



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 11 January - Baptism of Jesus

10am Worship (+live broadcast)

Rev Ian Ferguson

Sunday 18 January - Epiphany 2

10am Worship (+live broadcast)

Rev Ian Ferguson

Sunday 25 January - Epiphany 3

10am Worship (+live broadcast)

Rev Ian Ferguson / 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.



**BACK TO SCHOOL
& BACKPACK
BLESSING**
Sunday 1st
February
10am Service

You are invited to bring along your backpacks, briefcases, tote bags or tool belts for a special blessing to begin the new school year surrounded in prayer.

Special take home Blessing Tags will show you **You are Loved!**



January Office Hours

The church office will be closed from 8 January, reopening 27 January. Phone messages and emails will be monitored. Please email office@gwuc.org.au or leave a message at 9560 3580 if you have any queries.



6PM 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!
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.
Returning in 2026 from Sunday 1 February.

Wondering what to read over January?

The Outreach and Social Justice Mission Group (OSJMG) will be organising a **1st Nations** themed **book discussion** after church in a month or two (date to be advised).

We would love you to help us by choosing/borrowing a book with a 1st Nations theme, reading it, and preparing a thought, fact or question that arises from your own response. The book may be a novel, historical work, children's book, etc. You may even just choose one chapter from a book.

We will sit in relaxed small groups with our cuppas for our discussions. We are not aiming for debate, but rather to share ideas or new understandings and to learn from each other. You are also welcome to come along just to hear what others have discovered.

Did you know that Monash Library holds many excellent books, both fiction and non-fiction, with indigenous themes?

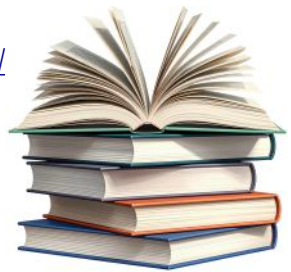
The Monash Library catalogue may be found at <https://www.monlib.vic.gov.au/A-Z-Index/Search-the-Catalogue-A-Z-List>

Librarians are always keen to assist too.

Thank you for considering this new initiative.

We look forward to an interesting time.

Margaret Fraser and the OSJMG



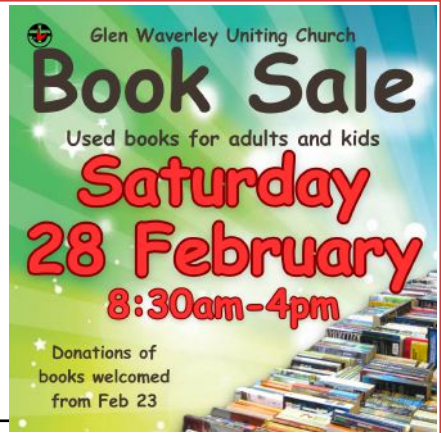


2026 Book Sale

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 27 February, packing up on Sunday 1 March, and would appreciate your donations of books and your help over those 3 days. **Donations of books welcome from 23 February.**

Calling all Walkers!

The 2026 Book Sale is on Saturday 28 February. We look forward to working together to make this event a great success. Volunteers are needed to help deliver 5000 flyers advertising the Book Sale in assigned areas in Glen Waverley. The flyers will be available from 6 February for delivery during the week 14-20 February. The sign-up sheet is on the office counter. If you helped last year, please tick your name on the sheet to indicate you are able to assist again this year. **New walkers are always needed - please add your name to the list.** If it is more convenient, you can contact Peter Anderson at pjanderson253@gmail.com or 0411 123 253. Thank you!



Honey Sales

Please support our fund-raising effort for the Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre by purchasing your honey from near the servery. Its delicious! Please self-serve, place your money into the small bag provided and post it into the church letter box outside the doors near the office. Thank you for supporting the ASWC. Return of jars with labels removed is much appreciated. *Margaret, Yolandy & David.*



Housekeeping Reminder

At the conclusion of your meeting or event, it is your responsibility to return any chairs, tables or equipment you have moved. Please switch off lights, fans, heaters and air conditioners; empty rubbish bins, empty & turn off the dishwasher (if used) and lock all external doors. We are a busy church and our rooms are used by many groups. Your assistance in keeping our buildings clean and tidy is appreciated.

U.C.A.F.

...is back for 2026 on Tuesday 3 February. We are so privileged to have our Commitment Service to be taken by Pastor Di Paterson. Please meet in the Fellowship area at 10 am for morning tea before moving to Room 1 at 10.30 am. All are welcome, especially new members. Goods for Welfare may be placed in the containers near the office.
Enq. Barbara Thompson 0409 979 911

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

2026 Diary Dates

- 30 Jan** Youth Group returns 7pm Friday's
- 1 Feb** Backpack Blessing 10am Sunday Squad (10am) and FEAST (new time of 6pm) start again on Sunday's
- 2 Feb** Leisure Time at 2pm and Playgroup returns on a new day - Monday's at 10am
- 3 Feb** The Hub is back on Tuesday's at 10am
- 28 Feb** Annual Book Sale
- 1 Mar** Lunar New Year & Lantern Fest: Year of the Horse
- 26 Mar** Hot Cross Bun M.Tea @ The Hub
- 21 May** Aust. Biggest M.Tea @ The Hub
- 20 Aug** Special Morning Tea @ The Hub
- 17 Oct** Annual Fete!
- 29 Oct** Seniors Morning Tea @ The Hub
- 29 Nov** Annual Christmas Lunch
- 3 Dec** Christmas M.Tea @ The Hub

also returning in 2026...

- GOMERS** 10am Monday.
- Patchwork & Craft Group** 10am, 2nd & 4th Mon.
- Badminton & Table Tennis** 8pm Mon & Thurs.
- Mindful Meditation** 2pm Tuesday on Zoom.
- English Conversation Classes** 11.15am Thurs.
- UCAF** 10am, 1st Tuesday of each month.
- Free Spirit** rehearsing at 8pm Wednesday.
- Choir of Hope** rehearsing at 10am Friday.
- Adult Group** 12.30pm lunch, 1st Friday of each month.
- Special Morning Tea's, Pancake Day, Movie nights, Games nights,** and more...



A Welcome Reminder

At Glen Waverley Uniting Church, we are always looking for new ways to strengthen our sense of welcome and belonging. This is a timely reminder that we are all welcome. While our wonderful Door Stewards and Welcome Team do a great job, they can't greet everyone who walks through our doors. That's where each one of us comes in. We encourage everyone to:

- Keep an eye out for people you don't recognise.
- Offer a warm greeting: "Hi, I'm [Your Name]. It's lovely to meet you."
- During the exchange of peace, seek out someone new each week.
- At morning tea, look for anyone sitting alone and invite them to join you.

Together, let's continue to grow as a genuinely welcoming church community – where everyone feels noticed, included, and valued.

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