



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 - October 2014						
Time	October 5 Pentecost 17	October 12 Pentecost 18	October 19 Pentecost 19	October 26 Pentecost 20		
8.00 am	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Rev Neil Peters Communion
9.15 am	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Rev Neil Peters Belinda Clear	Rev Neil Peters Belinda Clear	Rev Neil Peters Alison Clarkson	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Alanee Hearnshaw
11.00 am	Rev Neil Peters Alanee Hearnshaw	Rev Neil Peters Alison Clarkson	Rev Neil Peters Alison Clarkson	Rev Neil Peters Alison Clarkson	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Alanee Hearnshaw
2.30pm	-	-	-	-	-	Senior Service Alison Clarkson
4.30 pm	School Holidays	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear
7.00 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw
Lectionary	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46	Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14	Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22	Exodus 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 33:34-46		
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green

SEPTEMBER

3 September

12 September 7.30pm

14 September 11am

14 September 2pm

15 September 4pm

20 September 6.30pm

21 September 12.30pm

OCTOBER

18 October 8.30am

25 October 10am

25 October 2.30pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Alison Clarkson back from leave

Induction Service for Rosemary Carter

Two-way Broadcast with Beac

Free Spirit Concert at Colac UCA

NewView Deadline

Asian Dinner

Hub Volunteers Lunch and Meeting

Annual Fete

Marriage Forum

Welsh Male Choirs Concert



Asian Dinner

Have you dreamt of eating Indonesian, Korean, Malaysian, Sri Lankan & Vietnamese cuisine at the same time? Well now you can if you join us for a wonderful meal & fellowship



ENJOY

*Dinner, Entertainment
Trading Table
Door prizes & lots more*

**Saturday 20th September 2014
6.30 start**

**\$22.00 per adult / \$12 per child (2 to 12 yrs)
\$60 per family: 2 adults + 3 children below 12 yrs**

**Tickets available after Church Services
or from Church Office 03 9560 3580
For more details, contact Vida 0411 246 254**

Proceeds support our Church Programme & Activities

LET ALL MEN SING Combined Concert Australian Welsh Male Choir



Melbourne Welsh Male Choir



prior to going to Canberra
to sing with the massed voices of
Male Choirs Association of Australia

2.30 pm Saturday 25th October
Glen Waverley Uniting Church
Cnr. Bogong Ave & Kingsway

Tickets \$20 9787 1233 (Eric)
9870 8891 (Phil)

or trybooking: www.melbournwelshchoir.com.au

www.melbournwelshchoir.com.au

www.auswelshmalechoir.org.au/

The Christian Church in the World

May I quote from the Bible, Romans 12:11-12:

“Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.”

O Lord, hear the cries of your people.

Mennonites Persecuted in Vietnam

On 9 June, the students of a Mennonite Bible School in South Vietnam were woken by 300 plain-clothe police at 11pm for an ‘administrative search’. The 76 Christians present were brutally assaulted and detained overnight. Twenty students needed medical attention. The same happened the following three nights. This is to intimidate a church group whose leader, Rev Nguyen Hong Quang, is an outspoken advocate for religious freedom. Raids and persecution have continued, utilities have been cut off and phones and motorbikes confiscated. Fifty-two students and leaders, including Pastor Quang, were summoned to be interrogated. On 12 June the Mennonite leaders protested officially about the abuse. A nearby Catholic church has agreed to provide refuge for Mennonite victims of persecution if needed. May the Lord protect and preserve them all.

From Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin

A Test for India in Chhattisgarh

Since mid-May over 50 villages in Chhattisgarh’s Bastar region have followed the advice of the Hindu nationalist VHP and used the Chhattisgarh Panchayat Raj Act to ban all non-Hindu religious practice. As Christian leaders note, these rulings are contrary to the Indian Constitution.

Despite this, the VHP has said it will lobby the authorities to ensure the bans are imposed. Persecution has escalated, with numerous reports of violence and social boycotts whereby Christians are being denied access to water and food rations. The Chhattisgarh Christian Forum has requested that the Panchayat Raj Act (which facilitates rural self-government) be scrapped and is threatening to take the authorities to court if they do not act. They fear that persecution could escalate into anti-Christian pogroms. Please pray for India and its Church.

From Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin

GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH

GRAND FETE

Put the
date in
your diary

Check the Bulletin
flyer each week to see
where help is
needed.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18th, 2014

8.30am-2.00pm

Planning is well underway
&

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

so

**ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LISTS ON
THE OFFICE COUNTER.**

TRAILERS [drivers, jockeys] NEEDED URGENTLY.

Talk to Cliff Baker.

**SPRING CLEANING TIME IS HERE — so get
busy and sort out your cupboards, bookshelves,
garages, sheds etc—throw out what you don't need and
donate it to the fete.**

We need lots of stock for the stalls.

