



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!

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.



Worship Services...

Sunday 8 February Epiphany 5

10am Worship (+live broadcast)
including Sunday Squad Kids & Teen programs
Rev Ian Ferguson / Rev Chris Waddell

5.30pm FEAST
please bring a plate of food to share
Rev Chris Waddell

Sunday 15 February Transfiguration of Jesus

10am Worship (+live broadcast)
including Sunday Squad Kids program
Rev Chris Waddell / Rev Ian Ferguson

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What's On This Week...

MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY

10am	GOMERs	Fellowship
10am	Playgroup	Room 2/3
8pm	Badminton/Table Tennis	Hall

TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY

10am	The Hub	Fellowship
2pm	Meditation	Zoom

WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

8pm	Free Spirit	Church
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THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY

10am	Outreach & Social Justice Mission Group	Room 2
11.15am	English Conversation Class	Room 1
8pm	Badminton/Table Tennis	Hall

FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY

10am	Choir of Hope	Church
7pm	Youth Group	Hall

SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY

11am	Pancake Morning Tea	Fellowship
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Election of Church Councillors

Our congregation can only operate effectively if we have a strong church council. This year an election of Church Councillors will take place on **March 15th**.

There will be ten positions to fill. The following councillors have completed their term of appointment, and are all eligible for re-nomination (although some may not wish to renominate):

George Abraham, Lorraine Chee, Alison Clarkson, Susan Karoly, Merlin Mantiri, Anne Newton, Martin Wojak.

Please carefully consider nominating someone you think would serve the congregation well as Church Councillor or making yourself available as a candidate. A nomination form is available from the office and the table in the foyer.

Further information can be obtained from John Snare (john.snare@bigpond.com) or any current Church Councillor.

Pancake Morning Tea - Sunday 15 February



Inclusive community Committee and our School's Pancake team will be holding a Pancake Morning Tea next **Sunday the 15 February** after the 10am service. Donations will go to Uniting to help this organisation provide for people experiencing homelessness, drug or alcohol issues and mental health challenges within our local community. If you would like to help with cooking or setting up or have any questions, please speak to Jan Clear or David Morgan.

Material Aid - February GWUC Welfare Pantry

The items of most need: Dried Pasta, Tinned/bottled pasta sauce, Dried red lentils, Rice, Tinned spaghetti & baked beans, 2minute noodles, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned tuna 95g, Small jars of Vegemite/peanut butter/jam, Weetbix (small packets), Full cream UHT milk, Black teabags, Instant coffee, Sweet biscuits, Toothbrushes and toothpaste. Goods can be placed in the coloured bins near the office door. Shopping lists to assist you can be taken from the Outreach and Social Justice display board.

1st Nations Book Discussion



We hope that you have enjoyed reading a book with 1st Nations characters, history or culture. Our discussions will be held after the morning service

on **Sunday 22nd Feb, 11.15am - 12.30pm**. Please bring the book with you if possible and be ready to tell us a bit about it, and something you learned or found interesting. The discussions are intended as a time to share ideas or new understandings, not for debate.

You may also just come along to hear what others have discovered.

We will be meeting in small groups in Rooms 1 and 2. Please bring your cuppa with you.

All are welcome.

Margaret Fraser and the Outreach & Social Justice Mission Group

Handy business card sized laminated shopping lists are available - keep one in your wallet for shopping days!





Glen Waverley Uniting Church

Book Sale

Used books for adults and kids

Saturday 28 February

8:30am-4pm

Donations of
books welcomed
from Feb 23



Book Sale

We would love you to be part of this event. 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. Please put your name on the sign up sheet on the office counter if you can assist.

Delivery of Book Sale Flyers

Thank you to those people who have offered to deliver flyers for the Book Sale. Please collect your flyers from the table in the foyer, for delivery between 14-20 February.

**Donations of books are
welcome from 23 February.**

Lent Bible Study 2026

JOURNEY WITH JESUS THROUGH MATTHEW'S PASSION STORY

This Lent we will gather to read through Matthew's account of Jesus' final days (chapters 26-28) - his final meal, betrayal, death and the hope that follows.

Led by Rev Ian Ferguson.

WHEN
Thursday evenings
26 February & 5, 19, 26 March
6:30pm meal (please bring a dish
to share if you're able)

WHERE
Glen Waverley Uniting Church
- Fellowship Area and Church

RSVP to Glyn Howells (glynh117@icloud.com | 0439 490 679)

GLEN WAVERLEY
**LUNAR
NEW YEAR**

**CELEBRATION AND
LANTERN FESTIVAL
ON KINGSWAY**

**SUNDAY 1ST
MARCH 2026
11AM - 9PM**

**YEAR OF
THE HORSE**



2026 Lunar New Year - Year of the Horse

This church has been invited to participate in the City of Monash's Lunar New Year Celebrations to be held in Kingsway on **Sunday 1st March**. We intend to offer craft and information about our church programs, and we **need your help** to make this a success!

Sunday 22nd Feb - Volunteers needed:

We will be packing our show bags after worship - please come and help if you are able!

GWUC STALL - Sunday 1st March

Our stall will run from 10am to 3pm on Sunday 1st March. We are seeking a *set up crew* to assist with moving furniture & items, and a *close up crew* to assist with moving things back to the church. We are also seeking at least 3 - 4 volunteers for each time period (2 hrs) to help man the stall, this will include assisting the arts and crafts area as well as a couple of people in front to engage with the community. With the warm weather we would like to remind the volunteers to stay hydrated and perhaps to pack a drink bottle.

