



UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA
Glen Waverley Uniting Church
27 February 2011



If you are new to our congregation, please fill in a Visitor Card so that we may have the privilege of contacting you.

Cards are available at the door, at the end of the pews, and on the 'Welcome Table' in the Foyer.

Vision Statement

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

<u>Sunday 27 February 2011</u>	Epiphany 8
8.00 am	<u>Rev Greg Fry</u> (Holy Communion)
9.30 am	<u>Rev Rosemary Carter</u> Focus on the Kenya experience
11.00 am	<u>Rev Greg Fry</u>
4.30 pm	4.30 Worship & Kids Church <u>Debbie Davey</u>
7.00 pm	<u>Sudipta Singh</u> - Director of Programs for the Church of North India. The Church of North India has a strong focus on working for justice for people who are marginalised and in poverty in JIM Unit)
<u>Lectionary</u>	Isaiah 49: 8-16a, Psalm 131 1 Corinthians 4: 1-5 Matthew 6: 2-34

<u>Sunday 6 March 2011</u>	Transfiguration Sunday
8.00 am	<u>Rev Greg Fry</u> (Holy Communion)
9.30 am	<u>Rev Rosemary Carter</u> (Holy Communion)
11.00 am	<u>Rev Greg Fry</u>
4.30 pm	<u>Rev Rosemary Carter</u>
7.00 pm	Youth & Young Adults Worship
<u>Lectionary</u>	Exodus 24: 12-18, Psalm 2 or 39 2 Peter 1: 16-21, Matthew 17: 1-9



Today's 'Thoughtful Flowers'

are given by

Christine Drummond

in loving memory of Nell Meyer, sister of Margaret Drummond

New Prayer and Reflection Time

Starting on Thursday 3 March, the Ministry Team has organised a Prayer and Reflection Time at 11.00-11.30 am in the Church.

It will include a reflection time, prayer, reading music and candles. This Prayer and Reflection time will be held twice during each term while the Hub is operating, and people are encouraged to meet at the Hub before or after, for a cuppa, chat or to enjoy some company. This term the dates for the Prayer and Reflection time are 3 March and 24 March at 11.00 am.

Lenten Studies for 2011 - "The Divine Conspiracy"

There will be three groups involved in our Lenten Studies this year. The groups will meet the week beginning Monday 7 March. See the Community of Faith Notice board for details of days and times.

The material we are using is based on the book "The Divine Conspiracy" by Dallas Willard. Dallas, in describing the book says:

"The Divine Conspiracy calls us into a more authentic faith and offers a practical plan by which we can become Christ-like. It challenges us to step aside from the politics and pieties of contemporary Christian practice and inspires us to reject the all-too-common lukewarm faith of our times by embracing the true meaning of Christian discipleship."

Gregory Fry

Planning for HOLY WEEK and EASTER Services

The Ministry Team invites you to participate in planning for these special services in our community life.

If you are interested in developing the Theme and being involved in leading the worship, please join us at lunchtime on Sunday 6 March at 12.15 pm at Greg Fry's home. Please bring your own lunch. Tea, coffee, and water will be provided.

RSVP to Wendy in the Office so that we have an idea of numbers.



NEWCOMERS' GARDEN PICNIC

Newcomers' Garden Picnic will be held at Sue and David Morgan's home (20 Alimar Road, Glen Waverley Melways 71 E4) at 12.30 pm on **TODAY** Sunday 27 February.

BYO picnic lunch (BBQ available) and a chair. Tea, coffee and cordial will be provided. Please let us know if you require transport. All welcome,

Uniting Church Adult Fellowship Group Meeting

Tuesday 1 March at 10.00 am

Meet for a cuppa then hear from Doug Williams about RYDA—Rubaga Youth Development Association, based in Kampala, Uganda.

All interested most welcome.

