



Glen Waverley Uniting Church

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.



What's On This Week...

MONDAY 4 MAY

10am	GOMERs	Fellowship
10am	Playgroup	Room 2/3
2pm	Leisure Time	Fellowship
7pm	Property Committee	Room 2
8pm	Badminton/Table Tennis	Hall

TUESDAY 5 MAY

10am	UCAF	Room 1
10am	The Hub	Fellowship
7.30pm	Communication Committee	Room 2

WEDNESDAY 6 MAY

1pm	Community Hub MG	Room 2
8pm	Free Spirit	Church

THURSDAY 7 MAY

11.15am	English Conversation Class	Room 1
8pm	Badminton/Table Tennis	Hall

FRIDAY 8 MAY

2pm	Worship Committee	Room 1
7pm	Youth	Hall

Worship Services...

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

Sunday 10 May - Easter 6

10am Worship (+live broadcast)

including Sunday Squad Kids & Teen programs.

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5.30pm FEAST please bring a plate of food to share

Rev Chris Waddell



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.

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

Sammy Stamp Update

A generous donation boosted sales at the end of Dec 2025 to \$46,648. The donation included rare old coins, and these have raised over \$16,000 so far. Did you know that Sammy Stamp collects coins, medals & badges as well as stamps? Please keep collecting and pass items to the church office.

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:



Our Future Together: A Congregational Conversation

Over the coming weeks, we will be inviting the whole congregation to participate in an important conversation about who we are and where God is calling us as a church.

A **Discussion Paper** will be distributed by email in the week of 4 May (printed copies will be made available). The paper sets out some key questions about our ministry and mission, and invites you to respond.

On **Sunday 17 May** we will hold a **Volunteer Sunday** service, celebrating the many ways our members give of themselves in support of our ministry and mission, and praying together for our church.

The conversation will culminate in a **Congregational Workshop on Sunday 24 May**, held after worship (with lunch to follow). In table groups, we will discuss the questions from the Discussion Paper together and share our hopes for GWUC's future.

We look forward to this season of listening, discernment, and prayer – and to hearing from you.


For more information, speak with Ian or Chris, or any member of the Church Council.

BIBLE STUDY
The Church, The Bible & God's Mission

In the Bible, God's love always moves outward into the world. Come and explore together what it means to be a community shaped by that same movement — a missional community.
Led by Rev Ian Ferguson.

Thursday evenings
- May 21, 28 & June 4, 18
6:30pm at the church
commencing with a shared meal
(please bring a dish to share)

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

Thanks from Frontier Services,  our lunch raised \$770!

"Please share our sincere thanks to all those who participated in your recent barbecue event, and helped to make it such a success.

Your generous donation will help ensure people living in rural and remote Australia can receive practical, pastoral and spiritual care from our amazing Bush Chaplains and Outback Links volunteers, whenever they need it most."

Outreach & Social Justice Mission Group and Inclusive Community MG



**GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH
YOUTH GROUP**

AUSSIE M8'S

Friday May 8th @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



Glen Waverley Uniting Church
Corner Bogong Avenue & Kingsway

**Australia's Biggest
Morning Tea**

AT THE HUB

**THURSDAY
28TH MAY
10AM - 12PM**

ALL WELCOME!

 Proudly supporting
Cancer Council Victoria

Groups of 10 or more, please call 9560 3580



COP2026

COP applications are now open, 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.

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).



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. 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.

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.

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!

Pastoral Care

Di Paterson is on sick leave following knee replacement surgery. She will be away until 10 June. Please direct any pastoral care matters to Ian, Chris or the church office during this time.

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

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

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