

# 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](mailto:meet_god@anytime.with.us)*

#### SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - April 2015

Time	April 5 Easter Day	April 12 Easter 2	April 19 Easter 3	April 26 Easter 4
8.00 am		Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Julie Hall Ross Mackinnon Communion
9.15 am	10am Combined Service	Rev Neil Peters Alanee Hearnshaw	Rev Neil Peters Worship Team	Alanee Hearnshaw
11.00 am	Ministry Team Communion	Rev Neil Peters Heather Hon	Rev Neil Peters Julie Hall	Alanee Hearnshaw
4.30 pm		School Holidays	Children & Families	Children & Families
7.00 pm		Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw
Lectionary	Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48	Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18
Liturgical Colour	White	White	White	White

Holy Week Monday - 7.30pm - Julie Hall  
 Holy Week Tuesday - 7.30pm - Lois & Andrew Hosking  
 Holy Week Wednesday - 7.30pm - Chris Owen  
 Maundy Thursday - 8pm - Rev Neil Peters & Julie Hall  
 Good Friday Service - 9.15am - Ministry Team

#### MARCH

8 March	<i>All services 12noon</i>
10 March	<i>7.45pm</i>
15 March	<i>12.30pm</i>
16 March	<i>5pm</i>
19-24 March	<i>All day</i>
22 March	<i>12noon</i>
26 March	<i>10am</i>
28 March	<i>9.30am</i>
29 March	<i>12noon 2.30pm</i>

#### APRIL

3 April	<i>9.15am 11am</i>	Good Friday Service Way of the Cross
5 April	<i>11am</i>	Easter Sunday Service
13 April	<i>2.30pm</i>	Leisure Time AGM

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8 March	Material Aid Offering - Wesley Mission Light Lunch
10 March	Congregational Meeting
15 March	Munch with a Bunch Lunch
16 March	NewView Contributions Due
19-24 March	Getaways at Inverloch
22 March	Outreach Luncheon
26 March	Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea at The Hub
28 March	Safe Church Training
29 March	Club 2015 Senior Service





## Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea at THE HUB

We would like to invite you,  
your family, friends & neighbours to

**JOIN US**

for hot cross buns, tea or coffee



to help raise funds for  
**THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**



**Where :** Glen Waverley Uniting Church  
cnr Bogong Ave & Kingsway

**When :** Thursday 26th March 2015

**Time :** 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

To assist in planning, please add your name to the list on the office counter if you are coming. Thanks!



# Safe Church Training

**Glen Waverley Uniting Church**

**Saturday 28 March 2015**

**9.30am – 1.30pm**

The Uniting Church affirms that all people are made in the image of God.

The Uniting Church commits itself to the care, protection and safety of all people with whom it comes in contact.

As a community of faith, we are committed to providing a safe environment for both children and adults to encounter God, to develop relationships as part of a community and to grow in faith.

## Who should attend a Safe Church Workshop?

- ❖ Anyone who is involved in ministry with young people (0-18 years old)
- ❖ People in leadership and pastoral roles within the congregation, such as Elders, Church Council members and Ministers.
- ❖ Anyone interested in learning more about practical ways of making our churches safe places.



Participation in Safe Church Training is a requirement for Safe Church Recognition.

Each participant will receive a comprehensive manual. Topics covered in the workshop will include:

- ❖ Safe Church foundations
- ❖ Protecting vulnerable people
- ❖ Child Protection
- ❖ Duty of care and accountability
- ❖ Understanding and responding to abuse
- ❖ Protective behaviours
- ❖ Safe leadership
- ❖ Safe programs and environments
- ❖ Uniting Church Policy and procedures

**Safe Church Workshops are offered across the Synod  
without cost to church members.**

To register for this Workshop go to:

<https://ucavt.goregister.com.au/safechurchtraining2015/registration/glenwaverley/>

For further information please contact the Safe Church Educator Josh Woollett.

Phone: (03) 9340 8810 or email: [safechurchtraining@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:safechurchtraining@victas.uca.org.au)



# Weekends away with "The GETAWAYS"

"The Getaways" are members of our church family who enjoy spending a few days away a couple of times a year - camping, caravanning or cabining. The destinations are only a short distance from Glen Waverley.

The weekends are an opportunity to relax and chat and get to know our fellow campers better. Some bring craft to do, others may do a crossword or go for a walk. An afternoon 'nap' is a common pastime! We come together for a shared meal on the Saturday evening. There are no other organised activities, but there is always plenty to do.

**ALL ARE WELCOME - Come for a whole weekend or join us for a day!**

More details:

Joanne Boldiston 9561 7818 | 0438 413 964 | [j.boldiston@bigpond.com](mailto:j.boldiston@bigpond.com)  
or Margaret Lemke 9560 8710

## **2015 AUTUMN GETAWAY - INVERLOCH**

19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015  
Big4 Inverloch Holiday Park  
2 Cuttriss Street, Inverloch  
Ph: 1800 468 375

## **2015 SPRING GETAWAY - DAYLESFORD**

22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015  
Daylesford Victoria Caravan Park  
Ph: 5348 3821

Please make your own bookings with the caravan parks and let Joanne or Margaret know if you are coming (even if it is just for a day) so that you can be contacted with extra details about each weekend.

**We would LOVE you to join us!  
Happy Camping!**

## **Introducing Julie Hall - Candidate doing Field Education with us.**

Hello everyone! I am delighted to be commencing my first field placement at Glen Waverley in mid March.