Goods (groceries & toiletries) for Broadmeadows Care

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday 1 March at 2.00 pm

Speaker: Bill Mackintosh - "Fires in country Victoria"

Enquiries: Malcolm Chamberlain 9764 0975

Adult Group

The Adult Group will meet on Friday 4 March 2011. The meeting will be held in the Church at 8.00 pm. As usual supper will follow.

The Speaker will be Mr William Kininmonth who will speak on Climate Change.

For further information contact Alan or Heather Robison on 9802 3956.



Book Sale! Thousands of second-hand books!

At the Church Saturday 5 March 8.30 am-1.00 pm.

A delicious **Devonshire Tea** will be available to refresh, after your browsing.

To make this event a great success we need plenty of books to sell. Donations of books welcomed at the Church from 27 February onwards, or see Sue Morgan telephone 9560 8024.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH GROUP

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY, 6 March 2011

We have decided to meet at the Church for a 1:30 pm start to clean up the area bordered by Kingsway, Coleman Parade, Springvale Road to Kingsway, and meet back at the Church 2:30 pm for a cuppa.

Please include your name on the list on the Office counter or advise me that you can assist.

If you would like to talk to me further on any of these matters feel free to contact me.

Lyn McDonald, ph 9560 9798, email pamlyn@alphalink.com.au

PANCAKE DAY



Pancake Day will be on Tuesday 8 March. We will be selling pancakes at the church at lunchtime, as we did last year. We would love some helpers to cook, sell, set up etc. If you are able to help would you please put your name on the list on the office counter. Enquiries Church Office 9560 3580.

A Date for your Diary!

'Special Morning Tea at the Hub' to support The Royal Children's Hospital
Good Friday Appeal'

Thursday 7 April 10.00 am-12 noon.

More information to come!

GWUC FAMILY CAMP



GWUC will be holding a Family Camp from 8-10 April at Merricks Lodge on the Mornington Peninsula. All members of the GWUC family are invited to come. It will be a great time of fun and fellowship, so get in early as places are limited.

For more details see the forms on the Office counter or phone Mark Easton 8802 8496 or Debbie Davey 0409 798 496.

DAWN SERVICE AT CRIBB POINT

Saturday 23 April at Dawn

Followed by breakfast at Greg & Judy's home at Hastings.

(Further details later)





THE COMMUNITY HUB 2011!

Why not call in at the church on a
Tuesday or a **Thursday**
between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm
for a cuppa, a biscuit or two (or three), and a chat.



**Check out the February issue of
“Frontier News” (under Noticeboard nearest car park)**

Includes ‘All in the family’ (relieving the pressures of life)
‘Green Park School’ (doing things differently)
‘Food for thought’ (supporting our primary producers)

DIRECT DEBIT GIVERS

As a means of efficiency and expediency the giving Recording Committee would like to forward future quarterly letters by email to Direct Debit Givers.

If you wish to receive future letters by email please advise your name and email address to any of the following Committee members:

Ian McMillan, Ken Hutchinson (kjhutchinson@optusnet.com.au), Cliff Baker, Robert O’Brien or Neville Scott.

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.

We are glad to be of service!



Knitting for Africa! The next batch of knitting is going to the Red Cross Children’s Hospital in Capetown in a couple of weeks. Aids babies will be the main beneficiaries. Thanks to Judy Mance, Alison Barr, and others who continue to knit. It is appreciated by Tableview Methodist Church who gives our goods to the Red Cross Children’s Hospital. Thanks to all - Alex Skilton.

Further information on Community Outreach Noticeboard!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**Friday 4 March at 10.30 am at St Christopher’s Catholic Church
Blackburn Road, Syndal**

Speaker: Mrs L Palmer from World Vision

Theme: “How many loaves have you?”