Can YOU help? If so, please put your name on the list on the office counter or contact Lorraine Chee lorrainechee1@gmail.com or the church office.

**...don't forget to come and visit our
stall on Sunday 1st March!**



Service of Worship Ash Wednesday



18th February
7.30pm
All are welcome

GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH
YOUTH GROUP

LEGO MASTERS

FRIDAY FEB 13 @GWUC
7:00PM - 9:30M

YOUTH GROUP IS OPEN FOR YOUTH IN YEAR 7-21YO
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
CHRIS WADDELL ON 0418373065
COST \$2





NEW TIME 5.30PM 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!

World Day of Prayer 2026



World Day of Prayer 2026
Focus on **Nigeria**



Service date	Friday 6 March 2026
Location	Holy Family Church
Address	236 Stephenson's Road, Mount Waverley 3149
Time	10:15 am followed by refreshments
Contact	Bernadette Micallef 0424 339 910 Nanette Davis 0405 755 058

With Love to the World

...is a daily Bible reading guide based on the Revised Common Lectionary. The latest issue is now available from the rack near the library. **Annual subscription of \$25 is now due.** Please pay to church office.

There are also a couple of extra copies available for those who do not have a subscription but would like to give it a try.

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.

Sammy Stamp

Don't forget to keep collecting stamps for Sammy Stamp. Stamps can be left in the church letterbox, or dropped off to the office during office hours.

Crosslight

*February 2026 issue is now available.
Pick up a copy from the Steward's table.*

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.

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.*



GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH
CORNER BOGONG AVENUE & KINGSWAY

HOT CROSS BUN MORNING TEA

at The Hub

All
welcome!



THURSDAY 26 MARCH

10AM - 12PM

ALL DONATIONS TO THE
ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL



Groups of 10 or more, please call 9560 3580

Creatives Day @ Cornish College

On Saturday 14 February, Port Phillip East Presbytery invites you to **"Bring Out the Light!"** – a Creative Day celebrating the wonderful gifts of poets, musicians, writers, and artists within our church community.

This joyful and inspiring day offers a chance to gather, connect, and delight in creativity expressed in many forms. Whether you create, appreciate, or are simply curious, you are warmly encouraged to come along. The day will be held at Cornish College, 65 Riverend Road, Bangholme, from 9.30am to 2.30pm, beginning with worship and followed by a range of interactive workshops, including creative writing, craft, liturgy, music & dance.

Rev. Ian Ferguson will be among the presenters.

A catered lunch will be shared midway through the day, during which we will also celebrate the launch of the first volume of Rev Dr Denham Grierson's poetry anthology.

Attendance is limited to 70 people, so early registration is encouraged. A \$5 contribution per person is requested to help cover the cost of lunch. Both indoor and outdoor spaces will be used, weather permitting. Go to <https://events.humanitix.com/creative-day-workshops> for more information.



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@ Cornish College
Saturday 14 February
2026
9.30am - 2.30pm
A day buzzing with creativity and energy with interactive workshops running all day in the areas of creative writing, craft, liturgy, music and dance.
Tickets \$5
Register
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places limited

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 welcomers. 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.



Supportive Care Link

Supportive Care Link is one of the sub-committees of Glen Waverley Uniting Church's Inclusive Community Mission Group. Inclusive Community seeks to provide support and provide pastoral care for members of our church family and supportive Care Link is one way that we do this. Congregational members often require transport to or from an appointment or before or after a time in hospital or one or more meals when they return home.

As our congregation's members are getting older and moving into care and relinquishing their driving licences, we are struggling to help people when we are asked for help. Do you think that you could help - providing transport or cooking a meal for someone, in the congregation? We would love to hear from you. If we are going to continue offering help, we need to have more people, on our contact list.

Please think about this idea. The more people whom we have on our list, the less times we need to call on the same people. Jan or Laurel would be glad to talk to you, if you have any questions (contact through the church office.)

Jan Clear and Laurel Muir.

Meditation on Zoom - Tuesday's @ 2pm

Meeting ID 872 3262 1377; Passcode 599029.

Enq: Susan Karoly 0433 692 862. All welcome!



The Getaways

The Getaways are members of our congregation who "get away" for a relaxed weekend, or sometimes only a day, to Warragul, staying at Warragul Gardens Holiday Park. If you enjoy camping, caravanning, cabin-ing or day trips you are more than welcome to join us. Stay for the weekend or just visit for a day. The weekend can be as busy or as quiet as you like. Some will go on walks or visit a market, while others will sit and read, knit or do craft, do crosswords or sleep!!! There are no rules and it is always a lovely time to sit and chat with old and new friends. We come together to share a meal on the Saturday for lunch! All are invited...

Our next Getaway is on the March long weekend

Friday 6th - Monday 9th March.

Please call the Warragul Gardens Holiday Park directly on 5623 2707 for overnight bookings.

Day Visitors are especially welcome on Saturday 7th March when after a leisurely morning strolling around a local market, we will return to the caravan park for a shared lunch (\$10pp). Chicken & salad will be provided. For catering purposes, please contact the church office if you will be attending. All are welcome! Come when you can, leave when you must!

Happy Camping!



Contact Us:

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

Church Office: - 9560 3580 | office@gwuc.org.au

Monday to Friday 9am to 3.30pm | Office Manager - Joanne Boldiston

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