Glen Waverley Uniting Church

Weekly Bulletin
25 Oct 2026

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 25 October - Pentecost 22

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

Sunday 1 November - Pentecost 23

10am Worship (+live broadcast)
including Sunday Squad Kids Program
Rev Chris Waddell

5.30pm FEAST please bring a plate of food to share

View our 10am services online at
www.gwuc.org.au

What's On ...

MONDAY 26 OCTOBER		
10am	**GOMERs**	Fellowship
10am	**Playgroup**	Room 2/3
78pm	**Badminton/Table Tennis**	Hall
TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER		
10am	**The Hub**	Fellowship
10am	**UCAF Committee**	Room 2
2pm	**Meditation**	Zoom
WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER		
1pm	**Set up for The Hub MT**	Foyer/Fellowship
8pm	**Free Spirit**	Church
THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER		
10am	**Seniors' Morning Tea at The Hub**	
11.15am	**English Conversation Class**	Room 1
8pm	**Badminton/Table Tennis**	Hall
FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER		
7pm	**Youth**	Hall





Material Aid

Share the dignity : It's in the Bag

Let's ensure women who are waking up in a domestic violence refuge or homeless shelter on Christmas feel a little bit of hope and love. Fill a bag (new or pre-loved one in great condition) with life's essentials. All items must be new and sealed for hygiene reasons. If you haven't a suitable bag, you can still donate the essential items.

Essentials: individually wrapped toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner, body wash or soap, roll-on deodorant, sealed packet pads/ tampons. You may like to include a few optional luxury items such as makeup, stationary, jewellery, book, socks, and a handwritten note. No food, aerosols or scissors.

Please place your donations in the Material Aid Bin, last day 22nd November.

Trick or Treat for Kindness: Spooking Kingsway with Kindness!

On Saturday 31 October, we're joining the Kingsway Halloween Street Festival with a booth that does things a little differently. Kids spin the wheel, do a simple act of kindness (a compliment, a high five, a smile for a stranger), and everyone wins a lolly.

We're not here to endorse the commercial side of Halloween. We just want to put a positive spin on the night and be a bright light in our neighbourhood.

We need you! The booth runs from 4pm to 8pm, and we'd love volunteers for an hour or two. No experience needed, just a friendly face and a Working With Children's check. Chat to Chris Waddell to sign up.



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.



Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of our fete on Saturday 17 October.

We could not have asked for better weather. But, more importantly, we could not have asked for a more enthusiastic response from so many of you. There are those who have given their all over many years, and for that we are thankful. It was also great to see the many adult children and grandchildren who returned to help.

This year, there were many new faces, younger faces, and unexpected faces joining us, and for that we rejoice!

The participation of many of our friends from English class, Badminton & Table Tennis, The Hub and Pancakes was a highlight.

Special thanks too to those from the wider community who contributed - Strike Bowling with their free children's activities, the SES and the Fire Rescue Victoria, and Drew and his band who had people dancing.

Congratulations to you all for your contribution.

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$2 Boxes	225.66
Animal Farm	19.90
Asian Food	968.08
BBQ	1,038.53
Books	5,008.20
Cakes & Jams	3,151.98
Collectables	851.98
Craft	1,950.05
Devonshire Tea	888.69
Donations	933.20
Kids Fun	366.96
Jewellery	754.34
Plants	1,406.44
Silent Auction	3,157.14
Spuds & Waffles	616.89
Timber Creations	758.94
Toys	807.84
Trash & Treasure	4,763.07
TOTAL TAKINGS	27,667.89
less General Costs	1,879.96
TOTAL TO GWUC COMMUNITY PROJECTS	**$ 25,787.93**

There may be some adjustments required for expenses or income not yet received. Odd amounts are a result of fees applied to credit card payments.

But the fete is not just about us - we were here to raise funds for projects assisting the wider community.

We had set ourselves a target of $20,000. Since Covid, we were making just over that, and last year, we were amazed by a jump of nearly 25% to $26,000. It is therefore very exciting that we have duplicated that result and come within a whisker of $26,000 again this year!

So well done to everyone. This was only possible because of the contribution of each and every one of you!

THANK YOU!

Christmas Cards

A slight change this year - Christmas Cards will not available from the church office.
Cards can ordered directly from Uniting.
Visit unitingvictas.org.au/christmas-cards or call 1800 668 426 to order.

Let Christmas wishes support those in need.

Your purchase helps people in crisis this Christmas.



12 Days of Christmas

$15 per pack of 10

Sentiment: May the festive season bring only happiness and joy to you and your loved ones.



Australian Native Flora (Mixed Pack 1)

$15 per pack of 10

Native Flora sentiment: May you have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.
Floral Joy sentiment: May the joy and peace of Christmas be yours throughout the year.



Christmas Stockings

$15 per pack of 10

Sentiment: Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Nativity (Mixed Pack 2)

$15 per pack of 10

Nativity Sentiment: May joy be yours during the season of goodwill and may the New Year bring grace and peace.

