



**UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA
5 December 2010**



WELCOME TO GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH

If you are new to our congregation please fill in a Visitor Card so we may have the privilege of contacting you. Cards are available at the door, at the end of the pews, and on the Welcoming Table in the Foyer.

Please make yourself known to one of our members and join us for a 'cuppa'.

Vision Statement:

GWUC is a faithful, Christ-centred community that meets God and shares that unconditional love.meet_god@anytime.with.us

SUNDAY 5 December

Advent 2

8.30 am	Breakfast
10.00 am	Morning Tea
11.00 am	Combined Service <u>Alison Clarkson/Isabel Thomas Dobson, Moderator</u> Holy Communion Please bring a plate of food to share for lunch with the Moderator Deo Volente
4.30 pm	4.30 Worship & Kids Church <u>Gail Irvine/Rev Greg Fry/ Moderator</u>
7.00 pm	<u>Moderator - Isabel Thomas Dobson</u>
<u>Lectionary</u>	Isaiah 11: 1-10, Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

SUNDAY 12 December

Advent 3

8.30 am	<u>Rev Ineke Gyles</u> (Holy Communion)
10.00 am	<u>Rev Greg Fry</u> "Lessons & Carols" Choir, Deo Volente, Free Spirit
12.00 noon	Church Lunch
4.30 pm	4.30 Worship & Kids Church <u>Rev Ineke Gyles</u>
7.00 pm	Worship
<u>Lectionary</u>	Isaiah 35: 1-10 Psalm 146: 5-10 or Luke 1: 47-55 James 5: 7-10, Matthew 11: 2-11



Uniting Church Adult Fellowship

Annual General Meeting
Christmas Service and Lunch

11.00 am Tuesday 7 December.

Bring a plate of finger food (not hot please) to share.

ALL MOST WELCOME

GOODS FOR BROADMEADOWS CARE



Men's Fellowship
Christmas Breakup
2.00 pm Tuesday 7 December



Please bring a \$2-\$3 Kris Kringle gift.

Special Afternoon tea
Enquiries: Malcolm 9764 0975



Our Empty Christmas Tree is in the Church Foyer waiting for your donations of gifts, toys, toiletries, gifts for teenage boys and girls etc - all gratefully received. Your gifts will be given to some members of our own church family and also to Orana Family Services for distribution to families in need.

Please have your donations to the church by 19 December so that we have time to distribute them before Christmas.

As 2010 comes to an end and 2011 fast approaches, it is again time to think - **ROSTERS!**

Volunteers are needed to help out on the following Rosters:

Bible Reading, Cleaning and Mowing, Door Stewards,
Finance, Flowers, Morning Tea, and Welcoming Table.

Please give some serious consideration to helping out in one (or more) of these areas!





Christmas Alight is coming...

No experience necessary, although you do need a valid Working With Children Check.

1. Registrations: This involves helping parents find their names on a list to sign their child in and out, and helping children find their name badges. You will be seated, and will have heaps of time to chat and socialize during the session!
2. Group Assistant: This involves helping the group coordinator and children with games and craft activities.
3. Morning Tea: Serving tea and coffee to the parents who remain behind during the session, and cleaning the children's cups.

If you are able to **help us** with this special outreach program, **please put your name on the lists in the foyer**. We ask for your help from around 9.30 am-12.00 pm on Monday 20 December, and/or 9.00 am-1.00 pm on Tuesday the 21 (there is a BBQ lunch provided on Tuesday!)

Many, many thanks for your support,
Belinda Chung 0417 595 599

CLEANING AND LAWN MOWING ROSTERS 2011

Church cleaning and lawn mowing is carried out each week by volunteers. Four teams of 2 people each, clean a part of the complex or mow the lawns each week, taking no more than 2 hours. The aim is to roster teams for only 3 duties each year, but with the number of volunteers this year it was necessary to increase the duties to 4. It would be nice to get this back to 3 duties **so please consider whether you could give a couple of hours** sometime on Friday evening or Saturday 3 times a year in 2011 to help keep our church tidy. Please put your name on the list on the office counter if you can help. Existing volunteers need not list; we will assume you are available again in 2011 unless you have already advised or note otherwise on the list or phone Ross Lennon on 9802 2961 or email rosslennon@optusnet.com.au.