DIARY DATES 2011

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

Monday 28 February

- 10.00 am Playgroup R2 & 3
10.30 am Leisure Time R1, F & K
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

Tuesday 1 March

- 10.00 am Playgroup R2 & 3
10.00 am UCAF R1 & F
10.00 am-2.00 pm Community Hub F (Roster: *Pamela McDonald, Judith Greenwood, Pam Graham, David Morgan*)
2.00 pm Men's Fellowship R1 & F

Wednesday 2 March

- 10.00 am Playgroup R2 & 3
7.30 pm Worship Band Practice R3
8.00 pm Young Adult Group O
8.00 pm Free Spirit O
8.00 pm Book Group - to be held at the home of John and Margaret Graydon
5 Roe Court Mount Waverley 9802 4166

Thursday 3 March

- 9.45 am Ladies Fitness Class H
10.00 am-2.00 pm Community Hub F (Roster: *Merle Robinson, Lesley Armstrong, Geraldine Fleming, Winnie McGregor*)
11.00 am **Prayer and Reflection Time C**
1.30 pm Scotsglen Singers H
7.30 pm Band rehearsal R3 (Contact: *Neil Skilton 9511 9868*)
8.00 pm Choir/Deo Volente R1 (Contacts: *Barbara Hurst 9803 9346, Elwyn Pederson 9803 1378*)
8.00 pm Badminton H (Contact: *Ian McMillan 9803 1813*)

Friday 4 March

- 10.00 am Lectionary Group R2
11.00 am Cooee F (Contact: *Ailsa Stewart 9802 3229*)
7.00 pm Youth: Mini Golf
8.00 pm Adult Group C

Saturday 5 March

BOOK FAIR - 8.30 - 1.00 pm

- 6.30 pm Chinese Church R1 & K

Sunday 6 March

- 9.30 am KAT Roster: Jude & Kaye
12.30 pm Club 2011 F

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Monday 7 March

- 10.00 am Playgroup R2 & 3
10.30 am Leisure time R1, F & K
2.30 pm Leisure Time Executive R1
7.30 pm Lenten Studies (Fry's home)
7.45 pm Property Committee Meeting R1
7.45 pm Finance Committee Meeting R2
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

Tuesday 8 March (Pancake Day)

- 10.00 am Playgroup R2 & 3
10.00 am-2.00 pm Community Hub F (Roster: Pamela McDonald, Laurel Muir,
Judith Greenwood, Sue Morgan)
7.30 pm Lenten Studies C
8.00 pm Encounter O (Contact: Lois Hosking 9560 1981)

Wednesday 9 March (Ash Wednesday)

- 10.00 am Playgroup R2 & 3
7.30 pm Worship Band Practice R3
8.00 pm Elders R1
8.00 pm Young Adult Group O
8.00 pm Free Spirit C

Thursday 10 March

- 9.45 am Ladies Fitness Class H
9.30 am-12.30 pm Community Hub F (Roster: Ross & Kaye Mackinnon,
John & Marjorie Snare) **Morning Tea with Munch with a Bunch!**
1.30 pm Scots Glen Singers rehearsal H
2.00 pm Lenten Studies C
6.30 pm CC Executive R1
7.30 pm Band rehearsal R3
8.00 pm Badminton H (Contact: Ian McMillan 9803 1813)
8.00 pm Choir/Deo Volente R1 (Contacts: Barbara Hurst 9803 9346,
Elwyn Pederson 9803 1378)

Friday 11 March

- 10.00 am Lectionary Group R2
11.00 am Cooe F (Contact: Ailsa Stewart 9802 3229)
7.00 pm Small Groups \$2

Saturday 12 March

- 6.30 pm Chinese Church R1 & K

Sunday 13 March

- 9.30 am KAT Roster: Kerry & Pam

Monday 14 March (Labour Day Holiday)

- 10.30 am Wedding

APPOINTMENT OF ELDERS

From today until Wednesday 9 March 2011 members of the Congregation may be nominated for appointment or re-appointment to the office of Elder. Nomination forms are available from the Church Office. The names of the members nominated will be announced on Sunday 13 March. Voting to endorse the candidates will be held at a Meeting of the Congregation to be held on Monday 21 March.