Nativity Bible Verse: 'And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.' John 1:14

Three Kings Sentiment: May joy be your gift at Christmas and may hope and love be your treasures in the New Year.
Three Kings Bible Verse: 'From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.' John 1:16





Peace Dove

$15 per pack of 10

Sentiment: May happiness be yours during the season of goodwill and may the new year bring peace and joy to you and your loved ones.

New premium gift tags

$8 per pack of 10. All with strings attached. Size: 90mm x 55mm.



Gift Tag 1
Love Peace Joy



Gift Tag 2
Peace Dove



Gift Tag 3
Merry Christmas



Gift Tag 4
Kookaburra Wreath

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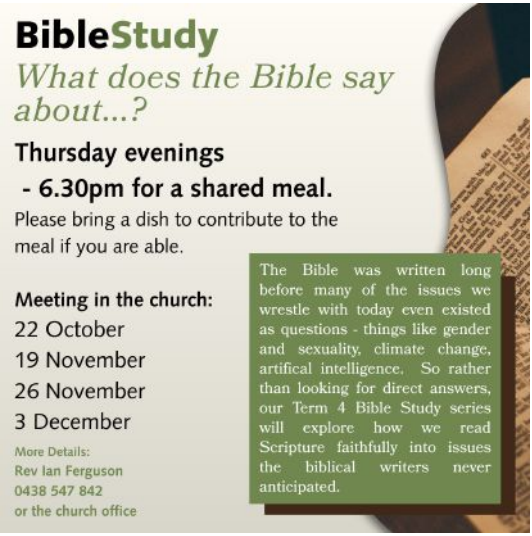
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REGISTERED CHARITY

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Treasurer's Appointment

After seven years as Treasurer, Ken Coutts has advised Church Council that he will retire once the 2026 accounts are finalised, due to ongoing health issues. We are also appointing a new external auditor, as John Yates of Yates and Partners–a former member of this congregation–is retiring.

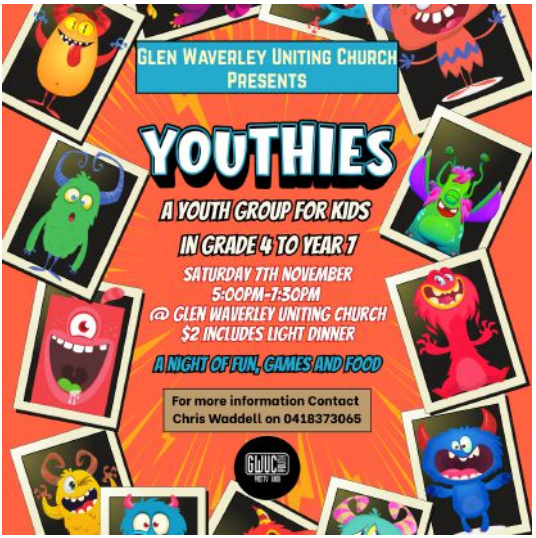
We're seeking expressions of interest from congregation members with a financial background to take on the Treasurer role at a pivotal time, as we implement our Future Together strategies. The focus will be on steady evolution, not radical change.

We have an experienced Finance Committee, supported by clear Xero-based systems and approval processes, and a portfolio strategy that guides our investment approach. The Treasurer also sits on Church Council.

We're looking for someone with accounting and reporting experience who can bring a fresh perspective to the road ahead.

For preliminary inquiries, please contact Ken Coutts. An updated position description will be available soon.

This is an important leadership role, and we'd welcome the chance to discuss it with interested candidates.



World Community Day - Australian Church Women

Theme: 'Be Not Afraid: Together we will win'.

Friday 30 October at 10.15am at Holy Family Church, 236 Stephensons Rd, Mt Waverley. Speaker: Bernadette Micallef on "Hope in our Broken World". An opportunity to come together with Christians and pray for unity and peace. All are welcome.

GWUC Welfare Pantry

Your donations of non perishable goods for Welfare are greatly appreciated. This week we especially need:

- **Sugar**
- **Basmati Rice**

Goods can be placed in the coloured bins near the office door. Shopping lists to assist you can be taken from the Outreach & Social Justice display board.



Meditation on Zoom - Tuesday's @ 2pm

Meeting ID 872 3262 1377; **Passcode** 599029. Enq: Susan Karoly 0433 692 862. All are welcome.

Annual Leave & Office Hours

Rev Ian Ferguson will be on Annual Leave from Monday 26 October until Sunday 8 November.

The church office will be closed from Monday 2 November until Friday 6 November while Joanne is on Annual Leave. During this time, messages and emails will be monitored, so please email office@gwuc.org.au or leave a message at 9560 3580 if you have any queries.

Change to Office Hours

From November 2026, the GWUC Church Office will be moving to a 4-day week and will be closed on Monday's. Office hours on Tuesday to Friday will be extended to 9am to 5pm. This will be for a trail period and will be reassessed in the new year.

Donations / Offering:

GWUC's Westpac Bank Account:

Account Name:
Uniting Church Glen Waverley
BSB: 033 052
Account Number: 92 2198

SCAN HERE TO GIVE

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.

SAVE THE DATE

GWUC Annual Christmas Lunch
- Sunday 29 November -

The Hub Christmas Morning Tea
- Thursday 3 December -

Remembrance Service
- Tuesday 8 December -

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