Power to the People

Just like in your own homes the power costs to the church have risen, but they have grown faster than we would have hoped due to some thoughtless moments. Our quarterly power bill is between \$2500 and \$3200 so you see every saving is worthwhile. Recently we have found many lights and air conditioners left running in the church rooms and hall. Our bill this quarter was \$800 higher than normal. Please do your bit to help reduce our power bill by doing the following:

- ◆ Turn off lights and air conditioners when you are last out of a room - don't leave it to someone else.
- ◆ Check all the rooms if you are last to leave the complex and make sure lights are off and doors locked.

This little bit of help can save us hundreds of dollars each year.

Thank you
Property Committee

The Christmas Bowl supports People to People Peacemaking in Sudan.

Share Christmas! Your support will help those most in need this Christmas.



Habitat for Humanity

The December "Brush with Kindness" Volunteer Day is Saturday 11 December and will again be at the Redesdale area north east of Kyneton. The types of projects we will be undertaking are site clearing work, fencing/post hole digging and general tidying up.



Can you help? Please advise **Lyn McDonald** 9560 9798 or email pamlyn@alphalink.com.au

Kenya Books: Could all those who ordered Kenya Books please come and collect them from Rebecca and Peter Cornell at the end of today's service. Please contact Kat Mann if you wish to purchase Kenya Calendars.

DIARY DATES 2010

(Legend: R1-Room 1, R2-Room 2, R3-Room 3, R4-Room 4,
K-Kitchen, F-Fellowship Area, C-Church, H-Hall, V-Vestry, O-Outside Venue)

Monday 6 December

- 10.00 am Play Group R2 & 3
10.30 am Leisure Time R1, F & K
7.45 pm Property Meeting R1
8.00 pm Meditation Group O (Contact: Bobbie Rooks 9803 0379)
8.00 pm Badminton H (Contact: Ian McMillan 9803 1813)
8.00 pm Young Adult Group O (Contact: Helen Boucher 8819 3714)
8.00 pm Bible Study, Share & Prayer O (Contact Garry Philpott 9803 8903)

Tuesday 7 December

- 9.00 am Tennis - Ladies Social O (Contact: Eileen Scott 9800 4005)
10.00 am Play Group R2 & 3
10.00 am-2.00 pm Community Hub F Everyone welcome. Pop in for a cuppa and chat.
We'd love to see YOU! (Roster: Laurel Muir, Pam McDonald, Pam Graham,
Judith Greenwood)
11.00 am UCAF Annual General Meeting & Christmas Breakup
2.00 pm Men's Fellowship Christmas Meeting
7.30 pm Pastoral Care Meeting (at Bev Richardson's home)

Wednesday 8 December

- 10.00 am Play Group R2 & 3
7.30 pm Deo Volente C 8.00 pm Young Adult Group O (Contact: Alanee Hearnshaw
0402 030 342)
8.00 pm Combined Choir Practice for all three Choirs to prepare for Carol Service C

Thursday 9 December

- 9.45 am Ladies Fitness Class H
10.00 am-2.00 pm Community Hub F Everyone welcome. Pop in for a cuppa and chat.
We'd love to see YOU! (Lois Hosking, Judith Greenwood, Marjorie Snare)
6.30 pm Church Council Executive R1
7.00 pm Band R3
8.00 pm Choir C (Contact: Barbara Hurst 9803 9346)
8.00 pm Badminton H (Contact: Ian McMillan 9803 1813)

