

Glen Waverley

Uniting Church

Welcome

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

SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - December 2012						
Time	December 2 Advent 1	December 9 Advent 2	December 16 Advent 3	December 23 Advent 4	December 30 Christmas 1	
8.00 am	10.00 am Combined Service	Rev Rosemary Carter Communion	Rev Rosemary Carter Communion	10.00 am Combined Service	10.00 am Combined Service	Rev Greg Fry
9.15 am	Rev Greg Fry Rev Rosemary Carter	Rev Greg Fry	Rev Greg Fry Belinda Clear Christmas Alight Focus	Rev Rosemary Carter	Rev Rosemary Carter	
11.00 am	COP Distributions Communion	Rev Rosemary Carter	Rev Rosemary Carter Communion Lessons & Carols	Rev Rosemary Carter	Rev Rosemary Carter	
4.30 pm	Rev Greg Fry Belinda Clear	Rev Greg Fry Belinda Clear	Rev Greg Fry Belinda Clear Christmas Alight Focus	7.30 pm Christmas Carols	7.30 pm Christmas Carols	Alanee Hearnshaw
7.00 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	John 1:14-15
Lectionary	John 1:1-5	John 1:6-9	John 1:10-13	John 1:14-15	John 1:16-18	White
Liturgical Colour	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	White

Christmas Eve
December 24: 7.00pm - Rev Greg Fry / Belinda Clear
December 24: 11.00pm - Alanee Hearnshaw

Christmas Day
December 25: 8.30am - Rev Rosemary Carter
December 25: 10am - Rev Greg Fry

NOVEMBER

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3 November	<i>All day</i>	Seasons of the Spirit Workshop
4 November	<i>2pm</i>	Organ and Trumpet Concert
11 November	<i>2.30pm</i>	Ministry to Seniors Service
18 November	<i>5.00pm</i>	NewView Submissions Due
27 November	<i>7.30pm</i>	Service of Remembering
DECEMBER		
2 December	<i>12noon</i>	Church Family Christmas Lunch
3-5 December	<i>10am</i>	Children's Christmas Photos
11 December	<i>10am</i>	Christmas Morning Tea @ The Hub
13-14 December	<i>4pm</i>	Christmas Alight



Children's Christmas Photos in Nativity Dress Ups at The Hub
 Monday 3 to Wednesday 5 December from 10am till 12noon.



Help your children or grandchildren to remember the real reason we celebrate Christmas by dressing them in nativity dress ups and having their photo taken for free. Dress ups will be available to use for Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, wise men and angels. Photos will be available for collection on Tuesday 11 December between 10am and 2pm at The Hub.

Operation Christmas Child

The Playgroup families, and families from our congregation, again supported Operation Christmas Child this year. A total of 19 shoeboxes were filled with Christmas gifts and donated. These generous gifts will be delivered to children in South-east Asian and the East Pacific region. This was a great effort! Thank you to all involved.

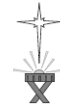
Church Family Christmas Lunch



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



Sunday 2nd December 2012
12pm to 2pm



The meal will consist of chicken (1/4 for adults and 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 25th November.

Any queries please call 98038373

Cost Adults \$12 & Children (Primary School) \$6

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Family Name -
 Telephone No. -
 No. of Adults - No. of Children -
 Any special dietary needs? E.g. vegetarian, gluten free

 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
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Community Outreach Report

Ride for Cancer, Peter Mac

The Ride for Cancer comprising 1609 riders cycling 200km from Albert Park last Saturday 27 October to Healesville and back again on Sunday, was a success by any measure.

“Together we raised \$6.2 million for Peter Mac Cancer Centre, making the Melbourne Ride to Conquer Cancer the largest single fundraising event in Australian history” says Andrew Wheatland.

Read more about this amazing event on the Outreach Notice board.

Habitat for Humanity, Yea Heights Estate

The next four homes are well on the way and are being fitted out.

