Glen Waverley Uniting Church

Weekly Bulletin
29 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!



Worship Services...

Sunday 29 November - Advent 1
A Table of Abundance - Week 4

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

The Annual Christmas Lunch will be held in the hall from 12pm. Morning Tea will be served in the hall.

Sunday 6 December - Advent 2

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

5.30pm FEAST please bring a plate of food to share

Tuesday 8 December

7.30pm Remembrance Service (+live broadcast)
Rev Ian Ferguson / Di Paterson

What's On ...

SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER		
12pm	**Annual Christmas Lunch**	Hall
MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER *(church office closed)*		
10am	**GOMERs**	Fellowship
10am	**Playgroup**	Room 2/3
8pm	**Badminton/Table Tennis**	Hall
TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER		
10am	**The Hub**	Fellowship
11AM	**UCAF Christmas Service & Lunch**	Room 1
2pm	**Meditation**	Zoom
WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER		
8pm	**Free Spirit**	Church
THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER		
10am	**Christmas Morning Tea @ The Hub**	
11.15am	**English Conversation Class**	Room 1
1.30pm	**Outreach & Social Justice Committee**	R2
6.30pm	**Bible Study**	Fellowship/Church
8pm	**Badminton/Table Tennis**	Hall
FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER		
6.30pm	**Youth**	Offsite

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

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.

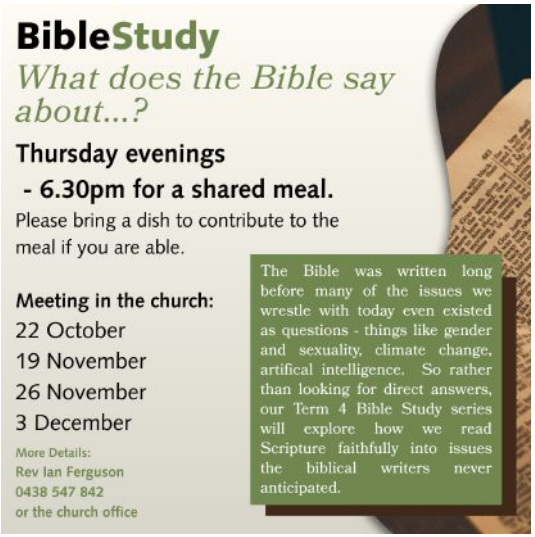
UCAF

On Tuesday 1st December at 11am, UCAF meets for it's Christmas Celebration Service and shared buffet lunch. We meet together in Room 1 for a brief meeting and Special Christmas Service followed by luncheon in the Fellowship Area. All are welcome to attend. Please bring a plate of food to share for lunch.

Note: Affiliation fees ($5.00) and Network subscription fees ($21.00) are now due.

Enquires: Margaret Duncan





Empty Christmas Tree



Our Empty Christmas Tree is now 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.

Delivery of Advent Postcards - Walkers Needed

We would like to promote our Advent Services by delivering postcards to houses in the area around the church. If you can help to letterbox-drop the postcards this week, please take a bundle of the postcards (about 200), with an instructions sheet and a delivery area map, from the office counter. We need 8 people. Your help would be much appreciated.

Christmas Bowl

This congregation is a strong supporter of the Christmas Bowl appeal, and as is our usual practice at Glen Waverley UC, all Open Plate offering received at the **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day** services will be donated to the Christmas Bowl appeal. Online donations can be made via their website using the link Christmas-Bowl-GWUC. If you prefer to donate using the Christmas Bowl Envelopes, these are now available from the steward's table, and they can be placed in the offering plate or left in the church letterbox to be sent on to the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

Material Aid

Share the Dignity : It's in the Bag

A big thank you to the generous contributors to the Share the Dignity material aid collection. 23 handbags filled with essential items and personal treats have been delivered, each with a note offering encouragement and hope to the vulnerable women who will be receiving the bags.

GWUC Welfare Pantry

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

- **Tinned/Bottled Pasta Sauce / Passata**
- **Full Cream Long Life Milk**



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.

Multicultural Christmas Celebration

All are welcome to join our Multicultural Christmas Celebration on Sunday 13 December starting at 11.30am (after 10am worship) and followed by a Sri Lankan Lunch at 1pm ($18pp). To assist with catering, please add your name to the list on the office counter. Enq: Vida Foo.



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.



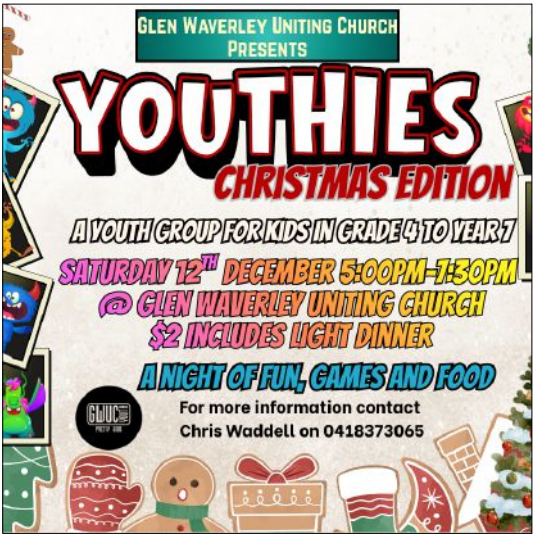
Adult Group Luncheon

Our next Adult Group luncheon will be on **Friday 4 December 2026 at 12:30pm** for lunch & fellowship at the Mountain View Hotel, Glen Waverley. Please ring if you would like to attend. Contact: Bev & Lindsay Brown 0403 350 187

GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH YOUTH GROUP ARE HEADING TO



FRIDAY DECEMBER 4TH @ CITY LIFE 6:30PM–9:45PM
(MEET AND PICK UP AT GWUC)
GWUC YOUTH GROUP IS OPEN FOR YOUTH IN YEAR 7–YEAR 12
(IN TERM 4 GRADE 6 YOUTH WELCOME).
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CHRIS WADDELL ON 0418373065





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.

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!

Christmas Cards

Please purchase your Christmas Cards directly from Uniting.
Visit unitingvictas.org.au/christmas-cards or call 1800 668 426 to order.



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.

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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

Christmas Services at Glen Waverley Uniting Church. All are welcome.



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.

2027 Annual Book Sale

Saturday 27th February

8.30am-4pm



Honey Sales



Please support our fund-raising effort for the Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre by purchasing your honey from near the servery. It's delicious! Please self-serve, place your money into the small bag provided and post it into the church letter box outside the doors near the office. Thank you for supporting the ASWC. Return of jars with labels removed is much appreciated. *Margaret, Yolandy & David.*

Sammy Stamp

Please keep collecting stamps for Sammy Stamp. Stamps can be left in the church letterbox, or dropped off to the office during office hours.

Housekeeping Reminder

At the conclusion of your meeting or event, it is your responsibility to return any chairs, tables or equipment you have moved. Please switch off lights, fans, heaters and air conditioners, empty rubbish bins, empty & turn off the dishwasher (if used) and lock all external doors. We are a busy church and our rooms are used by many groups. Your assistance in keeping our buildings clean and tidy is appreciated.

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.



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