



UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA Glen Waverley Uniting Church

1 January 2012



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



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

meet_god@anytime.with.us

Sunday 1 January

Christmas One

10.00 am Rev Greg Fry - Holy Communion

Lectionary

Matthew 2: 1-12

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Sunday 8 January

1st Sunday in the Epiphany

10.00 am Rev. Rosemary Carter

Lectionary

Mark 1: 4-11

Genesis 1: 1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19: 1-7



*We extend sympathy to Jenny Major and family following the passing of **Ron** on Boxing Day.*

Greetings and best wishes for 2012 from Sheila Tweedlie,
Alison Clarkson's sister.

CONGRATULATIONS DAVID SIMPSON

On Friday, 16 December, David was one of eight people who received this year's National Volunteer Award for Services to the Community. Alan Griffin, Federal Member for Bruce, presented the awards on behalf of the Prime Minister and Government.

David Served as Hon. Secretary on the founding committee of MonashLink Community Health Service and has continued since, for twelve years serving as a volunteer in different capacities as a prison visitor, home visitor, architectural advisor and lately Mens' Group 'facilitator'.

It was a special presentation as 2011 marks the 10th Anniversary of the United Nations International Year of Volunteers and contains a specially minted coin for the occasion. Sadly we didn't pick up the official photo taken at the time as David is very modest about it but still immensely chuffed!

Prayer



Please continue to keep Alanee, Joel, Kat, Jason, Steven, Pam and Lyn in your prayers as they share time with the 45 children at the Mission in Action Orphanage at Nakuru, Kenya, and also for their work around the local community to those in need.

Also, praise for the wonderful generosity of friends, family and congregation members in support of the Kenya team.



2012 WORSHIP SERVICES

Throughout January there will only be service of worship each week at 10.00 am. Dates for the remaining Sundays are as follows:

January 8: Rev Rosemary Carter

January 15: Rev Rosemary Carter - Communion

January 22: Alison Clarkson and Belinda Clear

January 29: 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.

As you would all appreciate, our ministers are a hard-working team. To assist in them keeping their 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.

New look Bulletin ...

Just a reminder that the new look weekly Bulletin will begin its circulation in the next couple of weeks, with the new look monthly Bulletin following in the first week of February.

As rosters will not be published in the weekly bulletin, they will be available on the noticeboard outside the office.

DIARY DATES 2012

(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 2 January

OFFICE CLOSED - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 3 January

OFFICE RE-OPENS

Sunday 8 January

10.00 am Combined Service

Rev Rosemary Carter

Sunday 15 January

10.00 am Combined Service

Rev Rosemary Carter

PLEASE NOTE...

2012 commencement dates

Friday Lectionary Group will recommence on the last Friday in January.

Playgroups will recommence during the second week of February 2012.

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

ADVANCE NOTICE - USED BOOK SALE

As part of the Church fundraising next year, we will be holding a **used book sale** at the Church on **Saturday March 3**. We need your donations of books to ensure that we are able to repeat last year's success. For further information please see Sue Morgan.

CLEANING AND LAWN MOWING ROSTERS 2012

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.

Unfortunately each year some of our long serving volunteers are finally unable to continue, leaving us short of people to fill the rosters.

If you are among the younger members of the congregation (under 70!) **please consider whether you would be able to give a couple of hours** sometime on Friday evening or Saturday 4 times a year in 2012 to help keep our church tidy.

Please put your name on the list on the office counter if you can help. We will assume existing volunteers are available again in 2012 unless you have already advised or note otherwise on the list.

Enquiries: Ross Lennon - 9802 2961

rosslennon@optusnet.com.au.

ATTENTION: FLOWER LADIES

Please put your name on the list on the office counter if you are able to continue to assist with flowers for 2012. This will assist in preparing the new roster. Please also add any dates you know you are unable to help.

MORNING TEA ROSTER 2012

Please put your name on the list on the office counter if you are able to assist with providing morning tea in 2012. We are also looking for new volunteers. All assistance would be greatly appreciated.

NAME BADGES

Some new name badges have arrived in the office. If your name is on the list below please drop in and collect your badge. If you have not paid for your badge yet, they cost \$8.50 each.

Nick Andress - Lily Hodgins - Harry Hodgins

Kerrie - Helen Logan - Kaye Mackinnon

Philip Read - Yuan Yuan Wong - Ann Wylie

KENYA...

Hi everyone,

Just letting you know that we (the team of 7) did arrive safely at Nakuru in Kenya.

The first leg of the flight (to Doho) was a long 14 hours but as comfortable as practical in an airline. Doho seemed a large flat place with no greenery in sight. No aerobridge for unloading, although some in construction. A bus took us to the transfer terminal. From there the next departure lounge for our flight to Nairobi. A 10 km bus trip to the plane down a gravelly and part paved area. This flight took 6 hours.

The MIA drivers were becoming concerned as our flight took longer than it should have, so were very pleased to see us when we arrived. The journey from the airport to Nakuru took 3 hours over a variety of roads. We saw a lot on the drive. We drove through the side of Nairobi, a very flat city, mediocre roads with cars and trucks everywhere.

Once we left Nairobi we started climbing and climbing for most of our journey - not surprising as Nakuru is 2000 metres above sea level. The trip wasn't very pleasant. The standard of driving is dangerous to say the least. There were many slow trucks on the road, too many with black diesel smoke pouring out of the exhaust. Many drivers try to pass and do pass dangerously. On the day of our travel there was an exceptional amount of traffic.

However, we did arrive safely. Ivan (Mission In Action Manager) said he did not see us arrive but knew we had by the noise from the children who were excited to see those they knew and some new faces.

We had a good dinner provided ... the best soup I had ever tasted (some sort of vegetable, pumpkin, potato creamed) then a new fresh salad and other good things.

As I write this, Kat is writing the blog so make sure you check that out too.

Regards,

Lyn & Pam McDonald

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

ROSTERS

Bible Readers

January 1 10.00 am Margaret Duncan

Cleaning - January 7

Area 1:

Area 2: George Abraham & Jenny Abraham

Area 3:

Lawns: Neil Leister & Joel Leister

Door Stewards

January 1 10.00 am Jan Clear, Roger Vass & Jenny Vass

January 8 10.00 am Pam Graham, John Muir & Laurel Muir

Elders

January 1 10.00 am

January 8 10.00 am

Door

Elwyn Pederson

Elwyn Pederson

Vestry

Geraldine Fleming

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Finance Stewards

January 1 10.00 am Ray Wagon & Faye Wagon

January 8 10.00 am Lou Joseph & Carmel Stork

Flowers

January 1 Gael O'Brien

January 8 Wendy Pratt & Margaret Frecker

Morning Tea

January 1 Faye Wagon, Joanne Boldiston, Phing Tan, Margaret Walker

January 8 Yan Chong, Jonathon Chong, Judith Greenwood, Warren Greenwood

Organists

January 1 10.00 am Robert Fleming

January 8 10.00 am Geoff Willis

Welcome Table

January 1 Judy Lowe & Murray Lowe

January 8 Frances La Fontaine & John La Fontaine



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!

Please note: If you are having trouble accessing the Wiki, please type wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc into your browser. This should assist you.

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