Glen Waverley Uniting Church

Weekly Bulletin
15 Nov 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 15 November

A Table of Abundance - Week 2

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

5.30pm FEAST please bring a plate of food to share

Sunday 22 November

A Table of Abundance - Week 3

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

1pm Indonesian Fellowship
including Holy Communion

5.30pm FEAST please bring a plate of food to share

What's On ...

MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER *(church office closed)*		
10am	**GOMERs**	Fellowship
10am	**Playgroup**	Room 2/3
8pm	**Badminton/Table Tennis**	Hall
TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER		
10am	**The Hub**	Fellowship
2pm	**Meditation**	Zoom
WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER		
8pm	**Free Spirit**	Church
THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER		
9.30am	**Hub Small Group**	Room 2
11.15am	**English Conversation Class**	Room 1
6.30pm	**Bible Study**	Fellowship/Church
8pm	**Badminton/Table Tennis**	Hall
FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER		
7pm	**Youth**	Hall
SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER		
6pm	**Games Night**	Fellowship

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

Meeting of the Congregation Re-scheduled

I have come to the view that running a meeting of the congregation to consider budget matters in the middle of a stewardship campaign is not the best use of people's time. There is a high-level summary of our budget situation in the stewardship campaign documents, so I hope that everyone has had an opportunity to understand the current financial position of the congregation. Members of the congregation will be better placed to consider the 2027 budget when our income is revised in accordance with the outcome of the stewardship campaign. I therefore propose to reschedule the November meeting of the congregation until early in the new year when a more accurate picture of our finances can be presented. If anyone would like a copy of the draft budget that has been prepared, please contact me and I can organise to get it to you; it is no secret. If anyone has concerns about cancellation of this meeting, please contact me. John Snare, chair of Congregation, john.snare@bigpond.com

GWUC Fete 2026

- What a fantastic outcome! Thank you to the Fete Committee and all who contributed in so many ways to a very generous result.

$25,775

was raised to support our five Congregation Outreach Projects (COPs).

Local projects: GWUC Welfare **$7,455**; School Swim Lessons, Mount View Primary School **$2,455**.

Statewide projects: Kids Youth Outreach, Backpacks4VicKids **$5,455**; Youth Weekend Grief Program, Wombat's Wish **$3,055**.

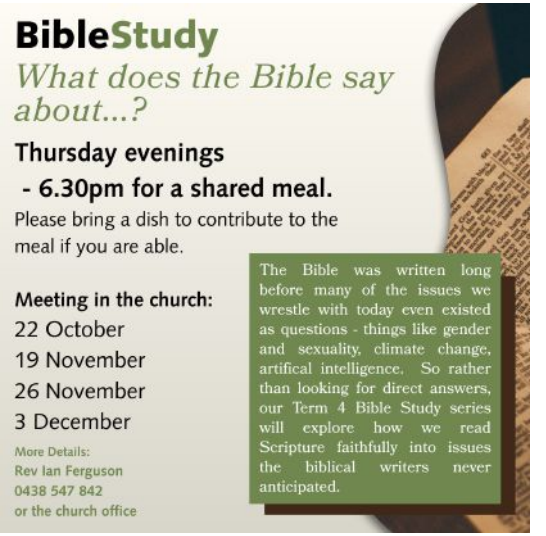
International project: Fiji: Faith in Action, disaster & climate readiness **$7,355**

Our hope is that all COP recipients will know that God loves them and that the people at Glen Waverley Uniting Church want to show their care for others through these donations.

The Congregation Outreach Projects we select for funding are all proposed by congregation members. If you would like to know more about the 2026 projects, please contact Michele Stringer or Margaret Fraser.

Please give thought to submitting an application for a worthy Congregational Outreach Project in 2027. Applications will open in April.

Outreach & Social Justice Mission Group, GWUC





Remembrance Service

Christmas can be a difficult time for families who have experienced a bereavement. You are invited to participate in a special Service of Remembrance for those who have lost loved ones. The service will be held at GWUC on Tuesday 8 December 2026 at 7.30pm.

The service will be short and reflective, and there will be opportunity to come forward to light a candle to remember your loved one.

Refreshments will follow this service.

Please share this invitation with your family and anyone else who has had a close relationship with your loved one, so that you may all have the opportunity to participate. If you are unable to attend in person, you can view a live stream of the service at www.gwuc.org.au/live. This is a special time to honour our love for one another in joy and in sorrow.



