



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.

Like a child rests in its mother's arms, so will I rest in you



Worship Services...

Sunday 10 May - Easter 6

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 17 May - Easter 7

10am Volunteer Sunday Worship (+live broadcast)

including 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 11 MAY

10am **GOMERs** Fellowship

10am **Playgroup** Room 2/3

8pm **Badminton/Table Tennis** Hall

TUESDAY 12 MAY

10am **The Hub** Fellowship

WEDNESDAY 13 MAY

8pm **Free Spirit** Church

THURSDAY 14 MAY

11.15am **English Conversation Class** Room 1

8pm **Badminton/Table Tennis** Hall

FRIDAY 15 MAY

7pm **Youth** Hall

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.



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** has been distributed by email this week. Printed copies are available from the Steward's Table. 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.

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:



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)

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

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.

Glen Waverley Uniting Church
Corner Bogong Avenue & Kingsway

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

AT THE HUB

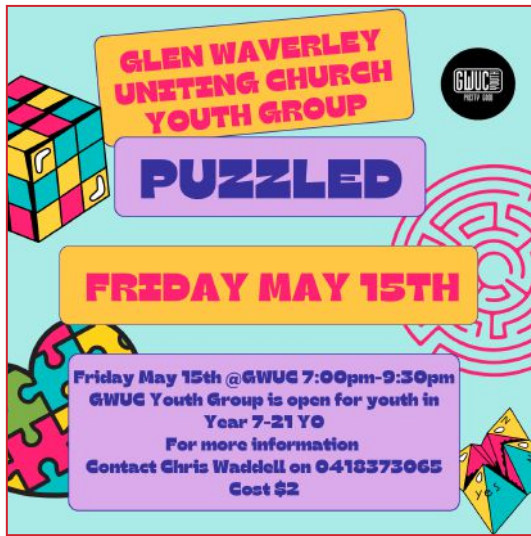
THURSDAY
28TH MAY
10AM - 12PM

ALL WELCOME!

 Cancer Council Victoria
Proudly supporting
Cancer Council Victoria

Groups of 10 or more, please call 9560 3580





Monash Council - Special National Reconciliation Week celebratory event

Community are invited to take part in a traditional Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony, hear stories shared by First Nations Elders, and take part in cultural activities that include a weaving workshop with Aunty Merilyn Duff. Wed May 27, 10.30am-12.30pm at Monash Council Civic Centre. This is a Free event, but please book your ticket at [Celebrating Country and Culture: Reconciliation Week Opening Tickets, Monash Council Civic Centre, Glen Waverley | TryBooking Australia](#)

State Youth Games

SYG is a fun weekend of sport for high schoolers and young adults. 5th to 8th June. Lardner Park, Warragul. Have a chat with Chris if you are interesting in joining our team!



State Youth Games, June 5th-8th Lardner Park, Warragul

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).



Muslim Friday Prayers at GWUC

The Church Council has approved an arrangement for a Muslim community group to hire our hall for Friday prayers.

The group is led by Salma, who has been running a Friday prayer service for students at Glen Waverley Secondary College for the past three years. When the venue they previously used became unavailable, they approached us. The group expects around 30-40 participants.

The booking will run from 12:30-2:30 pm on Fridays (April-October) and 3:00-4:00 pm (October-April), subject to our own hall needs on occasions such as the Fete and Book Sale.

Council welcomed this as an opportunity for interfaith relationship and noted that the group's choice to approach a church speaks well of the trust and goodwill they bring. We look forward to being a good neighbour to this community.

If you have any questions, please speak with Ian or Chris.

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.

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.

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.



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!

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