Murray Lowe 9885 8513

NEED MORE

Sue Morgan 9560 8024

INFORMATION?

Cliff Baker 9802 8990

Ministry Team Movements in September

Ministers, Deacons, Youth Workers and Pastors in the Uniting Church have a responsibility to support the wider work of the Uniting Church. This is affirmed in the service of induction.

Neil has the privilege of being Chair of the Synod Selection Committee for ordained ministry. As Chair of this Committee, Neil is required to chair the annual Selection Conference held over the first weekend in September each year. This is an important work on behalf of the Synod.

The Synod meeting will be held September 19-23 and this is an important meeting to hear reports and make decisions on behalf of the Synod. This year Neil, Belinda and Alison will be attending along with Judy Lowe and Aaron Blakemore. Synod now meets Sunday morning as worship is Friday night. This is during school holidays and Alanee will be away with the youth leaders and young people at their camp.

Alanee also has a great opportunity to attend the Uniting Women conference in Sydney.

While members of the ministry team are away doing other significant work it does give the opportunity for other members of the congregation to step up, be nurtured and guided in using their gifts in leading worship and preaching. We want to encourage the people of God to use their gifts in serving the church.

Neil Peters on behalf of the Ministry Team.

The Hub Volunteers' Lunch and Meeting

We will be having a lunch and meeting for all Hub Volunteers on Sunday 21st September at 12.30pm at the church. We hope you can attend. We can share stories and ideas about The Hub.

If you are coming, please bring a small plate of food to share.

Judith Greenwood.

Seniors' Morning Tea at The Hub - Thursday 23 October.

The Seniors' Morning Tea at The Hub will be held from 10am until 12noon on Thursday 23 October. Come and enjoy morning tea with our seniors. Thank them for all that they do in our church and in the community. Bring your family and friends. All ages welcome.

Kenya - Fundraising for the school fees of Joseph and Moses

Joseph and Moses are two orphaned brothers who are being funded by church members to attend boarding school in Kenya. They are great boys and are doing well at school. This is a life changing opportunity for them. David Fraser is offering to convert records, videos, slides, film negatives or photographic prints to digital form, as a fundraiser to help cover the cost of the school fees of Joseph and Moses.

See details below:

INPUT TYPE	COST
Records (78s, 33s, 45s)	\$2 per record
Videos (VHS - only copyright free)	\$4 per video
Slides (35mm)	30c per slide
Film negatives	30c per negative image
Photographic prints	30c per print

Output on your USB stick (8gb or higher is suggested).

Digital record file (.mp3); Digital video file (.mpeg or .wmv); Digital slide image (.jpeg); Digital film negative image (.jpeg); Digital photo (.jpeg).

All you need to do is provide David with the originals and a USB stick. Contact David Fraser (9803 7653 - sms 01477 939 600 - or email to davidfraser60@optusnet.com.au) to make arrangements.

Are you an Ebay Guru?

Sue Morgan has a collection of books which have been put aside at past fetes and booksales as being of potentially greater value than other books, yet failed to sell for a higher price at the event. Would you be willing to take these books and try selling them on ebay, gumtree or another online site? All proceeds will go to the fete.

If so, please contact Sue on 9560 8024 or sue@morgands.net

Free Spirit - 2014 Concerts

This year, Free Spirit is presenting two fund-raising concerts to support mission in our community beyond Glen Waverley. It would be great if some Glen Waverley Community could come and enjoy the fun, as Free Spirit spreads its wings and presents music that covers more styles than normally seen in worship.

One concert is on Sunday September 14 at 2pm at the Colac Uniting Church, Hesse Street, Colac.

For more information, contact any Free Spirit member.

NewView Deadline

Since our Church Council and Missional Groups are currently considering future directions and emphases for our church at Glen Waverley, the theme for the next issue of NewView will be 'Vision'. What dreams do we have for our future? Do our aspirations include possibilities for all of our diverse community? How do we grow our faith, recognising all our different life experiences, understandings and positions? Where and how should we be concentrating our spiritual, social, physical and financial efforts? How do we select our priorities? How do we resolve convicting or competing priorities? What other questions are raised by forward planning?

The closing date for your submissions is Monday, September 15. Your reflections, stories, reviews, reports, questions, and anecdotes about our church community's life are invited (even if they do not directly relate to the theme). Queries to Robin Pope (9560 7021 or popesr@aapt.net.au)

What are your thoughts, views and feelings about marriage?

You are invited to share your thoughts, views and feelings on marriage, at a discussion on **Saturday 25th October at 10am till 12noon** at Glen Waverley Uniting Church.

The Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia (UCA) has commenced a process of consultation and listening to you, the members of the UCA.

To assist you in sharing your ideas, we plan to meet and discuss the key questions raised by Assembly in relation to marriage and changing community expectations. The full details of their project, and the specific questions, can be found at <http://assembly.uca.org.au/marriage>.