Empty Christmas Tree



Beginning on Sunday 29 November, our tree will be in the foyer - waiting for your donations of toys, gifts, non-perishable food. Please DO NOT WRAP your gifts. Our gifts are given to *Uniting* in Box Hill and also to some families within our local community. Last Sunday for gifts will be December 13th.



Christmas is Coming - Lets share our joy and abundance with others.

The Outreach and Social Justice Mission Group noticeboard has information about ways to give a virtual gift by way of a donation and a gift card. Have a look at their gift catalogues. Order online, by phone or by post. Give a chicken or goat, train a teacher, provide seeds for a veggie garden, school books, a safe water source, health care for new mothers, or many other worthy items.

Uniting World's Everything in Common appeal, www.everythingincommon.org.au focuses on helping Pacific communities to overcome poverty and adapt to climate change.

Tearfund's Useful Gifts appeal, usefulgifts.org focuses on sustainable community development projects in Australia and around the world.

Christmas Bowl appeal, National Council of Churches in Australia. Acting for Peace Together. Donations during Christmas Day services will be donated to this appeal. You may also wish to make a direct donation. Envelopes are available.

Christmas card sales to support **Uniting**, the social services agencies of the Uniting Church, are available from unitingvictas.org.au/christmas-cards or call 1800 668 426 to order.



Food for Friends

As members of Monash Inter Church Council, Glen Waverley UC are again participating in the *Food for Friends* collection at IGA (Ritchies), Hamilton Place, Mt Waverley, on Tuesday 24 November, 10am-1pm. Volunteers from representative churches look after trolleys at the entrance to Ritchies, and shoppers are encouraged to donate money or one item from their shopping. GWUC's donations will go to our Welfare Program. We were amazed at the generous donations we received last year and are looking forward to participating again. The donations are collected every day during the week 23-27 November, and there are two shifts each day (10am-1pm and 1pm-5pm). Volunteers are needed for Tuesday 24 November. If you are able to help, please contact the church office. With thanks, Jan Clear.

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.



Indonesian Fellowship Christmas Celebration



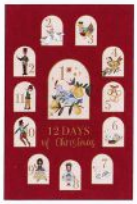
You are invited to join the Indonesian Fellowship on **Sunday 27 December from 4pm** for their annual Christmas Celebration of worship, singing, music, dancing, Indonesian costumes and a shared meal. Cost: by donation. **All are welcome.** To assist with catering, please add your name to the list on the office counter.

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

Call us
1800 668 426

Visit
unitingvictas.org.au /christmas-cards

All prices are inclusive of postage and handling.

Uniting is the community services organisation of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania.

REGISTERED CHARITY

Uniting

Our Future Together

Glen Waverley Uniting Church

Stewardship 2026

The Table of Abundance



Pull up a chair. There is room for everyone. For four Sundays in November we gather around God's table: noticing what we have been given, keeping it set, serving as hosts, and offering what we have so that others can be fed.

8 NOV Growing in Faith

15 NOV Growing in Community

22 NOV Growing in Capacity

29 NOV Growing in Generosity

Look what is already on our table

- **Faithful & Creative worship**
- **Intergenerational focus**
- **Youth and young adults**
- **Great outreach events**
- **Intercultural involvement**
- **Wonderful kids programs**
- **Life-changing friendships**
- **Shared meals and community**
- **Pastoral care, in person and online**

Thank you, GWUC. All of this is made possible by your generosity. However, we need to keep this table prepared and equipped for years to come. We need your help!

Turn over to see how we keep the table full.

Our Future Together
Glen Waverley Uniting Church

Stewardship 2026

Keeping the table laid



Our table is open and busy. A busy church costs more to run. Our budget will increase in the years ahead, and our giving needs to grow with it so that the welcome, the care and the worship we all enjoy can keep going.

This Year's Budget

Ministry expenses	Income Projected	The Gap
$504,455	$468,300	$36,155

Inflation means that more funds will be needed in the future

+$40,000 more income needed each year, going forward, through giving or other means.

How Can You Help

Lift your regular giving
Even a small step up each week or month keeps the table set. This matters most.

Make a one-off gift
A one-off donation helps too, and gives us a head start.

Pick up a giving card today, or give online.

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Part of Our Future Together



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.



Honey Sales

Don't forget to purchase a jar of delicious honey! All profits are donated to the UCA Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre.



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!

Donations / Offering:

GWUC's Westpac Bank Account:

Account Name:
Uniting Church Glen Waverley
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Account Number: 92 2198

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