



**UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA
28 November 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 28 November

Advent 1

10.00 am	Combined Service Worship Band
11.00 am	Advent Event 'Ready, Set, Christmas'
<u>Lectionary</u>	Isaiah 2; 1-5, Psalm 122 Romans 13: 11-14 Matthew 24: 36-44

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE - Tuesday 30 November

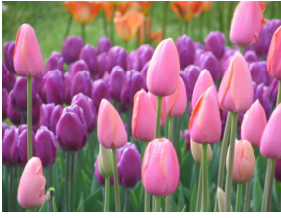
7.30 pm Rev Greg Fry/Rev Ineke Gyles
Followed by Supper



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 Moderator Deo Volente
4.30 pm	4.30 Worship & Kids Church <u>Rev Greg Fry</u>
7.00 pm	<u>Moderator - Isabel Thomas Dobson</u>
<u>Lectionary</u>	Isaiah 11: 1-10, Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19 Romans 15: 4-13, Matthew 3: 1-12



*Today's 'Thoughtful Flowers'
are given by
Fred and Donna Van Clay
with thanks to God for life and health!*

Adult Group



Friday 3 December 2010 at the
Mulgrave Country Club, 6.30 for 7.00 pm

“Enjoy Food and Fellowship”

Carvery Buffet - \$30



Contact: Pat/Ross 9780 2691, Bobbie 9803 0379, Graeme 9561 1370



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





Christmas Alight is coming...

This program is important in helping primary and preschool school aged children of Glen Waverley and surrounding areas understand the REAL reason for Christmas, and being involved is a rewarding way to spread the word about Jesus.

We are in need of assistance with craft and games groups, morning tea, and registrations. We also need budding actors and musicians!

If you are able to **help us** to continue with the tradition of excellence that Christmas Alight has established, **please** put your name on the lists in the Foyer. We ask for your help from around 9.30 am-12 noon on Monday 20 December, and 9.30 am-1.00 pm on Tuesday the 21st (there is a BBQ lunch provided on Tuesday!) – on one or both of these days.

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

Many, many thanks for your support,

Belinda Chung 0417 595 599

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

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.

Blair Update

Blair (6) has now returned to his school having made a good recovery from the brain injury he had sustained in a fall.

Blair's parents, Uniting Care Community Options and the GWUC Welfare Committee sincerely thank people in our congregation who provided support in so many ways.

Donations made in excess of that required during Blair's hospitalization will be directed towards his special educational needs.

Dorothy Lockhart, Welfare Committee.

The Christmas Bowl supports People Fighting Climate Change in the Solomons.

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

Free Call: 1800 025 101 www.actforpeace.org.au



Glen Waverley Uniting Church Book Club

Recently the Club unfortunately lost some men from amongst its members. In order to maintain a balance in the mixed membership, men are invited to join the Club which meets monthly on the first Wednesday at 8.00 pm. At this meeting, a book on loan, selected and read by the 15 members, is discussed, followed by a light supper.



Further information may be obtained by telephoning John Boucher 9560 8183, or Don Reid 9802 4609.

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

◆ Congratulations to Gavin Blakemore. The Port Phillip East Presbytery meeting Wednesday night decided that Gavin is ready to be ordained. It is expected that the Ordination will take place on 29 January 2011 at Wesley.

LOST PROPERTY!!!!

Please check the 'Lost Property' Box in front of the Office to see whether anything belongs to you (or a friend).

Any articles not claimed will either be sent to Broadmeadows or thrown out shortly.

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 29 November

- 10.00 am** Play Group R2 & 3
10.30 am Leisure Time Outing
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 30 November

- 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)
2.00 pm Funeral of Glen Ford
8.00 pm Deo Volente R1

Wednesday 1 December

- 10.00 am** Playgroup R2 & 3
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)
8.00 pm Book Club O will meet at the home of Graeme & Dorothy Lockhart, 30 Winston Street Glen Waverley 9802 8461. Dinner will commence at 6.30 pm preceding meeting.