Friday 10 December

- 10.00 am Ineke's Friday Morning Group R2
11.30 am Cooe Come along for a cuppa/chat/lunch/scrabble. BYO lunch.
Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. (Contact: Ailsa Stewart 9802 3229)
5.30 pm Uthies: 'End of Year Celebration'
7.00 pm Youth: Jells Park BBQ \$2

Saturday 11 December

- 1.00 pm Social Tennis O (Contact: Graeme Pratt 9560 7991)
Set-up for FISH Lunch
6.30 pm Chinese Church R1 & K

Sunday 12 December

- 9.00 am Kids Church Roster: Kerry & Kaye
12 Noon Church Christmas Lunch H

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K-Kitchen, F-Fellowship Area, C-Church, H-Hall, V-Vestry, O-Outside Venue)

Monday 13 December

- 10.00 am Play Group R2 & 3
10.30 am Leisure Time Christmas Lunch H, C, K & R1
8.00 pm Meditation Group O (Contact: Bobbie Rooks 9803 0379)
8.00 pm Badminton H (Contact: Ian McMillan 9803 1813)
8.00 pm Young Adult Group O (Contact: Helen Boucher 8819 3714)

Tuesday 14 December

- 9.00 am Tennis - Ladies Social O (Contact: Eileen Scott 9800 4005)
10.00 am Play Group R2 & 3
10.00 am-2.00 pm Community Hub F Everyone welcome. Pop in for a cuppa and chat. We'd love to see YOU! (Roster: Pamela McDonald, Pam Bunney, Shirley Miller, Gwen Stone)
7.30 pm Communications Committee Meeting R1
8.00 pm Deo Volente R1

Wednesday 15 December

- 10.00 am Playgroup R2 & 3
7.45 pm Church Council R1
8.00 pm Young Adult Group O (Contact: Alanee Hearnshaw 0402 030 342)
8.00 pm Free Spirit C (Contact: Deb Leigh 0411 778 417)

Thursday 16 December

- 9.45 am Ladies Fitness Group H
10.00 am-2.00 pm Community Hub F Everyone welcome. Pop in for a cuppa and chat. We'd love to see YOU! (Roster: Merle Robinson, David Morgan, Sue Morgan, Geraldine Fleming)
7.30 pm Band Practice R3
8.00 pm Choir C (Contact: Barbara Hurst 9803 9346)
8.00 pm Badminton H (Contact: Ian McMillan 9803 1813)

Friday 17 December

- 10.00 am Ineke's Friday Morning Group R2
11.30 am Cooe Come along for a cuppa/chat/lunch/scrabble. BYO lunch. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. (Contact: Ailsa Stewart 9802 3229)

Saturday 18 December

- 1.00 pm Social Tennis O (Contact: Graeme Pratt 9560 7991)
6.30 pm Chinese Church R1 & K

Sunday 19 December

- 9.00 am Kids Church Roster: Everyone

Hotham Mission ASP has again called for assistance in being able to offer their clients a gift (of something **new**) for Christmas, so they too can share the joy of this season. They have some specific suggestions: movie vouchers, lip gloss, nail polish, store vouchers (Target, Sportsgirl, Cotton On, Supre, JB Hi Fi etc), cd/dvd vouchers, sporting clothing, aftershave/shaving cream, USB memory sticks.

Any donations need to be left at the office in the labelled box, by Tuesday December 14, so we can deliver them to Hotham in time for distribution.

ELECTION FOR CHURCH COUNCIL

A ballot was held after our 10.00 am worship service last Sunday 28 November 2010 to endorse seven members who had been nominated for appointment to our Church Council.

A total of 124 ballot papers were received. Many thanks to all those members who participated.

Each candidate required at least a majority of the valid votes cast to be elected. All seven candidates - Belinda Chung, Belinda Clear, Geraldine Fleming, Meagan Lowe, John Muir, Bev Richardson and Jit Tan - received over 90% of the votes cast, and so have been elected as members of the Church Council. We are grateful to each of them for their commitment to serve the church in this way.

