and Social Justice Mission Group is very grateful to the Fete Committee and to all who contributed in so many ways to the funds raised by our Annual Fete.

We thank God that through this combined effort we have been able to send donations this week to our six COP projects. We pray that our donations will assist these organisations to make a difference for peace, hope, love and joy in this world and in the lives of the vulnerable people they serve.

We look forward to hearing more about their work in coming months.

GWUC Welfare	\$5,564.18
Nourishing Our Neighbours	\$3,600.00
Quilts for Orphans	\$2,000.00
Uniting World, Disaster Readiness, Climate Change, Fiji	\$7,000.00
Frontier Services, UCA	\$4,000.00
Moderator's Emergency Response Fund, UCA	\$4,000.00
TOTAL	\$26,164.18

Advance Notice - COP 2026

Thank you to everyone who supported the wonderful effort in 2025. Please give consideration to the work of organisations that you may wish to support with COP funds in 2026. Applications will open in April 2026.

Musician Required - Can you help?

We are looking for a musician to play for our Christmas Eve service, to help the singing along! Please contact Chris Waddell 0418 373 065 if you are available.

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.

Christmas Cards

... are still available for purchase from the church office. All proceeds support the work of Uniting.

Glen Waverley Uniting Church
Christmas Family
Movie Night

All Welcome

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 19TH
6PM-8PM

Free Entry
Free Popcorn

Corner Bogong Avenue and Kingsway,
Glen Waverley

Can you guess which movie we are going to be watching?



Reminder: Christmas Day
worship will be held at
the new time of 9am

December/January Office Hours

The church office will be closed on 29-31 December and then from 8 January, reopening 27 January. During this time, messages and emails will be monitored, so please email office@gwuc.org.au or leave a message at 9560 3580 if you have any queries.

Please provide any expense reimbursements requests to the church office by Friday 19 December to ensure payment before the end of our financial year.

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*

What's On...

MONDAY 15 DECEMBER

10am	GOMERS	Fellowship
8pm	Badminton/Table Tennis	Hall

TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER

7pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Church
-----	--------------------------	--------

WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER

8pm	Free Spirit	Church
-----	--------------------	--------

THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER

6.30pm	Bible Study - Advent	Church
8pm	Badminton/Table Tennis	Hall

FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER

6pm	Christmas Family Movie Night	
-----	-------------------------------------	--

SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER

9am-3pm	Wedding	Church/Hall
---------	----------------	-------------

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!

Today is the final FEAST for 2025.

Returning in 2026 from Sunday 25 January.

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.

Today is the final Sunday Squad for 2025.

Returning in 2026 from Sunday 1 February.



Meditation on Zoom - Tuesday's @ 2pm

... will resume in 2026 from late January.

Contact Us:

Rev Ian Ferguson - Minister of the Word
0438 547 842 - iferguson@gwuc.org.au

Rev Chris Waddell - Minister of the Word
0418 373 065 - chris.waddell.gwuc@gmail.com

Di Paterson - Pastoral Care Worker
0400 961 052 - dpaterson7@bigpond.com

Church Office: Monday to Friday 9am to 3.30pm

9560 3580 | office@gwuc.org.au

Joanne Boldiston - Office Manager

GWUC Westpac Bank Account Details:

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