

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 2014					
Time	December 7 Advent 2	December 14 Advent 3	December 21 Advent 4	December 28 Christmas 1	
8.00 am	Ross Mackinnon	Ross Mackinnon	Ross Mackinnon		10am Combined Service Alison Clarkson
9.15 am	Communion Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters	Worship Team Rev Neil Peters Belinda Clear - Release Service		
11.00 am	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters Alanee Hearnshaw	Communion Rev Neil Peters Belinda Clear - Release Service Lessons & Carols - Uniting Voices		
4.30 pm	Belinda Clear	Belinda Clear	School Holidays		
7.00 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw		
Lectionary	Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46a-55 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Luke 1:47-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38	Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Psalm 148 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:22-40	White
Liturgical Colour	Purple	Purple	Purple		

Service of Remembrance: Tuesday 2 December - 7.30pm (Rev Neil Peters / Heather Hon)

Christmas Eve: 24 December - 7.30pm (Belinda Clear / Rev Neil Peters) and 11pm (Alanee Hearnshaw / Rev Neil Peters)

Christmas Day: 25 December - 8.30am and 10am (Rev Neil Peters / Ministry Team)
Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14; (15-20)

NOVEMBER		DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
9 November	12noon	Inclusive Community Light Luncheon
9 November	1.30 pm	Congregation Meeting
27-28 November	4pm-6pm	Christmas Alight "Untangling the Story"
30 November	10am	Combined Service & Christmas lunch
DECEMBER		
1-3 December	10am-12noon	Hub Children's Christmas Photos
2 December	7.30pm	Service of Remembrance
8 December	10.15am	Leisure Time Christmas Party
8 December	4pm	NewView Submissions Close
11 December	10am-12noon	Christmas Morning Tea at The Hub
21 December	12.30pm	Munch With A Bunch Christmas Lunch



Thankyou ...

We have received the following messages of thanks from people in our community ...

Lindsay and Margaret Harmer and family sincerely appreciate your kindness and support before and after the passing of our beloved, beautiful and courageous daughter ... Rozalind (Roz).

Your cards, letters, visits, flowers, emails, telephone calls and gifts of food helped us enormously to soften our painful loss. We are also grateful to those who were present at her funeral.

Kind members of the GWUC family, thank you so much for your card and inspiring words of sympathy.

Love - Margaret & Lindsay.

Dear Church friends of Dad (John Nunn) and June,

Gaye, Joy and family thank you sincerely for your kindness shown in many ways to us at this sad time. Your expressions of sympathy are most appreciated.

We are glad that you have provided a lasting memory in your church of Dad and June's time with you all. The happy times were great.

Regards - Joy.

Thank-you to the Church Family for your kind thoughts and prayers sent to our family.

Friendship is a very precious thing.

The love and concern of our friends have meant much to us at the time of passing of Gwen and Colin Campbell.

We appreciate the way in which you expressed your sympathy in our loss.

Lynne and Barry Fitzpatrick.

Mentoring matters - SEAAC's Vic Roads L2P program



Every young person aspires to become independent and to get their licence once they turn 18. The law requires young learners to complete 120 hours of supervised driving, but for many disadvantaged young learners, from refugee and migrant backgrounds, single parent families or from low-income families, it is a major challenge and at times nearly impossible to complete 120 hours of supervised driving. It is a huge challenge for some families if they don't have access to a car or have no family member with a full licence.

Mentoring through SEAAC's L2P Learner Driver Mentor program is a great way to support these young drivers. L2P program is a community based volunteer program that matches young learner drivers with trained mentors who act as strong role models assisting them with their driving practice and mentoring them to the stage of obtaining their probationary licence. Mentors make a significant difference to the lives of young people. Thanks to **Garry and Warren Smith Motors**, we have two L2P new cars available for mentors and learners to practice their driving in. Located at Oakleigh Police Station for City of Monash learners and Cheltenham Police station for City of Kingston learners it is very convenient for regular driving sessions to take place.