See the Notice board for photos and further information.

The next BWK event is planned for Saturday 24 November 2012, and it will be at Yea again. Don't miss out on being part of this amazing evening reaching out to people in need.

If you can lend a hand please let Lyn McDonald (9560 9798 or lynmcd@chariot.com.au) know ASAP.

2012 Congregation Outreach Project Grants Presentations

The grants will be presented at the 10:00am Combined Service on 2 December.

Music with Max

Don't forget this event, Sunday 11 November, 2:00 – 4:00pm at Boronia Road Uniting Church. Donation \$10 (including afternoon tea) to be shared between Habitat for Humanity and the Church.

Communications

What did you think on the COP Projects DVD and the GGG posters DVD shown on the screen over the Office doorway? Please let us have your feedback comments.

Andrew Hosking (0401 231 034, andrewhosking@hotmail.com)

Coordinator, Community Outreach Group

What is Mentoring?

Mentoring is a one-to-one relationship based on prayer, listening, encouragement, openness, mutual trust, respect, and a willingness to learn and share in each others faith journeys.

It often exists between a older experienced person and a less experienced person. Most people have been mentors or mentorees before, by joining the program you're just formalizing it.

Mentoring is about getting to know a younger person & to advise & guide them in things such as their personal goals, issues, faith the positions they hold, work/church, school & other responsibilities.

Encouraging and sharing with them knowledge & life experience.

An effective mentor is able to suspend his or her judgement and just listen.

The mentoring experience can also benefit the mentor, keeping them accountable, expanding their outlook, & developing friendship.

Your relationship is influenced for you both by, mutual commitment & clearly defined expectations of each role.

In seeking a mentor the mentoree is essentially asking someone to walk alongside them in faith & life.

Each relationship is unique, we'll aim to match people together through pray, shared interests, passions and compatible time tables.

Mentoring relationships are seasonal, you might together commit for three meetings, a year of meeting or even specifically to get through a event. (A school project, becoming a church elder, writing a book, painting, planning a fundraiser, opening a business, an internship, getting baptized.)

We are currently looking for mentors. If you would be interested in walking alongside a younger person, please collect an information flyer from the ledge outside the church office.

Glen Waverley Uniting Church
Seniors' Service

Remembrance Day

**Sunday 11 November, 2012
at 2pm**

Theme: Sacrifice and Love



Afternoon tea will be served following the service.

Transport is available if needed. Enquiries to Jan Clear or Heather in the Office.

Leaders: Alison Clarkson and Jan Clear.

Next Issue of NewView: December 2012

In December when we will be remembering Jesus' coming into the world, our next issue of NewView will focus on a theme of Celebration.

Why is celebration important?

What are the things your family/community/culture/friendship group celebrates?

What celebrations occur in your family which might be a little different from other families? Share them with us so we know each other a little better!

What different ways are there of celebrating significant events (Christmas, Easter, birthdays, name days, marriages, baptisms, remembrance etc)

How do we cope with the unceasing commercialisation that accompanies celebration? What solutions has your family created to keep the focus clear? What celebrations will be occurring at GWUC that you would like to tell us about?

What do you think we ought to celebrate, but does not get recognition?

I hope to be swamped with your stories (and photos!) about celebrations of all kinds which you are happy to share with us!

Closing date for your submissions: November 18. Please send to popesr@aapt.net.au or hand in to the GWUC office if you do not have email.

For your diaries ...

Debbie Davey and Tim Brewster will be married at Glen Waverley Uniting Church on Saturday December 8th at 11am. All are welcome to attend the service to celebrate this very special and happy occasion.

Meditation Group

Over recent years loss and illness have depleted our numbers. We would welcome new folk who may be interested in joining us for a time or friendship, intimacy, inspiration and silent contemplation. Our group is open to people of any religious denomination, or none. If you are interested, come for a visit and hopefully stay. Contact Bobbie on 9803 0379

Hilltop Christmas Market - Sunday 12 November

High Street Road Uniting Church, Mount Waverley, will once again hold their popular Hilltop Christmas Market from 9am till 2pm on Saturday 12 November. The market features a large array of stalls, hot and cold food, a number of competitions, entertainment and a special Kidzone.