To be recognized as an Elder a candidate must receive the support of a majority of those members voting in a ballot. The term of office of an Elder is from one to five years as is chosen by the candidate. Please encourage those members whom you believe should be elders to nominate.

Peter Baker, Brian Clarkson, Belinda Clear, Mark Easton, Gael O'Brien, Marjorie Bedford, David Jackson, Joy Jackson and Elwyn Pedersen have completed their period of office, but they are eligible for re-appointment. We are very grateful to each of them for the gifts and service to others they are giving as Elders in our Congregation.

Elders are people who show leadership in the congregation, particularly in worship, Christian education, hospitality and pastoral care.

Elders meet on the second Wednesday each month for a time of learning, to share joys and concerns, and to be updated on congregational affairs, especially what is happening with the Ministry Team, the four Missional Groups (Community of Faith, Community Hub, Outreach Community and Inclusive Community) and the Church Council. Meetings are informal and generally no longer than an hour and a half.

In our Congregation, the Elders who so desire, assist at Communion and Baptisms, welcome people to worship and lead the Prayers for Others. These tasks are not expected or required of all Elders. Each individual Elder decides how best she or he can contribute.

Elders are encouraged to support the Missional Groups in any way they can, to regard the people in any group they belong to, inside and outside the Congregation, as their pastoral concern, and from time to time to attend worship services other than the one they usually attend.

Graeme Frecker, Chairman of the Congregation

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL TO PARTICIPATE IN A COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE CHURCH COUNCIL

RED CROSS CALLING MARCH 2011

Australian Red Cross has an excellent reputation and is well known for its role in disaster relief, (for example the 2009 Bushfires , the recent floods & cyclones) blood bank and international traumas - these headline activities being funded by specific purpose donations. What is not so well known is the wide range of other services provided in Victoria - the Telecross scheme which supports people living alone, the Food Rescue program, the support for detainees, refugees, asylum seekers, the Good Start Breakfast Program for schoolchildren and the Patient Transport program to name a few of many.

These local activities are funded by the Red Cross Calling appeal, where volunteer doorknockers give some 2 or 3 hours of their time at some period during the month of March. Participants can be allocated a collection area either in their immediate neighbourhood or elsewhere in the City of Monash.

DOORKNOCKERS ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED, SO PLEASE GIVE CONSIDERATION TO VOLUNTEERING FOR AN IMPORTANT COMMUNITY SERVICE THAT REQUIRES NOTHING MORE THAN A LITTLE OF YOUR TIME ON A CONVENIENT DAY IN MARCH.

Red Cross has an excellent community reputation and congregation members who have doorknocked in past years have found it to be a pleasant and rewarding task, and many have already agreed to help again this in 2011. Talk to Graeme Frecker or other doorknockers about their experiences. To join in this outreach activity add your name to the list outside the office or contact Cliff Baker on 9802 8990.



Members of the congregation are encouraged to wear their name tags. This is a great help for Rosemary as she learns all the new faces - as it is also helpful for many of the rest of us whose memory for names weakens over the years!

KIDS HOPE

After a rewarding year for both students and mentors in 2010, we are commencing our mentoring at Highvale PS over the next couple of weeks.

The Principal of Highvale PS thought very highly of the program last year and of the positive impact it has had on the children involved. And so he has identified 5 other children who he thinks would benefit from Kids Hope. If you love children, have a spare hour a week and would like to be a friend to one of these children, please contact me to find out more about the program.

Carolyn Blakemore ph:9886 4451 or cazmb@tpg.com.au

**There are many letters, rosters and information sheets
still left in the letter rack!
Please take yours, or deliver to someone you know!**

Hotham Mission Asylum Seeker Project

Hotham are currently engaged in housing young people who have been released from detention. They have sent out an urgent request for the following:

- * single bed sheets, fitted and/or flat;
- * single bed doona covers;
- * towels, preferably new.

