



# Uniting Church in Australia

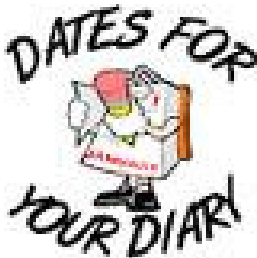
## Glen Waverley Congregation

### Monthly Bulletin – October 2011



GWUC is a faithful, Christ-centred community that meets God and shares that unconditional love:

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- **Sunday 9 October:** Ministry to Seniors at 2.30pm
- **13 October:** Special Morning Tea at The Hub—Seniors Week
  
- **12 November:** 'Fun Night Fundraiser for Kenya' - 7.30 pm.
- **27 November:** 20th Birthday of our building. Any slides, photographs and or recollections of that special day would be very much appreciated. Please contact Jan Clear if you can contribute to any of the above.
- **1 December:** Special morning tea at the Hub on Thursday 1st December at 10.30am. (The church was opened on 1st.December 1991. )

## **Inclusive Community Report– October 2011.**

It has been a busy month but the next couple of months are going to be busier.

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, we had morning tea at The Hub. About twenty people attended and enjoyed having time to catch up. I would like to thank Judith and her helpers for providing a scrumptious morning tea and looking after us so well. Morning teas at the Hub have been well attended, this year, so maybe we should meet at the Hub more frequently next year. (What do you think?)

We will have morning tea at Café Moretti on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am. Please ring the office by Tuesday afternoon (25<sup>th</sup>), if you plan to attend.

Our next “Munch with a Bunch” lunch will be held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at the RSL. This is a popular venue, for our group and I’m sure that many will want to attend. We need money in your named envelope by Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October. (There is a box, in the office, for your envelopes.) Transport is available if you need it.

The Community Hub and Inclusive Community committees have organised the combined service and lunch on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August. Please read details about the service and lunch arrangements in another part of this monthly bulletin. We are looking forward to this special service and community lunch together.

On 27<sup>th</sup> November, we will celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> birthday of our building. There will be a combined service at 10am and a spit roast lunch, following the service. (Please note that we will be selling tickets for the lunch from 30<sup>th</sup> October and you must have a ticket to get lunch, on the 27<sup>th</sup>). We will be setting up a display for that week so if you have photos from 1991, let us know.

We will also have a special morning tea at the Hub on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 10.30am. (The first service in this building was on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 1991.)  
Jan Clear.

## **Combined Service – Sunday 30th October**

The service has been organised by the Community Hub and Inclusive Community Committees and our guest preacher will be Rev. Hoon You (Minister at Monash Uniting Church and Chaplain at Monash University). There will be a lunch following the service and we are asking people to bring lunch to share (from country of origin). We will provide soup, mini spring rolls, tea and coffee. (We can't heat food at the church so it will need to be prepared before you come.) We are displaying a world map showing homelands of people within our congregation, and we will collect this information on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

## Pastoral Visitors' Training Workshop

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October: 7—9 pm

### **“Never empty-handed: exploring the art of pastoral visiting”**

Do you feel uncomfortable visiting without something to take with you?

What do you do with your empty hands?

Rosemary will lead the workshop. There will be an opportunity to explore these and other questions that affect that initial visit.; making other pastoral visits; and different models of pastoral care that relate to congregation size. There will be a time to discuss other issues, make plans for workshops in 2012 and ask questions. Supper will be provided. RSVP to the Office by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

Enquiries: Jan Clear (ph) 9803 6820.

## MINISTRY TO SENIORS

**Worship with us on Sunday 9 October 2011 at 2.30pm**  
**Celebrating Seniors' Week                      Leader: Alison Clarkson**

Afternoon tea will be served after the service.

Transport required? Contact the office: 9650 3580 by Wednesday 5 October.

## 20th Birthday Celebration: Sunday 27 November

Combined Service at 10:00 am  
Lunch following Service (Spit roast)  
Cost: \$20 per person



*Tickets will be sold from 30 October for 4 weeks but not available on the day. **You must pre-purchase.** No ticket means no lunch!*

Enquiries: Jan Clear            (ph) 9803 6820

## Forest Hill Uniting Church Arts & Crafts Display

333A Canterbury Rd, Forest Hill.

Saturday 8th October (10am– 4pm) and Sunday 9th October (11am– 4pm)

Entry \$8— includes coffee and cake.

Proceeds will aid the work of Uniting Care East Burwood Centre.



## COMMUNITY HUB

The Hub continues to operate every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am - 2pm during school terms. You are always welcome to drop in for a cuppa and a biscuit. We would love to see you.

Our special morning tea for Seniors' Week will be held at The Hub Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October from 10am - 12noon. Come and share morning tea with our seniors. There will be surprise entertainment at 10.45am. People of all ages are welcome to come. Bring your family and friends. If you are coming, it would be helpful if you could please add your name to the list on the counter outside the office.

The Munch with a Bunch group enjoyed morning tea at The Hub on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. We look forward to seeing them again, as a group, on 17<sup>th</sup> November. Other people are always welcome to come to The Hub on these days.

Next year, we would like to operate The Hub on Wednesdays, as well as on a Tuesday and a Thursday. To do this, we need volunteers who can help on a Wednesday, either from 10am – 12noon, or 12noon – 2pm.

Being a part of The Hub is one way that we can show God's love to the people in our community.

### ***Will you help?***

If you are able to welcome and show hospitality to the people who come into our church we would love to hear from you. We have a particular need in 2012 for Wednesday helpers.