Christmas Morning Tea at The Hub

Tuesday 11 December from 10am till 12noon.

Come and enjoy a special Christmas Morning Tea. Bring your family and friends. All are welcome.



Inclusive Community Report

The Inclusive Community Committee will meet again on Wednesday 14 November at 10am, in the outer vestry. Please remember that you are most welcome to attend our meetings or give us any suggestions.

A big thank you to The Community Hub people for organising the Seniors' morning tea last week. Everyone enjoyed the scrumptious food and the good company.

Our last Munch with a Bunch lunch was held on Sunday 14 October at the Mountain View hotel. Forty-five people enjoyed the food, catching up with friends and meeting new friends. Our next lunch will be at the Mountain View Hotel on Sunday 25 November. This will be our last function for the year. Reminder letters will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

Club 2012 meets today so if you are having lunch by yourself today, join the group after the 11am service. You will be most welcome.

On Sunday 2 December the Church family Christmas dinner will be held (after the Combined service) in the hall.

On Sunday 9 December, we will serve tea and biscuits after the 11am service.

Jan Clear

**- Craft, Collections, Coffee and Cake -
Another event is planned for
June 15 and 16, 2013**

Yes, we know it is months away, but we wanted to give you time to make some new items to exhibit.

Get busy, so that we have lots of lovely things to display.

If you want to know more about the exhibition talk to:
Faye Wagon (9560 7598) or Margaret Lemke (9560 8710).

Items are welcome from anyone, any age. All are welcome to be part of this fun event.



COMMUNITY HUB

Volunteers are vital in the Community Hub Missional Group. Without volunteers we would not be able to have Leisure Time, Coeee, Playgroup, The Hub or Story Hub. Would you like to be involved in the Community Hub? There are numerous things that you can do to help us.

Playgroup: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday - 10am to 12noon

If you would like to help on one of these days by making cups of tea or coffee for the Mums, or helping to clean up after a busy morning, please contact Kaye Mackinnon (9560 4746) or the Church Office.

Coeee: Friday - 12noon to 3pm

If you would like to bring your lunch, spend time with others and join in a board game, that would be great!

The Hub: Tuesday and Thursday - 10am to 2pm
Wednesday - 10am to 12noon

If you would like to be a volunteer at The Hub for a morning or an afternoon (2hours), all you need to do is to be welcoming, make cups of tea and coffee, and listen or talk to people.

Please contact Judith Greenwood (9803 8373) or the Church Office if you would like to help and get to know the people in our community, and share God's love with them.

Leisure Time: Monday - 10.30am to 2pm

Leisure Time needs some new helpers for 2013. Guests attend Leisure Time between 10.30am and 2pm every Monday.

Do you have any spare time on Mondays?

Would you like to share some time with Seniors who need company?

Most volunteers help about 9 times per year, but we can be flexible.

We particularly need:

- Hosts - welcome and chat with the guests and assist with simple activities. 10am - 2pm.
- Kitchen helpers - prepare fresh vegetables and serve lunch and morning tea. 10am - 2pm.
- Drivers - pick up and deliver guests from within Glen Waverley to the church. 10am to 10.45am and 2pm to 2.30pm
- Cooks to make birthday cakes about 3 times per year.

If you would like to enquire about helping or to volunteer, please contact Margaret Fraser (9803 7653) or the Church Office. Thank you. You would also be very welcome to drop in to Leisure Time any Monday to see what happens.

Story Hub: Thursday - 11am

If you would like to be a story reader, make cups of tea or coffee, or come and chat to mums or children that would be wonderful. Please contact Belinda Clear (0400 559 423) or the Church Office.