Thursday 2 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 3 December

- 10.00 am** Ineke's Friday Morning Group R2
11.30 am Coeee Come along for a cuppa/chat/lunch/scrabble. BYO lunch. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. (Contact: Ailsa Stewart 9802 3229)
6.30 pm Adult Group O (See Bulletin for details)
7.00 pm Youth: Small Groups (\$2)

Saturday 4 December

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

Sunday 5 December

- 9.00 am** Kids Church Roster: Rebecca & Kerry

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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 R2
8.00 pm Deo Volente R1

Wednesday 8 December

- 10.00 am Play Group R2 & 3
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)*
8.00 pm Elders R1

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
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5.30 pm Uthies: 'End of Yea Celebration'
7.00 pm Youth: Jells Park BBQ \$2

Saturday 11 December

- 12.00 noon Elders & Church Council BBQ Lunch at Hastings
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: Rebecca & Judith
5.00 pm Set-up for Leisure Time Christmas Lunch



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.



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.

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 Saviour is Born

Christmas Cards

now available from the Office.

Usual great assortment and supporting * Orana

* Ryder-Cheshire Foundation * Share

* Strathdon.



Ted and Marjorie Bedford would like to thank God and all the many friends they have at GWUC for their prayers and phone calls, visits and good wishes showered on them over Ted's recent illness. Ted is slowly progressing and is hoping for a complete recovery.

ADVENT POSTCARD DELIVERY

To promote our Advent Services in the community, it is proposed to letterbox postcards in four specific areas near Highvale schools, Brentwood schools, Wesley College and Monash Pool.

We require four (4) people who enjoy walking (and/or driving) to deliver 200 postcards in each area.

On the counter is a list for names.

Delivery will be from 5 December.

Enquiries: Ian McMillan 9803 1813.

Recent Fete Leaflet Delivery

Could the maps of the areas please be returned to the Office as soon as possible!

Many thanks

Ian McMillan

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.



ROSTERS - 2010

BIBLE READERS

November 28 10.00 am Graeme Frecker
December 5 11.00 am Rev Bill Morgan

DOOR STEWARDS

November 28 10.00 am John & Laurel Muir, Margaret Williams
December 5 11.00 am Lynne Boyer, Keith Boundy, Eric & Lesley Armstrong

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

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DOOR

Lois Hosking, Glenn Laub
Laurel Muir, Doug Newberry

VESTRY

Geraldine Fleming
Kaye Morgan

FINANCE STEWARDS

November 28 10.00 am Peter Claridge, Winnie McGregor
December 5 11.00 am Alan & Margaret Lemke, Robert Wood,
Shanta Mohinadeen

FLOWERS

November 28 Anna Yeo
December 5 Joyce Ennor

MORNING TEA

November 28 Jan Balson, Lindsay & Bev Brown, Pam Bunney
December 5 TBA

ORGANISTS

November 28 10.00 am Worship Band
December 5 11.00 am Elwyn Pederson/Noela Bartlett

WELCOME TABLE

November 28 Jan Clear, Judith Greenwood
December 5 Bobbie Rooks, Geraldine Fleming

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

CLEANING - 4 December 2010 (Please note: **Wedding 11.00 am and
80th Birthday 2.00 pm**)

Area 1: Bruce & Margaret Walker **Area 2:** Ron & Jenny Majord
Area 3: Graeme Frecker, Lindsay Brown **Lawns:** Bill Norquay, Andrew Hosking

Breakfast, Morning Tea and Worship with the Moderator

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

You are invited to join us for breakfast, morning tea and combined morning worship at 11.00am with the Moderator of the Victorian and Tasmanian Synod, Isabel Thomas Dobson. There will be a Luncheon after the Service. Please bring a plate to share.



Breakfast will be available from 8.30 am, followed by a morning tea at 10.00 am for those who cannot make this early start. This will then give you an opportunity to join us at 11.00am to hear and worship with Isabel. 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.

Glen Waverley Uniting Church

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REV INEKE GYLES ph: 9703 1870

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Ministry for Youth & Young Adults

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Ballot for Church Council 28th November 2010

Please place a 'tick' in the squares alongside those candidates whom you wish to elect as members of the Church Council.

Do NOT show preferences.

To be elected a candidate must be endorsed by a majority of the members who vote. There are *seven* vacancies, so you may approve up to *seven* candidates.

These members of the Congregation have accepted nomination:

Belinda Chung

Belinda Clear

Geraldine Fleming

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After you have voted would you please place your ballot paper in the Ballot Box on the Stewards' Table in the foyer.

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Community of Faith Report - November 2010

The popular Alpha course was held in GWUC in August in the home of Greg and Judy.

20 members and friends attended these 15 weeks sessions which included an Alpha weekend in Hastings, in the home of the Frys.