A Commissioning Service will be arranged for sometime in the near future.

Graeme Frecker
Chair of the Church Congregation

Want to feel good once a month???? Join a winning team!



There are vacancies in our Leisure Time Team, especially serving meals to our guests. This is a wonderful chance to experience enjoyment and satisfaction as you bring pleasure to others in our community.

You need to be available only one Monday morning each month.

Fill out a Volunteer Form (outside the Office window), drop it in the Volunteer Box, and look forward to a rewarding year. Or talk to Margaret Fraser 9803 7653, Pam McDonald 9560 9798 or Elwyn Pederson 9803 1378 for more information.

Joy to the World



a Service to Boree

Christmas Cards

now available from the Office.

Usual great assortment and supporting * Orana

* Ryder-Cheshire Foundation * Share

* Strathdon.



Retirement of Rev Ineke Gyles

The time has come! Our loss is Tom's gain. We will say farewell to Ineke at her final service on 30 January 2011. This service will be at 10.00 am followed by some 'Farewell Fun'.

MEMORY BOOK - as is the tradition at GWUC, we will make a Memory Book for Ineke and your contribution to this book is welcomed. Please take a page (or 2) from the box on the Office Counter and return it to Fay Wagon, Graeme Frecker (or the Church Office) when completed.

There will be other things happening - watch the Bulletin for further details.

GIFT - We want to recognise and thank Ineke for all that she has given to our Church Family, and welcome your contribution to a gift for her. Please leave with Fay Wagon, Graeme Frecker, or the Church Office.

Daylesford Getaway - 23-27 March 2011



If you would like to join a friendly GWUC group at Daylesford during the above period, either in your caravan or a cabin please see the booking form on the Office Counter.

Bookings are advised as soon as possible to avoid missing out on a site or cabin.



ROSTERS - 2010

BIBLE READERS

December 5 11.00 am Rev Bill Morgan

December 12 10.00 am Judy Lowe

DOOR STEWARDS

December 5 11.00 am Lynne Boyer, Keith Boundy, Eric & Lesley Armstrong

December 12 10.00 am Bruce & Margaret Walker

ELDERS - COMMUNION STEWARDS

December 5 11.00 am **Graeme Frecker**, Marjorie Bedford, John Hurst,
John Kenez, Beverly McGlead, Lois Hosking,
Gael O'Brien, Jan Clear

ELDERS

December 5 11.00 am

December 12 10.00 am

DOOR

Laurel Muir, Doug Newberry

Barbara Krieger, Sue Morgan

VESTRY

Kaye Morgan

Judy Lowe

FINANCE STEWARDS

December 5 11.00 am Alan & Margaret Lemke, Robert Wood,
Shanta Mohinadeen

December 12 10.00 am Michael & Joanne Boldiston

FLOWERS

December 5 Joyce Ennor

December 12 Barbara Thompson

MORNING TEA

December 5 TBA

December 12 David & Anna Yeo, Pam Graham, Sandy Whitfield

ORGANISTS

December 5 11.00 am Elwyn Pederson/Noela Bartlett

December 12 10.00 am Robert Fleming/Geoff Willis

WELCOME TABLE

December 5 Bobbie Rooks, Geraldine Fleming

December 12 John & Laurel Jeer

CHOIR INFORMATION: <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/ChoirPage> or phone 9803 9346

CLEANING - 11 December 2010

Area 1: Andrew & Jane Adams

Area 3: Neville Scott, Russell Lang

Area 2: Maria Gillies, Hannelli Lombard

Lawns: Alan Barnard, .Ern Green

Today, Sunday 5 December we are celebrating the visit of the Moderator to Glen Waverley Uniting Church.

There will be a Luncheon after the Service. Please bring a plate to share.