Mehdi arrived in Australia without his family in 2012. Since then Tricia, one of our valued L2P mentors has supported Mehdi to gain confidence and road knowledge in a number of driving situations and conditions. In March 2014, Mehdi successfully passed his driving test. He is grateful of Tricia for her dedication and continuous support. Mehdi spoke of his wonderful driving memories with Tricia; driving along tram lines in the congested city streets, over the West Gate Bridge on the way to Melbourne Airport, and down the peninsula to Arthur's Seat to name a few adventures. It's been an amazing experience for Mehdi and Tricia and they both speak highly of the time they spent together and the valuable lessons learnt and knowledge shared. Tricia and Mehdi remain friends and enjoy the friendship that has developed between them.



SEAAC is seeking volunteer mentors to support disadvantaged learners like Mehdi. Commitment of two hours per week is required and all mentors receive 12 hours of compulsory L2P driver mentor training prior to being matched with a learner.

For more information and to register, please contact Anisa on 9530 4986 at SEAAC

Help Needed - Strathdon

A volunteer is currently needed on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (10am till after lunch) in our Therapeutic Activities Group (TAG), which is located at Mingara, Strathdon. The volunteer will support / assist our two staff who run the program on the day. For more information please contact Simone Cosgriff, Strathdon on 9845 3104.

Please Help Sammy Stamp

Sammy needs your used stamps!

Parking

As you know parking is always at a premium in the Church. We have few spaces and these really need to be kept for those who are using the church daily.

Below is some information from City of Monash regarding the Euneva carpark. This is another alternative which may suit your needs if you are needing to park but will not be at the Church.



FREE NOW available at the Euneva East multi-level car park.

5P 3P

CITY OF MONASH

Euneva East multi-level car park

Council has extended the time limits so people can enjoy more of what Glen Waverley has to offer.

Next time you're in the area, give the car park a try.

For more info, visit www.monash.vic.gov.au/euneva.carpark or call 9518 3555.

#LoveMakesAWay is a movement of Christians seeking an end to Australia's inhumane asylum seeker policies through prayer and nonviolent love in action.

Age Greenwood, is coming to share his personal experience of this movement and why he chose to act. 7pm Service; 9 November.



Children's Christmas Photos



Help your children or grandchildren to remember the real reason we celebrate Christmas – the birth of baby Jesus.

Come along to The Hub at the Glen Waverley Uniting Church on Monday 1st December, Tuesday 2nd December or Wednesday 3rd December between 10am and 12noon, and let your children or grandchildren dress up, be a part of the Christmas story, and have their photo taken for free. Dress ups will be available to use for Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise men or angels.

Photos taken on this day will be available for collection on Thursday December 11th between 10am and 12noon.

Untangling THE STORY

THURSDAY 27 & FRIDAY 28
NOVEMBER, 4-6PM, \$10

GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH.
CNR. BOGONG AVE & KINGSWAY,
GLEN WAVERLEY 3150

REGISTRATION AT:
GWUC.ORG.AU



CHILDREN WILL EXPLORE
THE TRUE MEANING OF
CHRISTMAS THROUGH
UNTANGLING THE STORY AND
MYTH BUSTING IN GAMES,
MUSIC AND CRAFT!

GRADES 2 - 6 WITH A YOUNGER
PROGRAM AVAILABLE

PARENTS ARE FREE TO STAY WITH
THEIR CHILDREN, STAY FOR A CUPPA
AND AFTERNOON TEA OR LEAVE THEM
AND HAVE 2 HOURS TO DO SOME
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!

The Christian Church in the World

I quote from the Bible: Hebrews 11:32 - 12:2 ...

“Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”

North and South Korea to resume talks

On Saturday 4 October a top-level delegation from North Korea visited South Korea and had lunch with their South Korean counter parts. The visit has been described by experts as ‘unprecedented’. Further talks are being organised for late October or early November. The North Korean regime knows its situation is unsustainable as the trend towards openness is unstoppable.

While seeking to improve conditions in the North, the regime is also escalating repression to restrain citizen anger. The visit provided propaganda for domestic consumption in the North, while also opening the way for talks aimed at getting South Korean sanctions eased. Whilst the obstacles appear insurmountable, the Lord is King and is in control. Please pray that he will break through, bind the ‘strong man’, transform North Korea and sustain its Church.

Troubles stir in South-east Asia

Two rulings in Malaysia have serious implications for the Church. In June 2014 the Supreme Court dismissed the Christians’ appeal against the ban on Christians using the word ‘Allah’ (the Malaysian word for God). This ruling effectively makes all Malay language Bibles illegal. On 8 October the government confirmed that the head of a Malay-supremacists organisation who called for Malay language Bibles to be burned would not be charged because he was only defending the ‘sanctity of Islam’. This ruling establishes a dangerous precedent of impunity. Please pray for the Church in Malaysia.

