



**Uniting Church in Australia
Glen Waverley Congregation
Monthly Bulletin – January 2012**



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 1 January: | 10.00 am | Rev Greg Fry - Holy Communion |
| 8 January: | 10.00 am | Rev Rosemary Carter |
| 15 January: | 10.00 am | Rev Rosemary Carter - Holy Communion |
| 22 January: | 10.00 am | Alison Clarkson and Belinda Clear |
| 29 January: | 10.00 am | Combined Team Service |

From February there will be 5 worship services each Sunday at the following times: 8.00 am - 9.15 am - 11.00 am - 4.30 pm - 7.00 pm

Please note the new starting time of 9.15 am.

Lenten Studies

Lenten Studies for 2012 will begin during the second half of February. Please prayerfully consider about whether you would ...

- like to be involved in these Studies
- be prepared to be a Study Group Leader
- offer your home as a venue for a study group

We would like to encourage everyone in the congregation to be involved in at least one study opportunity throughout the year - perhaps this is your chance!

Ministry Team

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.

ADULT GROUP

Friday 3 February, 2012 - 6 pm

The first meeting for 2012 will be a BBQ at Jells Park, Waverley Road Entrance. All welcome. BYO everything (food, drink, chairs etc).

Contacts: Glenys & Leighton Collins 9560 0161

Pam & Lyn McDonald 9560 9798

Children's and Families Coordinator

At the last congregation meeting it was agreed to seek to increase the hours of the Children's and Families Coordinator to 20 hours a week. This position is now advertised, and a copy of the advertisement appears below.

We encourage you to prayerfully consider whether you or someone you know might wish to apply for this role.

Children's and Families Coordinator - Part Time (20 hours per week)

Glen Waverley Uniting Church seeks a Children and Families Coordinator. This role is to encourage, develop and enhance the faith journey of the children and families within the Glen Waverley Uniting Church congregation, its associated groups, and the wider community.

The Children and Families Co-ordinator will be experienced in the area of children and family ministry, have good communication skills and the ability to work with a broad range of people.

The position is subject to having a valid Working with Children Check and Police Check.

For more information contact Heather at the church office, office@gwuc.org.au or phone 9560 3580.

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Cnr Bogong Avenue and Kingsway
Glen Waverley VIC 3150

Email or post resume (including two referees) to Church Office to be received by 5 pm Wednesday January 18, 2012.

Position Description is available from the church office.





2011 “SAMMY STAMP’S” EXCELLENT YEAR

I am pleased to report that sales, up to and including December 8th, 2011 reached \$32,399.55 (last year \$23,747). This is the second highest amount raised for a year since Sammy's formation in 1977 (\$33,256 in 2006). Sales since 1977, now total \$613,341.

Congratulations and sincere thanks to all the volunteers who attend regularly on Thursday and also all the extra work you do for the UCAF Stamp Fund's ministry at home and in the community. (Average attendance this year 21.1 from a pool of about 40 people).

The Sammy Stamp DVD has been popular, around 25 requests in 2011. I spoke at nine locations at which I showed the DVD at six. (Eight talks were presented in 2008, four in 2009 and five in 2010).

Here follows a list of grants approved by the Sammy Stamp team, totalling \$32,020.70 during 2011 (last year \$22,800). This was the second highest yearly total since 1977.

Donald Uniting Church/SHARE - Vic Floods - Emergency Relief:	\$ 1,000.00
SHARE - Victorian Flood Relief Appeal:	\$ 2,000.00
SHARE - New Zealand Quake Appeal:	\$ 1,000.00
Mission Liaison Group - towards transport costs of sending charitable goods overseas:	\$ 2,000.00
Vanuatu Prevention of Blindness Project:	\$ 1,000.00
SHARE - Queensland Flood Appeal:	\$ 1,000.00
SHARE - Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Appeal:	\$ 1,000.00