How well was the course received?

Here are the evaluations of some of the participants:

I find the Alpha course gives everyone who attended the sessions a good, clear and real view of the following questions:

Where does one find God?

One can find Him in the lives of each one of us.

How does God work his miracles to us today?

He does in the shared individual testimonies - the experience, in prayers answered and in the change and the awareness of God's ways in our lives.

Most of the examples given by Nikki are "down to earth" truth hence making the sessions interesting.

Shalom! **Jonathan**

The Alpha Course has done me a lot of good. It has taught me to look at the Bible and Christianity in a different light. The simple but normal questions we ask concerning our Christian faith seem to reach our hearts and minds in more approachable answers in this modern and complicating world that we now live in. The Bible has been written decades ago and some of the things written do not apply comfortably in our time. In a big church surrounding we seldom talk or even smile and wish each other especially in the western society. Those who have problems making friends will often feel lonely and left out. In smaller groups of Bible Studies like this one we get to know each other better and will definitely wish each other in church or elsewhere when we meet again. I would like to attend short courses like this one in the future have been in this church. **Anna**

Just realised I have to make a short comment on the Alpha course and its benefits to me. On the whole I think the Alpha course is a very basic but very effective and inspirational approach to the teaching and understanding of the Christian faith.

The benefits to me are:

- an increased awareness of God's presence in my life
- it makes me stronger in faith
- increased desire to read the bible
- opportunity for fellowship with church members. **Phing**

The Alpha course helps to sustain and reinforce one's faith journey. There was an opportunity for fellowship and for study of the bible. **Susan**

By preaching in everyday language that's easy to understand, and with humour and an interesting approach, Nicky Gumbel has put God's words in a nutshell. In an informal atmosphere, while enjoying a meal, the fellowship we experience is enriching. We're able to connect and express our views on many diverse topics. As we share, we encourage each other to grow in faith. **Anita**

Alpha invites us to commence a Christian journey and to be continually re-commencing the journey through a new awareness of God.

We all have different ways of seeing the road ahead, we have gained a lot from hearing each other's view of the way.

Prayer is important...praying for others and the healing process.

Expressing, through prayer, gratitude for each day and the life we enjoy.

God gives us awareness of other people and their needs.

Having consciousness of God enhances the spiritual gifts.

The process of forgiveness allows forgiveness of others and of ourselves.

God's acceptance of us allows us to accept the shortcomings of others and ourselves.

While God does not prevent pain and suffering our spiritual gifts causes us to share the suffering of those around us.

The "Word of God" leads our spiritual growth.

Jesus knocks on the door but we must open it from inside. **Colin**

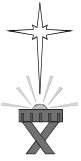
Church Family Christmas Lunch



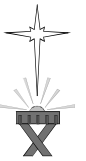
An invitation to all members of the Church Family, young and old, to a sit down Christmas meal together in the hall.



**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 -

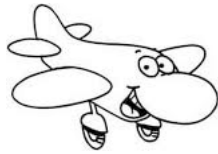
Any special dietary needs? E.g. vegetarian, gluten free

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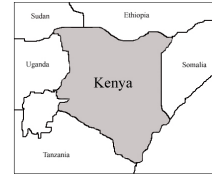
Total money enclosed \$

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.

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COUNT DOWN TO KENYA...



Only 21 days until we take off!

A group of people 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) from Kat in the foyer. All proceeds from this calendar go to the purchase of Christmas hampers for families in the local community. Each calendar provides one hamper.

If you would 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.
katandjasinafrica.wordpress.com



COMMUNITY OUTREACH GROUP – November 2010

Asylum Seeker Support

We are delighted to see the government commitment to move families with children out of detention. Hotham Mission ASP is part of the government working group facilitating this.

A petition to Federal Parliament asking for legislation protecting those who fall outside the UN Refugee Conventions is available for signing outside the office. It seeks to prevent people being returned to dangerous circumstances.

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.

The asylum seekers currently living in our manse will be shifting to other accommodation during the next month, so that GWUC can prepare for our new minister.

Kenya Outreach Group

Copies of the Africa 2009-2010 book are still available; see Rebecca & Peter in the foyer after the 10.00 am service OR Wendy in the office during the week.

If you would like to make a direct donation to the Group's work this coming summer season, you can pay directly to their account BPay 50179, Account # 4215 2900 0181 3716, or see Kat Mann or Alanee Hearnshaw

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