In Indonesia, Jokowi (new reformist president of Indonesia) and Ahok (new Christian governor of Jakarta) are facing intensive opposition from the Suharto-era political establishment and from Islamists. Please pray for Indonesia and its Church.

From Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin

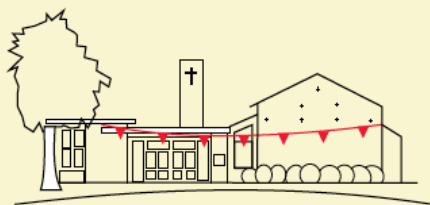
A COMMUNITY EVENT HELD SINCE 1993

HILLTOP MARKET

SATURDAY

15 NOVEMBER 2014

9am - 2pm



CAKES

CRAFT

PLANTS

BOOKS

JEWELLERY

WHITE ELEPHANT

GOURMET FOODS

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

SAUSAGES/BURGERS

JUMPING CASTLE

FRAMES & PAINTINGS



LOTS OF FUN!

**High Street Road Uniting Church
Mount Waverley**

482 High St Road Mt Waverley - Cnr Stewart St
Melway 61 G12



A Letter to the Congregation

November 2014.

Dear Friends,

Recently, members of the ministry team and members of Church Councils from a number of churches (ecumenical) have met at GWUC on successive Wednesday evenings. The evenings began by sharing hospitality as we chatted over a meal prepared by Faye, Ray and Julie for which we are very grateful. The sessions explored 'Fresh Ideas', posing questions such as: "What kind of Community does God call us to be?" and "Which activities help people to discover meaning, purpose and companionship in life?" Just as God has invited each one of us into relationship, may we too through invitation invite others to share in community.

The Congregation meeting on 9th November will give members the opportunity to ratify the 'Organic Vision' which was presented at the last Congregation meeting. Please take time to consider the gifts that God has graciously given you. How will you share these gifts? Each one of us has the opportunity to prayerfully and reflectively consider the four priorities set out in the vision and how our gifts can be offered to support and build these priorities.

On the 25th October a Marriage Seminar was held at GWUC. Thank you to John Hurst for his outstanding presentation which you can find on the Wiki. Thanks also to Lindsay Mann, Nicole Robinson, Aaron Blakemore and Barbara Hurst who facilitated each group so successfully. The participants expressed their viewpoints freely and openly and their comments have been collated by Kaye Morgan and submitted to the UCA National Assembly.

May we all remain hopeful that we will stay open to wherever the Holy Spirit leads.

Blessings,

Helen Stewart (Chair of Church Council)



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 30th November 2014
12pm to 2pm**

The meal will consist of chicken (1/4 for adults an 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 23rd November.

Any queries please call the office on 95603580.

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

Church Family Christmas Lunch

Sunday 30th November 2014 - 12pm to 2.00pm

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
Sunday 23rd November.

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



CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA



Come and join us for this special
Christmas Morning Tea on this our
last day at THE HUB for 2014

**Come with your family and friends
ALL AGES WELCOME**

Where: **THE HUB**
Glen Waverley Uniting Church
Cnr Bogong Avenue & Kingsway
Glen Waverley

When: **Thursday 11th December 2014**

Time: **10 am to 12 noon**

*Donations of small gifts to be given to those
less fortunate at this time of the year are welcome*

Please add your list to the name on the office counter if you are
able to attend. We hope to see you there.

Inclusive Community Report

Prayer Chain: If you have a prayer request and you 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 onto 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.

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

English Classes: These classes continue to go well. Most weeks we have about twelve participants. As you begin to think about your commitments for 2015 we would love to hear from you if this is an activity that interests you. Our students are very enthusiastic and interacting with them is worthwhile and rewarding. (Heather or Jan).

Light Lunch: We will have a light lunch after the 11am service on Sunday 9 November. This is before a congregational meeting at 1.30pm on that day so come and have lunch with us before the meeting.

Medical Forms: Thanks to those who have filled out 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 10 November at 3pm in the Outer Vestry.