If anyone can help, please place your donations in the boxes in the foyer and we will make sure that Hotham ASP receives the goods.

Any queries to Robin Pope, Ph 9561 7021. They also requested 5 Bibles, but contact Robin first to ensure we don't provide more than are needed, as many churches have been asked!

Public Meeting about Asylum Seeker Issues

On 6 March there will be a public meeting held at the Ringwood Uniting Church at 4 pm to hear about asylum seekers issues, and to bring people up-to-date on activities in their support. Rev Alistair Macrae, President of the Uniting Church in Australia, and Caz Coleman, Director of Hotham Mission Asylum Seeker Project will be the two speakers. Afternoon tea will be provided. Any people interested in asylum seeker matters are encouraged to attend.

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

ROSTERS - 2011

BIBLE READERS

February 27	9.30 am	Graeme Frecker
	11.00 am	Herb Fleming
March 6	9.30 am	Yan Emms
	11.00 a`	Rona Pooley

DOOR STEWARDS

February 27	9.30 am	Fiona Leister, Neil Mance, Lynne Boyer
	11.00 am	Mike Patterson, Doug Newberry
March 6	9.30 am	Lyn & Pam McDonald, Eric & Lesley Armstrong
	11.00 am	Margaret Bald, Keith Ough

ELDERS - COMMUNION STEWARDS

February 27	8.00 am	Glenn Laub
March 6	8.00 am	Ian McMillan
	9.30 am	Beverly McGlead , Peter Barr, Graeme Frecker, Lois Hosking John Kenez, Barbara Krieger, Judy Lowe, Kaye Morgan

ELDERS

February 27	9.30 am
	11.00 am
March 6	9.30 am
	11.00 am

DOOR

Alan Barnard, Geraldine Fleming
Joy Jackson, Bev Richardson
Marjorie Bedford, Doug Newberry
Ken Devos, Shirley Harding

VESTRY

John Hurst
David Jackson
Jan Clear
Elwyn Pederson

FINANCE STEWARDS

February 27	9.30 am	Robert Wood, Carmel Stork
	11.00 am	Keith & Jean West
March 6	9.30 am	Alan & Margaret Lemke
	11.00 am	Robert Wood, Matt Graham

FLOWERS

February 27	Chris Drummond
March 6	Dorothy Lloyd

MORNING TEA

February 27	Michael & Susan Stringer, Judy Fry
March 6	Bill & Jill Norquay, Shanta Mohinadeen

ORGANISTS

February 27	8.00 am	Elwyn Pederson
	11.00 am	Robert Fleming
March 6	8.00 am	Roger Vass
	11.00 am	David Williams

WELCOME TABLE

February 27	Margaret Fraser, Jan Clear
March 6	Bobbie Rooks, Geraldine Fleming

CLEANING - 5 March

Area 1: Ross & Kaye Mackinnon	Area 2: Glynn Howells, Stewart Matthewson
Area 3: Warren Greenwood, Rob McDougall	

STRATHDON EVENTS:

PANCAKE DAY - Tuesday 8 March at Strathdon Community Centre. Volunteers will be cooking fresh pancakes to raise funds for Strathdon Community which are used to support programs and projects that benefit our residents and clients.

Pancakes are \$2 with topping & ice-cream. There will be a \$2 raffle for a hamper.

8th ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION - 1 to 3 April. Artist entries close Friday 11 March.

Opening Fri 1 April, 7-9 pm with presentation of prizes at 8 pm . Entry \$15.

Sat 2 April: 11 am - 4 pm and **Sun 3 April,** 12 noon to 4 pm.
Entry \$6. Guest artist Wendi Seymour.

All proceeds go to Strathdon Community.



As part of the Glen Waverley and District InterChurch Council “**Cycle of Prayer - Congregations Praying Together**”, we at Glen Waverley Uniting Church lift up in prayer, Rev Craig de Vos and his congregation at Wanda Street Uniting Church, Wheelers Hill.