Isabel believes every Christian is called to active discipleship, to live in ways which help others know God and to bring God's love and justice to all people and to all creation. Isabel longs for Uniting Church members to live out their faith with passion and confidence, and being willing to let go of old ways which are no longer serving us well.

SUPPORTIVE CARE LINK SERVICE

Please contact **Laurel Muir 9560 1518** if you are aware of people needing the support provided through our Care Link Service.



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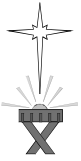
Church Family Christmas Lunch



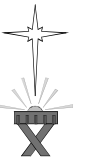
An invitation to all members of the Church Family, young and old, to a sit down Christmas meal together in the hall.



**Sunday 12th December 2010
12.30pm to 2.00pm**



The meal will consist of chicken (1/4 for adults an 1/8 for children) with potato, vegetables, gravy, dessert, soft drink, tea or coffee.



Bookings are essential as seating is limited.
Please fill in the form below and return to
Judith & Warren Greenwood, Laurel & John Muir,
or the church office by Sunday 5th December.
Any queries please call 98038373

Cost Adults \$10 & Children (Primary School) \$5

Church Family Christmas Lunch

Sunday 12th December 2010 - 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Family Name -

Telephone No. -

No. of Adults - No. of Children -

Any special dietary needs? E.g. vegetarian, gluten free

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Total money enclosed \$

Please fill in this form and return it with your money to
Warren & Judith Greenwood, Laurel & John Muir or the church office by
Sunday 5th December.

Cost Adults \$10 Children (Primary School) \$5.

COUNT DOWN TO KENYA...

Only 14 days until we take off!

Alanee, Joel, Sarah, Jason and Kat from the congregation are volunteering at Mission in Action - Nakuru Baby Orphanage from the 19th of December to the 17th of January.

Mission in Action is an orphanage run by an Australian couple, Mary and Ivan Budulica, who care for 43 children from a variety of challenging backgrounds and has a wider purpose of missional outreach in the local community. They have the first stage of a school in operation, a general store and a hairdresser, all available to the local community. They employ evangelists who identify needs in the community and work to meet these needs with the support of Mission in Action sponsors.



How you can help:

Buy the Africa 2009-2010 Reflections Book (\$20)

(If you have pre-ordered your book and have not yet received it, please see Kat in the foyer after the service).

Buy the NEW 2011 Kenya Calendar (\$25)

All proceeds from this calendar go to the purchase of Christmas hampers for families in the local community. Each calendar provides one hamper.



NEW Mission in Action GIFT CARDS

Buy sporting equipment for a child (\$10), a couple of chooks (\$15), an education pack (\$20) or a food hamper (\$25) for the kids in the Nakuru community (this is a lovely gift card you can give your friends and family for Christmas!)



Would you like to make a direct donation to the groups' work in Kenya?

You can pay directly to the Kenya Fundraising account: BPAY 50179
Account # 4215 2900 0181 3716
or see Kat Mann or Alanee Hearnshaw.
If you would like to follow our adventures in Kenya, we will be completing a daily blog as was done last year.

Community HUB

The Community Hub aft the Glen Waverley Uniting Church has been operating successfully over the past twelve months.

Over the year we have held two very special morning teas, the first was held with the Body Shop from The Glen. Over \$900 was raised for Cancer Research and was held in conjunction with “Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea” conducted by the Cancer Council.

The second morning tea was to celebrate and promote the work done by the many volunteers in the Community and was held during “Seniors Week” in October. Over 60 people of all ages enjoyed a morning of chatter, food and entertainment.

In 2011 we plan to have “special” morning teas four times a year, one each term. The first one will be towards the end of Term 1 and will be a fundraising opportunity for the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

Over the year we have got to know mums and children from Playgroup and Mini Maestros. Having the toys and play mat out on a Tuesday has worked well and the parents appreciate what we do. We have regular “outsiders” now who come in for a chat and a cuppa. One of our regulars has come up with a suggestion for improving the HUB and we are so pleased that he feels comfortable enough with us to be able to do this.