December Issue of NewView

As we recall the start of Jesus' life and its effect on our own lives, our theme for this Christmas issue will be 'Beginnings'. Have you a story about how an event / an idea / a book / a comment / or an experience in your life prompted you to begin something? Did it cause a change of direction, or begin a lifelong interest or practice, or was it something of only brief duration, but nevertheless important?

Start thinking about your contributions of stories, anecdotes, poems, photos, reports etc for the December issue of *NewView*, whether connected to the theme or not! Submit your contributions of up to 1000 words to the Church Office, or email to popesr@aapt.net.au.

Closing date for submissions is Monday December 8.

Any queries? Ring Robin Pope 9561 7021.



All Leisure Time Volunteers are invited to share in the Christmas Morning Tea and Entertainment

at 10.15am

on Monday 8 December

in the Church Hall.

The Leisure Time Committee sincerely hopes to see you at this special time with the guests.

You are also invited to our brief Christmas service on the same day at 1.30pm in the Church.



COMMUNITY HUB

Coee: We look forward to our time at Coee each week and are pleased that one of our members, who has been absent for a while, has returned. We continue to support, share and enjoy each other's company each Friday, having lunch together and playing Scrabble. New people are always welcome to join us.

The Hub: People of all ages from GWUC or from the community are welcome to drop in at The Hub. If you are passing by, stop for a while and say "hello" to our volunteers and visitors. We would love to see you.

Over the past few months The Hub has been a busy place. The people who come to practise their English in general conversation are most appreciative of the way that The Hub Volunteers spend time talking with them. Some are regular visitors coming once or twice each week. Many now feel at home at GWUC, not only making their own cup of tea, but also offering to make one for The Hub Volunteers!

We now have some small Gospel of John books available to give visitors, and some of them have been received with great enthusiasm. They are in English and Chinese.

Our Special Morning Teas continue to attract people from the community. The Christmas Morning Tea at The Hub is on Thursday 11th December, 10am - 12noon (see notice elsewhere in bulletin).

Children are invited to come to The Hub with their parents or grandparents, on Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd December between 10am and 12noon, and have their photographs taken dressed in nativity costumes (see notice elsewhere in bulletin).

The last day of The Hub for 2014 is Thursday 11th December. We will resume on Tuesday 10 February 2015.

Thank you very much to the many Volunteers who have helped with our special morning teas or in other ways during 2014.

If you would like to join this enthusiastic group in 2015, please contact Judith on 9803 8373. Judith Greenwood - Co-ordinator

Leisure Time: Leisure Time, which meets every Monday morning, brings together people who are lonely, so that they may interact with others and make friends.

We have welcomed several new guests in the past months - Elsie, Eva, Helga, Marie, Georgina and Robyn. All of these ladies are enjoying their time with us and have settled in well.

Sadly, three Leisure Time guests, Joan Carver, Peter Thorpe and Thelma McEachern, passed away recently. Our sympathies are with their families.

We were delighted to receive a Monash Council Community grant of \$2550 for the 2014-15 financial year. It will greatly assist our outings program, and help with Christmas party expenses. Thanks to Cliff Baker who wrote the submission.

Our outings program remains a highlight, with excellent attendance. In June the guests were taken to Lynbrook Hotel for lunch, in August to Pinewood Theatre, including a basket lunch, and in September to Mornington Racecourse for lunch. These outings were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Once again our outings committee has worked hard to provide a varied and interesting list of accessible places to visit. They would welcome new ideas which should be passed on to Cliff Baker or Pam McDonald.

As Leisure Time draws to a close for 2014 we say thank you to all our Volunteers for their skills, compassion and energy. Our Christmas Breakup is on December 8 and we hope to see you all there.

Pam McDonald (for Margaret Fraser - Co-ordinator)

Playgroup: All four playgroups are progressing very happily. Numbers are large, but thanks to our capable and dedicated leaders, all is going well. The waiting list is growing steadily.

Two recent initiatives have proved very popular. Firstly, many members of the congregation, as well as playgroup members, enjoyed watching a dozen eggs hatch into delightful fluffy chickens. Secondly, the Tuesday group's visit to Chesterfield Children's Farm was very successful; our little ones loved meeting the animals and running around in the open space.

It was great to see so many of our Playgroup families enjoying the recent Church fete, and supporting our Church community where many of them feel very much at home. Kaye Mackinnon - Co-ordinator