



Glen Waverley

Uniting Church

Welcome

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SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - July 2014

Time	July 6 Pentecost 4	July 13 Pentecost 5	July 20 Pentecost 6	July 27 Pentecost 7
8.00 am	Communion	Communion	Communion	Communion
9.15 am	Communion			
11.00 am			Communion	
4.30 pm	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear
7.00 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw
Lectionary	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Songs 2:8-13 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green	Green

JUNE

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5 June	<i>6.30pm</i>	Domestic Violence Forum
8 June	<i>12.00pm</i>	Light Luncheon after 11am Service
15 June	<i>10am</i>	Combined Anniversary Service with Moderator - followed by Lunch
24 June	<i>2pm - 6pm</i>	Ivan's Pies Collection
29 June	<i>12.30pm</i>	Munch with a Bunch Lunch

JULY

1 July - 2 September	<i>All day</i>	Alison Clarkson on leave
6 July	<i>All services</i>	Access Ministries Sunday



Thanks from Cornish College

On behalf of Cornish College we would like to sincerely thank you for your wonderful assistance in hosting our Annual Church Service. Nothing was too difficult for you and I really appreciated your contributions prior to, and on, the night. We feel the service gave glory to God and acknowledge the significant contribution Glen Waverley Uniting Church made.

Yours in Him - Jarrod Davies.

Ministry to Seniors

Alison Clarkson will be on leave from Tuesday 1 July until Tuesday 2 September, inclusive. Elwyn Pederson has been invited to coordinate this ministry in Alison's absence.

Asylum Seeker Support at Glen Waverley Uniting Church

The Glen Waverley Uniting Church Asylum Seeker Support Group met recently to re-organise their operations, as Robin Pope is relinquishing leadership of the group. The various responsibilities were divided between committee members. Any enquiries concerning the work for asylum seekers should now be made to ANY of these committee members, who will refer you to the person responsible.

The committee members are:

- Maria Gillies (Free Spirit, attends 9.15 or 11am) Ph 9801 4464;
- Lyn Maslen (Free Spirit, attends 9.15 or 11 am) Ph 9899 2821;
- Bobbie Rooks (attends 8 am usually) Ph 9803 0379;
- Heather Wilkins (attends 8 am usually) Ph 9560 1440;
- Geoff Willis (Free Spirit, mostly attends 11 am) Ph 9561 3331.

The committee invites anyone with a desire to assist, to join the committee in their support of asylum seekers, and hopes that Glen Waverley Uniting Church's generous support for asylum seekers through donations, fund-raising and education will continue!

The Christian Church in the World

A thought on 1 Peter 3:13-16.

"This passage urges believers to be patient and responsible in suffering which will surely come about because they are Christians".

From With Love to the World

May God Empower the Peacemakers for CAR

Central African Republic (CAR) is trapped in violence. Whilst rogue anti-Muslim militias known as 'anti-balaka' are driving Muslims out of Bangui, ex-Seleka Islamic rebels continue to terrorise the centre and north-west. On 26 April ex-Seleka militants massacred 16 people (including three staff) at a medical clinic in north-west CAR. In the past week some 100 people have been killed across dozens of villages in the north-west close to the border with Chad. The killers, who were said to speak Arabic and Fulani, committed appalling abuses, killing civilians, burning homes and reportedly throwing live children into the fires. Iranian media are falsely reporting genocide of Muslims, saying that Christians are killing Muslims with impunity. Unless there is peace, the situation will deteriorate significantly. Please pray for CAR and its Church.

From Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin

Hopes for Peace Fade in Korea

Koreans - especially North Koreans - desperately need peace, as distinct from a frozen conflict that breeds paranoia-inspired gross human rights abuses and routinely threatens war. In the North, whenever the regime of Kim Jong-un feels threatened, it intensifies repression and magnifies propaganda. Recently, North Korean security forces have been conducting surprise night raids on homes in Pyongyang, arresting and then exiling anyone suspected of viewing, sharing or copying banned materials, particularly South Korean films and magazines. At least 100 people have been 'disappeared' in the last two months, triggering widespread panic.

Meanwhile, tensions between North Korea and the US-South Korea alliance are also soaring; the belligerent threatening rhetoric coming out of both states is frightening. Pray for the Church in North Korea. Pray for Korea's peace and transformation.

From Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin

Ivan's Pies are here again!

The Tennis Club is holding its "Annual Pie Drive" in June and would again appreciate your support. The delicious pies are an ideal quick meal now that the winter weather is here.

Forms are on the office counter until Tuesday 10 June. Money may be left in the tin in the office. Cheques to be made payable to Uniting Church Glen Waverley Tennis Club please.

Collection Day is Tuesday 24 June between 2pm and 6pm.

Many thanks.

Enquiries: Eileen Scott 9800 4005 or Barbara Chamberlain 9764 0975.

Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books are back! In print or as an iPhone or Android app!

At \$65 each, these are packed with 25-50% off or 2-for-1 vouchers for hundreds of restaurants, hotels, attractions, sports and leisure around Melbourne. From a great way to discover new dining places to the key to 5% off your groceries for the year (5% off Wish/Safeway gift cards).

A full listing of the vouchers is available at:

<http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/>, including a searchable map.

This is a great opportunity to support the work of the church and save some money at the same time. This year there is the option to buy an electronic version of the book on your smart-phone, saving you from having to remember to carry the book with you.

Pre-orders are now open (books available on April 6th) online at:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/189g572> (home delivery available), at the table in the foyer between services, from the office during the week or by getting in contact with Kaye Morgan on 0403451390 /kayemorgan7@gmail.com.

Prayer Requests (formerly Prayer Chain)

Several members of the congregation have committed to pray for anyone who wants to be remembered in prayer. If you have any joys or concerns you would like to be included in the prayers, please contact Beverly McGlead on 0417 359 779 or the Church Office on 9560 3580.

If you would like to be a prayer partner with this group, please let Beverly know.

This opportunity for prayers is in addition to the Prayer Book used each Sunday.

Domestic Violence: Silence is not the answer

A public forum, under the sponsorship of the City of Monash and the Monash Interfaith Gathering will be held on Thursday, June 5 at the Clayton Theatre, Cooke Street & Centre Road, Clayton. Starting time is 6:30pm for 7pm.

Guest Speakers will include:

SAHAR GHALY - a domestic violence survivor and media advocate who has documented her experiences and the cultural beliefs and taboos that kept her in an abusive relationship for 13 years.

DR MANJULA O'CONNOR - a highly regarded Psychiatrist, Senior Research Fellow at University of Melbourne and Medical Centre Director. She is the Founding Director of Australasian Centre for Human Rights and Health and in 2009 founded the 'Taskforce Against Domestic Violence in Indian Ethnic Communities'. She received the VMC award of excellence in Women's Health in December 2012.

SUPERINTENDENT ALISTAIR GALL - a member of the local police tactical task force trained to deal with fraught domestic violence situations.

An open forum will conclude the evening.

Please RSVP to Michelle Miller on email michellem@monash.vic.gov.au or phone 9518 3649.

Church Council

Tuesday night (27 May) Church Council gathered with the convenors of the Missional and Functional groups, to share dreams and visions for the coming months.

We started by asking ourselves the questions of:

who are we,
what do we offer, and
who do we serve.

We spent time sharing in small group discussions, and went on to look at our mission statement, and reaffirm our biblical framework, by looking at how our Christology propels us into our missiology and defines our ecclesiology.

We heard from our convenors as they shared the Key Objectives for 2014 and the Missional and Functional group goals.

After a representative from each group shared, we affirmed and celebrated the goals they brought to the meeting, and we prayed for them in their ongoing work.

We are also challenging ourselves to think, dream and brainstorm where we want to be heading in the future. Some ideas that came to the fore were to internally build our congregations community of faith, as well as strengthening our missional outreach and community profile.

Some challenges for us all to consider in the coming months include:

How we engage with our local community?, and
How do we engage with the people who come and go during the week within our community?

Our next steps will be to provide further opportunities for all members of the community to engage in this process, giving all a chance to share and to celebrate our goals and for us to hear if there are more ways for us to engage in Christ mission.

Helen Stewart - Chair, Church Council

Inclusive Community Report

TODAY - Please join our visitors from other churches and Club 2014 members for a light lunch in the hall.

LIGHT LUNCH - There will be a light lunch served after the 11am Service on Sunday 8 June. Please join us.

MUNCH WITH A BUNCH - Our next lunch will be at the RSL on Sunday 29 June.

NEWCOMERS - Letters will be sent to Newcomers this week inviting them to take part in a short welcoming segment at the beginning of the Anniversary lunch. If you are new and we don't have your contact details please see Heather in the Office.

ANNIVERSARY - 15 June. Tickets are available from Faye Wagon or Heather in the Office. As we are having a spit roast, we need to have exact numbers and you must have a ticket before the day.

PASTORAL PARTNERS - A letter will be sent to people who attended the training sessions and others who have been recommended by the Ministry Team asking them if they are willing to become Pastoral Partners. Once we have some volunteers we will begin forming clusters with people who have requested a pastoral contact person (and we have been unable to provide one) and newcomers. Enquiries: Jan 9803 6820.

MEDICAL FORMS - Last year, we asked you to fill out a medical form and hand it to Heather, in the Office. Some forms need updating so would you please see Heather in the Office or fill out a form, if you have not done so before.

MEETING - Our next Inclusive Community Meeting will be on Tuesday 17 June at 10.15am in Room 4.