At this morning discussion, all of your thoughts on the questions will be recorded and sent to the Assembly team. This will not be a collated response from the Glen Waverley Uniting Church Congregation, but rather it will be a response from each and every one of you. The specific questions we will discuss can be found in the document labelled MarriageResponseForm.pdf. Copies of the forms will also be available at the discussion day.

Please come along and take this opportunity to be heard and to influence the UCA philosophy and theology.

If you have any questions about the discussions, please contact Rev Neil Peters, Helen Stewart and Warren Greenwood.

Induction Service

An Induction Service for Rev Rosemary Carter will be held on Friday 12 September 2014 at Church of All Nations, 129 Palmerston Street, Carlton, at 7.30pm.

You are most welcome to attend. Rosemary would be delighted to see some familiar faces.

Inclusive Community Report

Prayer Chain: If you have a prayer request and don't want it placed on the weekly prayer list, we do have a prayer chain. All requests for prayer are kept confidential and are only passed on to chain members. We don't need to know why you are requesting prayer, just a name is fine. If you are interested please contact Heather in the Office.

Pastoral Care: As I mentioned in August's monthly bulletin, our pastoral partners have been contacting the people in their clusters and I have had positive feedback from people saying that they are pleased to be in a cluster and have appreciated the initial contact. Our group pastoral support people are doing a great job caring for people in their groups. If you visit someone that is wonderful, please don't stop visiting. We are gradually replacing the current visitation program because we don't have enough visitors but your efforts as visitors and pastoral carers have been greatly appreciated. If you have any suggestions or comments about pastoral care, please talk to Heather or Jan.

Munch with a Bunch was held at the RSL on Sunday 17 August. Once again it was very well attended. Our next lunch will be on Sunday 19 October. Our Christmas lunch at the RSL will be on Sunday 21 December.

Thank You: I would like to thank those who helped with food preparation, serving and cleaning up at the lunch last Sunday. It was a happy time of fellowship and a good time to discuss the items raised at the Congregational Meeting.

English Class: I am about to prepare the Term 4 Roster for our English classes which are held every Thursday at 11.15am in Room 4 (during school terms). If you would like to help or lead, we would love to hear from you. Our students are very enthusiastic and interacting with them is worthwhile and rewarding. Contact Heather or Jan.

Medical Forms: Thanks to those who have filled our medical forms and handed them back to Heather. 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 Monday 6 October at 10am in the Outer Vestry.

A letter to the Congregation ...

Dear Friends,

About 120 people attended the Congregation meeting last Sunday.

The 'Organic Vision document' was presented. The word 'organic' is used because this is a working, growing vision. It is easily accessed on the Wiki or you can go to the Office and ask Heather for a paper copy. Please take time to read the document, reflect, pray and respond by email, writing a letter or speaking with a member of Church Council.

We would like to receive all responses by 28th September as Church Council meets again on the 30th September.

A special meeting to decide whether the document is to be ratified by Congregation will be held at a date yet to be determined. We pray that the Congregation embraces the future direction. We have listened to God and listened to the people of the Congregation in forming the vision.

I am reminded of a beautiful reflection by Evan that is most applicable as we move forward:

A Community of Grace

We are pilgrims on our way
As we travel may we
Travel lightly
Travel together
We are disciples
The Mission is urgent
Travel with humility
Travel together
The Cross is our compass
Love is our sign.

Blessings,

Helen Stewart (Chair of Church Council)

What is Growing Faith - Reaching Community?

October is the month of **Growing Faith - Reaching Community** which is the theme for this year's Growing Generous Givers program. A task group is working hard to offer an opportunity for everyone to be involved and contributing to the life of the Glen Waverley Uniting Church.

At its recent meeting the Congregation received the Church Council Organic Vision Document. While this vision document is still being considered by the congregation, it proposes four different areas of ministry to focus on in the coming years. The document was put together from the responses achieved from the open forum meetings and after prayer and discernment.

The congregation will continue its present ministry activities and at the same time, if endorsed, will grow these four areas:

- Continuing to build connectedness and genuine community (includes pastoral care fellowship).
- Nurturing faith development, sharing, questioning and exploration.
- Kingsway Ministry. This involves intentionally growing our ministry to our local multicultural community.
- Raising Glen Waverley Uniting Church's profile, by serving our local community. (This involves developing partnerships where possible.)

Growing Faith - Reaching Community is not just about raising money. The Task Group want to encourage members to be praying for the ministry and mission of our congregation. We want to encourage members to think about their talents, time availability and passions and get involved in the life of the congregation. Congregation members will also be encouraged to consider before God their giving to the church. The church wants to be able to resource its current ministry, and grow that ministry in terms of our agreed future direction.

The program will run over the first three Sundays in October.