We are going to distribute a Christmas story colouring book and pencils to the Playgroup and Mini Maestro children, together with a Christmas message to the parents. This will be done this week.

Many of the HUB volunteers have got to know other members of our church family as people pop into the building for various reasons during the week.

The HUB Committee thanks each volunteer for the time given each week and trust all will return next year for a bigger and better HUB. Please feel free to bring any suggestions to improve the HUB to the Committee.

We wish one and all a holy, happy and healthy Christmas season celebrated with family and friends, and look forward to 2011’s HUB activities.

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY REPORT.

The Inclusive Community Committee met on 11 November and made a list of dates for morning teas and lunches, in 2011. Our first morning tea for 2011 will be on Tuesday 8 February (Shrove Tuesday) and we will enjoy pancakes and good fellowship with other members of our church family and the community. Put this date in your diary now. On Thursday 10 March, we will have morning tea at the Community Hub. We are hoping that this will suit people who are busy on Wednesdays.

Nine people attended the last morning tea on 17 November at Café Moretti. We have had many positive and enthusiastic responses when we have asked people about our morning teas and lunches. Those who have attended have been glad to have somewhere to go when they have felt lonely, have enjoyed meeting people who attend different services and have made new friends.

Green F.I.S.H. met on the 11 November and welcomed five new members. The group has planned the first meeting for 2011 and will have dinner together on the 5 February.

Kaye MacKinnon expressed concern that some playgroup parents are attending playgroup and have limited English, as they are very new arrivals. We have linked up with one playgroup mother and will continue to meet with her, during the school holidays. We are sure that there will be more need for short conversation sessions in 2011 when a new group of parents will bring their children to playgroup.

We are looking forward to the Church Family Christmas Lunch next Sunday 12 December (Book today!), our special Christmas services and Christmas Alight (20 and 21 December).

Jan Clear

TWO IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

FIRST EVENT

EASTER - The schools **EASTER EVENT** will be held here at Glen Waverley from Monday March 28th to Friday April 1st, 2011. From information gathered so far, it looks like we will have in excess of 1200 children coming. **HOW GOOD IS THAT!**

BUT - to make this event successful we will **NEED LOTS OF HELP** - so **PLEASE PUT THIS EVENT IN YOUR DIARY**, and when we ask for help, you will be ready.

There will be a couple of changes to the program this time - the main one being that we will not be building the caves, but using the new rooms instead. We will need hosts/hostesses, men to be centurions, ladies to be the innkeeper's wife, bus jockeys, helpers in the kitchen - etc.

At this time I am looking for someone who would be prepared to be the 'convenor' of the centurions. This involves organising the roster, and being available to help the centurions get into their costume. *It is not an arduous task!*

SO - please, if you feel able to help in any way,
see Faye Wagon or Greg Fry.

Easter

SECOND EVENT

"Craft, Collections, Coffee and Cake"

Many of you will remember this event which was held in 2009 - well, we are planning another one for 2011. June 18th and 19th - which is the weekend of our Church Anniversary.

YOU are what makes this event successful - by being willing to allow us to exhibit your craft, hobby, or collection.

We are giving you lots of notice, because that will give you time to make some new items to display.

Crafts could include WOODWORK, MODEL RAILWAYS, EMBROIDERIES, CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS, SCRAPBOOKS, KNITTING, PHOTOGRAPHS, SEWING, JEWELLERY, TAPESTRIES, PATCHWORK, PAINTINGS,

THE LIST GOES ON . .

Collections might include TEACUPS, TEAPOTS, STAMPS, THIMBLES, CHINA, COINS, OLD WOODWORK TOOLS, LEGO DISPLAY, MECCANO . . .

THE LIST GOES ON . .

Please talk to Margaret Lemke or Faye Wagon if you would like to know more.

