



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 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

Sunday 24 May - Pentecost

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

11.15am Our Future Together: A Congregational Conversation Workshop followed by luncheon.

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

What's On This Week...

MONDAY 18 MAY

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

TUESDAY 19 MAY

10am **The Hub** Fellowship

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY

8pm **Free Spirit** Church

THURSDAY 21 MAY

11.15am **English Conversation Class** Room 1
6.30pm **Bible Study** Fellowship/Church
8pm **Badminton/Table Tennis** Hall

FRIDAY 22 MAY

7pm **Youth** Hall

SUNDAY 24 MAY

11.15am **Congregational Workshop - Our Future Together** Hall
2pm **PPEP Milestone Service** Church

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** was distributed by email last 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.

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



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).

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.

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

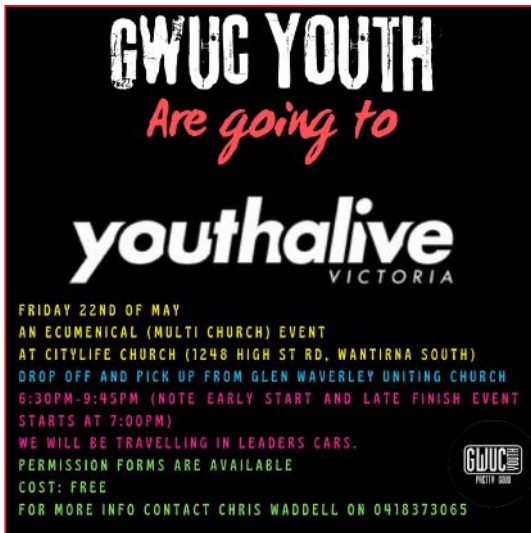
commencing with a shared meal
(please bring a dish to share)

RSVP to Glyn Howells

(glynh117@icloud.com | 0439 490 679)


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 Auntie Marilyn 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](#)



GWUC YOUTH
Are going to
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VICTORIA

FRIDAY 22ND OF MAY
AN ECUMENICAL (MULTI CHURCH) EVENT
AT CITYLIFE CHURCH (1248 HIGH ST RD, WANTIRNA SOUTH)
DROP OFF AND PICK UP FROM GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH
6:30PM-9:45PM (NOTE EARLY START AND LATE FINISH EVENT STARTS AT 7:00PM)
WE WILL BE TRAVELLING IN LEADERS CARS.
PERMISSION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE
COST: FREE
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT CHRIS WADDELL ON 0418373065




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!

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.



Celebration of Ministry Milestones

You are invited to join Port Phillip East Presbytery for a Celebration of Ministry Milestones service on at **2pm on Sunday 24 May** at Glen Waverley Uniting Church. The service on Pentecost Sunday will celebrate the ministers and volunteers whose faithful service has strengthened the Presbytery's congregations over many years, including our own, Rev Ian Ferguson, who will be celebrated for his 30 years of ministry. This joyful service is a treasured moment of gratitude, storytelling, and shared encouragement. All are welcome.

Monash Inter-church Council Ecumenical Event - 31 May 2026

We will again be participating in this year's Christian Unity Ecumenical Celebration which have been observed in our area since 2000. This is an opportunity to show that we follow Jesus' wishes for harmony and love in Glen Waverley Uniting Church and with neighbouring churches. We are seeking four volunteers to attend two other churches in our area and two volunteers to stay at our church. Representatives from other churches will also be welcomed here at GWUC. One person will light a candle and one will read the prayer. (We will supply the prayer & candle.) Participants will be commissioned during the 10am service on Sunday 24 May. Those who have participated in the past have enjoyed their experiences. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jan Clear or the church office.

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.



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!



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