



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 21 December - Advent 4

10am Carol Service (+live broadcast) *Rev Ian Ferguson / Rev Chris Waddell*

Wednesday 24 December - Christmas Eve

7pm Worship (+live broadcast) *Rev Chris Waddell*

Thursday 25 December - Christmas Day

9am Worship (+live broadcast) *Rev Ian Ferguson / Rev Chris Waddell*

Sunday 28 December - Christmas 1

10am Worship (+live broadcast) *Rev Ian Ferguson / Rev Chris Waddell*

Wednesday 31 December - New Year's Eve

11pm Covenant Worship *Rev Chris Waddell*



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.

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 Cards

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

Volunteers required- Church Cleaning and Mowing Rosters

We rely on volunteers to keep our Church clean and tidy. At present it is a small but committed group, and we need more to join us to maintain the roster. Please consider if you could spare a couple of hours 3-4 times a year and add your name to the list on the office counter. Any queries can be directed to Fairlie Mackinnon (Property Committee) at f.mackinnon@bigpond.com



Honey Sales

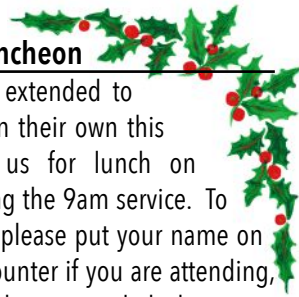
Don't forget to purchase a jar of delicious honey! All profits are donated to the UCA Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre.

Crosslight

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

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



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.

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.

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Christmas
Bowl

The Christmas Bowl in Pakistan

In drought-affected Umerkot, Pakistan, girls like Anayatre once had little chance to study. With support from the Christmas Bowl, she is now in school and dreams of becoming a doctor, inspiring other girls in her village to learn. In partnership with Community World Service Asia (CWSA), the Christmas Bowl is helping communities raise awareness and increase access to education – especially for girls. Displacement and poverty have left many families without schooling or healthcare, but mothers like Sunia are championing change. "When my daughter began attending school, other girls started their education too," she says. Learn about Anaya and education in Pakistan at christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/resources

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.

Congregational Outreach Projects (COP) - donations sent.

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 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.



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

Book Sale

**Saturday 28
February 2026**

8.30am-4pm

Save the Date!



We would love you to be part of this event. The summer holidays is a great time to sort through those books you no longer need. We will be setting up on Friday 27 February, packing up on Sunday 1 March, and would appreciate your donations of books and your help over those 3 days.

December/January Office Hours

The church office will be closed 29-31 December and then again from 8 January, reopening 27 January. During these times, messages and emails will be monitored.

Please email office@gwuc.org.au or leave a message at 9560 3580 if you have any queries.

What's On...

MONDAY 22 DECEMBER

10am	GOMERS	Fellowship
8pm	Badminton/Table Tennis	Hall

WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER

7pm	Christmas Eve Worship	Church
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THURSDAY 25 DECEMBER

9am	Christmas Day Worship	Church
11.30am	Christmas Day Luncheon	Fellowship

MONDAY 29 DECEMBER

10am	GOMERS	Fellowship
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WEDNESDAY 31 DECEMBER

11pm	Covenant Worship	Church
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THURSDAY 1 JANUARY 2026

8pm	Badminton/Table Tennis	Hall
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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.

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