### ***Want to know more about The Hub?*** Please contact

Judith (ph) 9803 8373.

### **SPECIAL MORNING TEA AT THE HUB FOR SENIORS' WEEK**



**Thursday 13th October**

**10 am –12 noon**



**ALL AGES WELCOME**

Come and share morning tea with our seniors who volunteer their time to help in our church and our community in so many different ways.

Bring your family and friends.  
Surprise entertainment at 10.45am.

If you are coming, please add your name to the list on the counter outside the office.

## **Faith Development Group.**

At our September meeting, (*held in August!*), we had as our main item of focus the goals and objectives of the group and also the contemplation of a new name.

**The new name** is at the head of this article and reflects the principle aim of the group, that is, to foster and encourage the development of faith at personal and community levels.

On the subject of **Goals and Objectives** we settled on a few main focus points and many possibilities springing from those. The central items were:

- **increase focus on faith development,**
- **explore the range of spiritual practices,**
- **develop resources,**
- **highlight the importance of open discussion,**
- **hold a conference or thematic event each year.**

Following these principle aims, the following ideas ensued;

It could be beneficial to conduct an audit of the many groups at GWUC, in view of assistance and encouragement.

Hold periodic studies, of about six weeks duration.

Develop email / discussion board / blog type group in which people would be able to participate.

Having a book review in NewView and a book club discussion facility.

Using the web site to publicise television, DVDs, books, and other items that might be of interest.

Put child friendly material on the web site.

Look at the potential of new Seasons of the Spirit material and have a space for people for quiet reflection during the week.

**Worship Review**, this process is underway and will be concluded before the end of year.

**Advent** , planning for advent happenings is already taking place.

## **Thoughtful Flowers for 2012**

If you would like to book Thoughtful Flowers in memory of a loved one, or to commemorate a special occasion, please contact the Church Office on 9560 3580.

## **NEWVIEW NOVEMBER 2011**

The last 2011 issue of ***NewView*** will be published in mid-November. Submissions for this issue will close on **October 24**. We look forward to receiving your reports and stories that will bring us all up-to-date on what our GWUC community has been doing and thinking over the last three months.

This issue will focus particularly on **diversity** – a quality in which GWUC is particularly rich! We have diverse skills and talents among us; diverse backgrounds and experiences which shape our outlook; diverse educational histories; and especially, diverse faith journeys. This diversity can enrich us all, so we look forward to receiving your contributions which will help us appreciate what we collectively have to offer each other.

Enquiries to Robin Pope (ph) 9561 7021; email: [popesr@aapt.net.au](mailto:popesr@aapt.net.au)

## **Generous Giving Month**

October is our Generous Giving month. This will be a time of thanksgiving for the evidence of God's Grace to us in so many ways. We are blessed with a wide variety of opportunities to demonstrate love, compassion and justice, through the various missions and ministries we conduct.

The Fete on 15<sup>th</sup> October is a great demonstration of the whole congregation working together and we will celebrate this on October 16<sup>th</sup>. In so many other ways we give of our money, abilities and time to ensure that God's work goes on.

Thus, throughout October, we will be challenged about our Giving. The services will follow the four themes from our On the Way Together focus. There will be a guest preacher on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Hub and Inclusive Community Missional groups will lead us in worship on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Accompanying this we will be challenged about our committed giving for the year ahead. Material will be available in early October for you to take and consider what your response will be in 2012.

# Fun Night

**Fundraiser for Kenya**  
**Saturday 12 November, 7:30pm**  
**Glen Waverley Uniting Church Hall**

**Families, young & old, singles, etc  
all welcome.**

**No experience necessary.**  
**Supper provided.**

**Adults \$10 each, Families \$25**



**All funds raised support the Kenya project  
including food hampers,  
school supplies and school shoes**

<b>2011 Fund Raising Events To Support Our Church Mission Programme &amp; Activities</b>		
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>ORGANISED BY</b>	<b>AMOUNT RAISED</b>
Book Fair: \$4,060.90 Morning Tea: \$279.50	Gold FISH Choir	\$ 4,194.75
Craft Exhibition	Margaret Lemke Faye Wagon	\$ 3,000.00
International Dinner	Aqua FISH Red FISH	\$ 2,832.00
Concert	Free Spirit	\$ 2,050.00
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED TO DATE</b>		<b>\$12,076.75</b>

## PREACHING PLAN November 2011

TIME	November 6	November 13	November 20 Christ the King	November 27 Advent 1	November 29 Advent 2
8.00am	Ross Mackinnon	Rev Rosemary Carter	Rev Greg Fry		
9.30am	<b>Rev Greg Fry Holy Communion</b> Worship Planning Team: Jan and Belinda Clear	<b>Rev Greg Fry Abundant Possibilities</b> Worship Planning Team: Warren and Judith Greenwood	<b>Rev Rosemary Carter</b> Worship Planning Team: Michael and Susan Stringer and Belinda Clear	<b>10.00 am</b> <b>Combined Worship</b> Celebrating 20 Years of Worship in this Building History of churches	
11.00am	Rev Greg Fry	Rev Rosemary Carter Free Spirit	Rev Greg Fry Holy Communion		
4.30 pm	Children and Families	Children and Families	Children and Families		
7.00 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw		7.30 pm Remembrance Service
Lectionary	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78: 1-7 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13	Judges 4: 1-7 Psalm 123 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 Matthew 25: 14-30	Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25: 31-46		