UnitingCare Werribee Support and Housing / SHARE - Food Trolley for Food Bank Project:	\$ 260.70
Queenscliff-Pt. Lonsdale UC / SHARE - Washing machine and Dryer for Opp Shop:	\$ 1,471.00
UC Vic & Tas Synod / Heidelberg / East Ivanhoe UC / Rev J & J Preston - Towards container for Zambia for conversion to School Library and First Aid Centre, Kalalaska	\$ 2,000.00
Frontier Services - Kununarra WA HACC - Electric height adjustable bed:	\$ 3,500.00
Frontier Services - Tracey Aged Care, Darwin - Medication trolley:	\$ 2,400.00
Hotham Mission Asylum Seeker Programme / SHARE - Winter Appeal:	\$ 1,000.00
SHARE - Horn of Africa Crisis Appeal:	\$ 2,500.00
UnitingWorld - Support for the indigenous Subanen of Mindanao, the Philippines:	\$ 1,000.00
Benalla UC / SHARE - An oven to support weekly community meals from church kitchen:	\$ 1,689.00
UnitingWorld - support aid projects in NE India, West Papua, Bali, Fiji, Tonga, North Korea:	\$ 3,700.00
UnitingCare South Port / SHARE - Presents for Kids, Christmas Day Lunch:	\$ 1,500.00
SHARE - Community Care - Doubling offerings given by congregations for food vouchers:	\$ 1,000.00
SHARE - Care for Christmas Island, Presidents Appeal for Chaplain to detainees and staff:	\$ 1,000.00

TOTAL: \$32,020.70

This brings the total of grants approved by Sammy Stamp since 1977 to \$609,269.70.

Allan J Clark

Convenor - UCAF Stamp Fund

ELDERS' ROSTERS

The Elders' rosters are now allocated automatically. Each week, a computer program works out who should next be rostered at the end of a three month period, and adds those people to the end of the roster. In this way, the roster will always show who is rostered for the next three months, and you can plan ahead on that basis.

Note that the roster is now split into two parts - the next month (4 week period), and the following two months (8 week period). The first part will be published each week on the Office Notice Board (instead of in the Weekly Bulletins), and is regarded as **DEFINITIVE** (that is, no changes will be made by the computer). If you find that you need to swap a rostered duty during this time, IT WILL BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ARRANGE A SWAP (as it always has been).

On the other hand, the second part of the roster is to be regarded as **TENTATIVE** - that is, it may change before it gets published as definitive.

What might change it?

Any elder may update their "unavailable" status for a rostered duty during this second period, and that unavailability will be taken into account when the roster program runs each week.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact John Hurst or David Morgan for assistance. If you are unable or unwilling to update the wiki page yourself, simply pass on your request to either of us, or the Church Office, and we will make the necessary changes for you.

Please note that for this system to work, you must make your availability and preferences for roster duties known. Contact John Hurst or David Morgan for assistance.

John Hurst

Elders Roster Coordinator

Ministry Team

As you would all appreciate, our ministers are a hard-working team. To assist in them having a scheduled day off, please note the following:-

Tuesday - Day off for Rev Rosemary Carter and Alanee Hearnshaw

Friday - Day off for Rev Greg Fry

At any time you can always get a message to the ministers by contacting the office which is open Monday to Friday. The office can be contacted by email office@gwuc.org.au or by phoning 9560 3580.

2012 Rosters

Glen Waverley Uniting Church is a busy congregation. To keep things running smoothly takes a large team of volunteers who contribute in a variety of ways.

As we move into the New Year, please consider how you might be able to contribute to the life of the congregation.

Rosters for those wishing to assist with various tasks around the church are on the office counter. Please add your name if you are able to assist.

PREACHING PLAN: February 2012

TIME	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 22 Ash Wednesday	February 26
8.00 am	Rev Rosemary Carter Communion Organist: Roger Vass	Ross Mackinnon Communion Organist: W Gandell	Rev Rosemary Carter Communion Organist: E Pederson		Rev Greg Fry Communion Organist: Julie Trewin
9.15 am	Rev Greg Fry Communion	Rev Greg Fry	Rev Greg Fry		Rev Rosemary Carter
11.00 am	Rev Rosemary Carter Organist: E Pederson Uniting Voices	Alison Clarkson Organist: Geoff Willis Free Spirit	Rev Rosemary Carter Communion Organist: Robert Fleming Uniting Voices	Rev Rosemary Carter	Rev Greg Fry Organist: David Williams
4.30 pm	Rev Greg Fry	Rev Greg Fry	Rev Greg Fry		Rev Greg Fry
7.00 pm	Rev Rosemary Carter	Rev Greg Fry	Youth & Youth Adults Leadership Weekend	7.30 pm Rev Greg Fry	Alanee Hearnshaw
Lectionary	<i>Sustaining Ministry</i> Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c Mark 1:29-39 1 Corinthians 9:16-23	<i>Healing Presence</i> Mark 1:40-45 2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 1 Corinthians 9:24-27	<i>Thin Places</i> Mark 9:2-9 2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 51:1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	<i>Blessed Connections</i> Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-101 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15
Colour	Green	Green	White	Purple	Purple