



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 26 April - Easter 4

10am Worship (+live broadcast)

including Sunday Squad Kids & Teen programs.

Guest Speakers: Matt Julius & Aimee Dare

Rev Ian Ferguson / Rev Chris Waddell

1pm Indonesian Fellowship

including Holy Communion

Rev Ian Ferguson

5.30pm FEAST please bring a plate of food to share

Rev Chris Waddell

Sunday 3 May - Easter 5

10am Worship (+live broadcast)

including Holy Communion &

Sunday Squad Kids program.

Rev Chris Waddell / Rev Ian Ferguson

5.30pm FEAST please bring a plate of food to share

Rev Chris Waddell

What's On This Week...

MONDAY 27 APRIL

10am **GOMERs** Fellowship

10am **Playgroup** Room 2/3

8pm **Badminton/Table Tennis** Hall

TUESDAY 28 APRIL

10am **UCAF Committee** Room 4

10am **The Hub** Fellowship

WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL

8pm **Free Spirit** Church

THURSDAY 30 APRIL

11.15am **English Conversation Class** Room 1

8pm **Badminton/Table Tennis** Hall

FRIDAY 1 MAY

7pm **Youth** Hall

SATURDAY 2 MAY

9am-3.30pm **Private Booking - Wedding** Church, Hall

Please Join Us For

BBQ LUNCH

Give our Aussie farmers the hope they need -
join in our Great Outback BBQ Lunch.

Donations to support the work of Frontier Services.

Sunday 26 April

after 10am service

TODAY!



Cost: \$5

plus more if you wish to
make a donation

Sausage, onion, bread, salad & cheese



COP2026

One week has passed in the COP application period, and we need some great ideas for organisations that the church can support with the funds from this year's fete. You can be confident that the fete will generate funds with which the congregation can make a significant contribution to our community - local, national and international. Members of the congregation are warmly invited to propose projects that they feel are worthy of our fete funds (and that meet the GWUC assessment criteria). Please consider preparing an application for an outreach project. Applications for local, national and international* projects are all eligible.

COP 2026 applications are NOW OPEN and close on 24 May 2026.

You can download the electronic application form (preferred) from <https://info.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/File:COPApplication2026.docx>.

Please consider the COP Procedures are the project assessment criteria when preparing your application. They are here <https://info.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/File:COPProcedures2026.pdf>.

If you have any questions about the COP process, please contact Michele Stringer, convenor of the COP committee (michele.c.stringer@icloud.com) or Margaret Fraser, chair of the Outreach & Social Justice Mission Group (marjanfraser@gmail.com).

**For those wanting to submit an international project, please note that there are additional due diligence and reporting requirements.*

Our Annual Church Fete is a huge effort by many, but it brings joy and comfort to many more.

Thanks be to God.

Michele Stringer for Outreach & Social Justice Mission Group.

UCAF

... is privileged to have Beth Shelton as our Guest Speaker on **Tuesday 5th May**. Morning tea at 10am in the Fellowship area is a great time to catch up with friends or meet new friends. We then adjourn to Room 1 for our meeting and to hear Beth speak. All are welcome. Goods for Welfare may be placed in the coloured bin near the Office door.

Enquiries Barbara Thompson 0409 979 911

Adult Group Luncheon

Our next Adult Group luncheon will be on **Friday 1 May 2026 at 12:30pm** for lunch & fellowship at the Mountain View Hotel, Glen Waverley. Please ring if you would like to attend. Contact: Bill Norquay 0416 020 843

Do you have a NAME TAG?

Wearing a name tag helps people to get to know each other.

You can now make your own name tag. On the stewards table in the foyer there is a box containing cards, holders and a pen. Please help yourself and print your name clearly.

You can still order a professional name tag by adding your name to the list on the office counter.

GWUC Tennis Club

There will be a special general meeting of the Uniting Church Glen Waverley Tennis Club via Zoom on **Monday 27th April at 8:00pm** to make a minor change to the tennis club constitution. As a not-for-profit organisation we need to add another clause to meet the requirements of the Australian Taxation Office. For Zoom link email stephen_emms@hotmail.com

Material Aid

Backpacks 4 VicKids is an Australian charity providing essential material aid to displaced babies, children and youth. Often children are quickly relocated into foster or kinship care with little more than what they are wearing. Providing urgently needed essentials can help to restore dignity to children who are experiencing trauma and loss.



A speaker from Backpacks 4 VicKids will be attending the UCAF meeting on June 2nd and we would love to provide them with donations. If you would like to help, please leave new items in the collection bin at the office door by May 31st.

Items can be for any age group between Newborn and 18 year olds:

Toiletries (face washer, comb, individually wrapped toothbrush, roll on deodorant)

Clothing (socks, singlets, tops, trackpants)

School items (exercise books, pencils/pens, scissors, lunch box, drink bottle)

Baby items (bibs, bottles, sippy cups, soft toys)

GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH
YOUTH GROUP

**DEEP
PURPLE**

Friday May 1, 2026

Friday May 1st @GWUC 7:00pm-9:30pm
GWUC Youth Group is open for youth in Year 7-21 YO
For more information
Contact Chris Waddell on 0418373065
Cost \$2

Pastoral Care

Di Paterson is having knee replacement surgery next week and will be on sick leave from 29 April until 10 June. Please direct any pastoral care matters to Ian, Chris or the church office during this time.

Our prayers are with you Di and we wish you a speedy recovery.



Mother's Day Morning Tea



You are invited to a special Mother's Day morning tea on **Sunday 10 May** following the 10am service. Everyone is welcome.

Yoorrook Justice Commission

The State Government's Yoorrook Justice Commission made a series of landmark reports into First Nations matters, Synod asked congregations to prepare a response to these, and our Outreach & Social Justice Missional Group did so on behalf of the congregation. You can find links to all of this are at <https://info.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/OSJMGReport20260312>



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!

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.



Chinese Translation of 10am Service

A Chinese/English translation of the 10am Service is now available each Sunday.

点击此处查看今日服务的中文翻译



Access the translation of today's service here:

Planned Giving

The Giving Recording Committee acknowledges with much gratitude the personal gifts given for the work of our church. Your financial gifts are very much appreciated. Currently we have 106 active pledge contributors - 64 using Direct Giving and 42 through the envelope system.

To those who give through the Open Plate system, you may like to consider changing to either the envelopes or the Direct Giving system which allow you to make regular gifts. The Direct Giving system means no need for envelopes or cash, regular donations are assured and a reduced workload on the Finance Stewards.

Please contact the Recorder Ken Hutchinson on 9884 4002 if you would like to make a change.

PLANNED GIVING LETTERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE COUNTER.

Please check and take yours and any you can deliver. Please advise the office if any name or address details are incorrect.

Contact Us:

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

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

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