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APPLICATION FOR A DONATION FROM GWUC 2011 FETE PROCEEDS

Glen Waverley Uniting Church is again offering the proceeds of the Annual Fete for Local, State, National and Global Community Projects.

Community Outreach Group invites applications for Congregational Outreach Project (COP) grants from the 2011 Fete proceeds.

To make an Application collect the documents from the Church Office; **OR** download them from;

<http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/CommunityOutreach> under the heading **2 CONGREGATION OUTREACH PROJECTS 2011**.

The documents that you will receive are:

- * The **COP Assessment Criteria 2011** (*see on rear of this sheet*), and,
- * The COP Application Form 2011.

These documents give the guidelines and the information required on the Application Form for each submission.

Please forward your Application;

- * in hard copy to the: COP Selection Panel, Glen Waverley Uniting Church, cnr Kingsway & Bogong Ave, Glen Waverley, 3150 **OR**
- * by email in .doc (not .docx) format to cop@gwuc.org.au .

The 2011 COP Selection Panel comprises:

Heather Hon (Convenor), ph: 9764 9575, mob:0417 694 150,
Alice Barelli,
Neil Leister

Closing Date for ALL submissions is **Sunday 27th March**.

NOTE;

- * Receipt of Applications will be acknowledged in writing.
- * After Project selection all applicants will be advised in writing of the outcome.
- * The Selection Panel will contact you regard discussions of your projects
- * Successful applicants (or their deputy) will be required to attend the 4th July 2011 Congregational Meeting to respond to any questions concerning their application.

If you have questions or queries about the COP Application please contact Heather Hon.

Lyn McDonald (on behalf of Community Outreach Group)

COP ASSESSMENT CRITERIA 2011

Assessment Criteria for Congregational Outreach Projects (COP) 2011

Criteria

The following criteria help the COP Selection Panel draw up a short list of Projects to recommend to the Congregation.

1. That we donate the funds that we raise as a response to Christ's commission to His Church. Our aim is to follow the example of Jesus in providing practical assistance to needy people in our world.
2. That we support Projects that are within the spirit of the UCA mission.
3. That we ensure any Project is:
 - openly accountable to the public;
 - viable;
 - managed by trustworthy people;
 - and meets appropriate legal requirements.
4. That our preference is to support ministries in which we as a Congregation have some personal contact through our members who are engaged in them. In this way we can be kept involved and informed about their work.
5. That each submission comprises a completed COP Application Form 2011 and any supporting information.

2011 EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH 5 th - 8.30 am to 1.00 pm BOOK SALE & DEVONSHIRE TEA	APRIL
MAY	JUNE 18 th & 19 th CRAFTS EXHIBITION	JULY 22 nd - 6.30 pm INTERNATIONAL DINNER (subject to confirmation)	AUGUST
SEPTEMBER 18 th - 2.00 pm FREE SPIRIT CONCERT	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER

NOTE: If you are planning an event, please let Vida (0411 246 254) or Wendy (Office) know so it can be included

COMMUNITY OUTREACH GROUP February 2011

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Flood Relief

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Please spread the word.

Grace and peace.

If you can assist or know anyone who might assist please let me know. *(See my contact details at bottom of this insert).*

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Habitat for Humanity, Brush with Kindness Bushfire Response

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Three of our this group are new to this experience. It is good to have the extra "hands" and we expect they will find this a challenging experience in many ways.

Maybe you would like to help at one of Habitat's events. The next dates are:

Saturdays 16 April and 14 May.

And don't forget Habitat's **ReStore** at 16 Pilgrim Court Ringwood VIC 3134 . They have a variety of tools, home renovation items and some clothes at good prices.

Playgroups

Playgroups have begun for Term 1 in Rooms 2 & 3 and the Playground on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, 10am to 12 noon. This Outreach activity is providing a welcome and a safe and happy base for a great variety of families. Many are new to Glen Waverley. Some are from interstate and many have recently arrived from overseas. We now have members from New Zealand, South Africa, India, Indonesia, China, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, and Korea! Our new Wednesday group is now almost full.

Talk to Kaye Mackinnon, the coordinator if you'd like further information.

Kenya

The Team of Alanee, Joel, Kat, Jason and Sarah have already started sharing their 2011 experiences at **Mission in Action** and surrounding areas. Make sure you take as many opportunities as you can of listening to them talk about what they did there, including spending over \$10,000! When:

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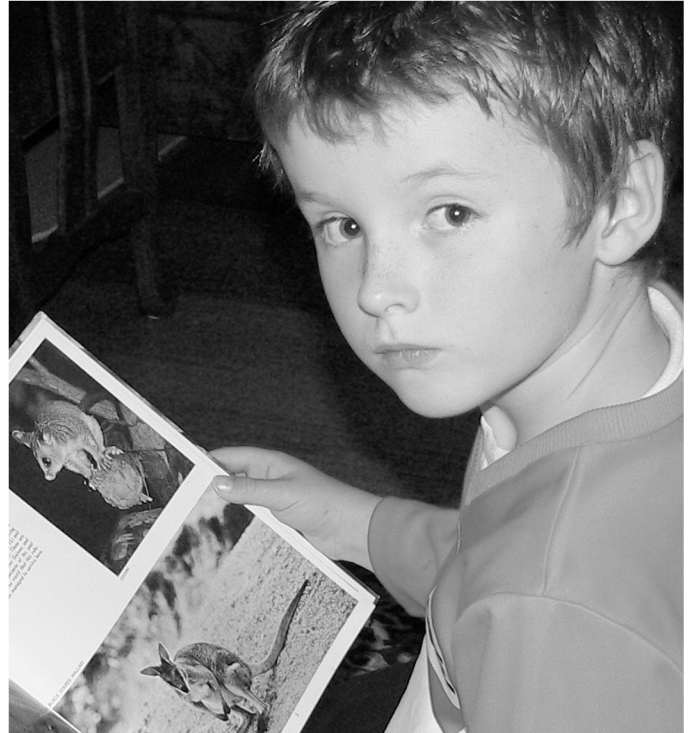
Book Sale

1000s of Secondhand books

**This
Saturday**

5 March

**8:30am-
1:00pm**



Glen Waverley Uniting Church
cnr Kingsway & Bogong Ave, Glen Waverley

Enjoy a Devonshire Tea

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Community of Faith Missional Group

The community of Faith Missional Group has commenced the New Year with a strong and enthusiastic membership, comprising, Rev Greg Fry, Colin King (convener), Mirini Lang (secretary), Ross Mackinnon, Jit Tan, Mark Easton, Bronwyn Lowe, Belinda Clear, Dean Mann, Herb Fleming, Rohan and Sharmini Wickramaratne. We welcome Bronwyn as a new member.

With the 9.30 am service under way, our main focus for February was the vocational workshops and the Lenten studies. The vocational workshop, centering on how we live out our faith at work, will be on 29 May. We plan to engage a guest preacher and a study leader for an afternoon session. This should be a stimulating day which will lead us into a planned discipleship/leadership seminar in the second half of the year. These events are covered by the theme of "people influencing people", which will in turn carry us on into connecting themes in subsequent years.

For the Lenten studies we have settled on a program called "The Divine Conspiracy", consisting of a DVD and study notes. In this Professor Dallas Willard reminds us that "discipleship to Jesus is the very heart of the gospel". Commencing the week of 7 March, for six weeks, we invite existing groups and new Lenten groups to participate. A notice covering this is posted on the CFMG notice board.

We of The Community of Faith Missional Group wish everyone of this Christian community a New Year that is spiritually rewarding and faith-enhancing as we share the loving presence of Christ with each other and those around us.

Colin King. (Convenor)