As a member of St Michael's Uniting Church, I have had the opportunity to lead a range of programs, and so I am very interested to learn about the various activities at Glen Waverley.

Professionally, my background is in child and family health and welfare, and I also have an active involvement in promoting interfaith dialogue and understanding. Beyond work and study, I have a passion for poetry and wisdom stories and I love to travel. I especially enjoy riding Ferris wheels and look out for them whenever I visit new cities!

This year, I commenced full time candidacy for Minister of the Word at the newly established Pilgrim Theological College of the Uniting Church. I am very much looking forward to meeting all of you and joining in the life of the Glen Waverley church community.



## Next NewView Issue

The Easter edition of *NewView* will take **Endings** as its theme. It is a significant theme as we reflect, at Easter, on the death of Jesus and the ending of his mortal life. The most significant ending for us all is the ending of life: of those we love, and of our own lives. But our lives are necessarily full of other endings, which occur with successful completions, abandoned practices or forced changes. Sometimes endings herald a new start; at other times they mark the ending of a long-held project. Whatever the reason, endings require an adjustment to our lives. What kind of endings have occurred in your life? What has been their significance and effect on your life? What gave you strength to cope? What difficulties made it harder? Did you have the benefit of assistance, of warning, of forethought or planning? Was there an ending that turned out unexpectedly to also be a beginning? Start thinking about sharing your contributions of stories, anecdotes, reflections, poems, or challenges on our theme.

Additionally your reports, photos, anecdotes of recent activities are necessary to keep us all informed about the work and life of our large church community, whether related to the theme or not!

Submit your contributions of up to 1000 words to the church office, or email to [popesr@aapt.net.au](mailto:popesr@aapt.net.au) by Monday, March 16. Any queries? Ring Robin Pope on phone 9561 7021.

## Whitehorse Community Chest

Many wanderers are required to assist with collections for Whitehorse Community Chest.

Along with various other forms of fundraising for our Asylum Seeker programs through Lentara, our congregation has benefitted in the past from participation in door knocking for the Community Chest. This fantastic opportunity again presents itself in the month of May 2015. The Glen Waverley Uniting Church Asylum Seekers Committee would be interested in hearing from interested members of the congregation, who would be keen to donate 2 hours of an afternoon in May, to door knock in the Whitehorse area.

A portion of the monies raised from this venture will assist with rent payments made by Lentara for Asylum Seeker housing, provided to those living lawfully in the community.

Please contact Andrew Hosking or Heather Wilkins for further details, and let them know if you can assist by Sunday 15 March.

Andrew Hosking - Convenor 2015 Asylum Seekers Committee.

## Invitation to the Congregation and Volunteers

You are invited to attend the Leisure Time Annual General Meeting. Afternoon tea will be served after the meeting.

Under the Constitution all Church members are eligible to attend and cast a vote so come along and participate. Agenda papers will be available from the Church Office from 31 March to 12 April 2015.

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

### The Annual General Meeting

of the

### Glen Waverley Uniting Church Leisure Time

will be held at the

Glen Waverley Uniting Church

in Room 1 on

**Monday 13 April 2015, at 2.30pm**

The Agenda includes:

- Annual Report
- Audited Annual Accounts
- Reappointment of Auditor
- Guest Speaker: Rebecca Seiber from UnitingCare Life Assist
- Election of Committee Members

Pam McDonald - Secretary

27 February, 2015.



## Way of the Cross - Good Friday - April 3, 2015

All are welcome to come along to the Way of the Cross held at 11am on Good Friday at Central Reserve, Cnr Waverley and Springvale Roads. This is coordinated by the Waverley District Inter-Church Council and members of Glen Waverley Uniting Church are participating again this year.

## Club 2015 - Sunday 29 March

As today, Sunday 1 March, is a Combined 10am Service followed by a special morning tea there will be no Club 2015. There will be no Club 2015 on Sunday 5 April either as it is Easter Sunday.

As replacements for these dates, Club 2015 will be held on Sunday 29 March. Please come along and remember to bring lunch to share.

## Sacred Space

For many of us, the main body of our church is a sacred space that we can use any time when the church is open. However sometimes a less public, more private space would be better. The Church Council have approved a six month trial of using the vestry as a 'Sacred Space' where people can go to quietly reflect on their spiritual life.

The vestry will be furnished and decorated over coming weeks to be conducive to private reflection and meditation. However, the vestry is now available for anyone who would like to use it as a Sacred Space. To be a safe place, Uniting Church rules require that the blinds on the window remain open. If you see anyone in the Sacred Space, please understand that they may wish to be left alone and do not disturb them.

The Sacred Space is:

- a space where people may spend some uninterrupted quiet time.
- a place to be still, and be aware of divine presence.
- a safe place, where one may cry (grieve) or laugh or pray.
- a silent place: a place to breathe and to listen, where the need to be silent is respected by others.
- a sacred place to nurture the soul; to relax; to feel God's love surrounding you; to be happy and thankful.

As Psalm 46:10 says, 'Be still, and know that I am God'.

## A Letter to the Congregation

Dear Friends,

Recently at the 8am service we sang Hymn 474. The opening words were inspiring: 'Here in this place new light is streaming'.

Later in the service there was an invitation to join the group who are going to participate in the Chinese New Year celebrations in the Kingsway. This is an exciting invitation to become involved in new ways based on one of the priorities outlined in our Organic Vision. To see this new step unfold shows both imagination and courage. It is far easier to remain with the known, the tried, the tested, the safe. However, as we are spiritually refreshed, we are challenged to move beyond the known.

The passage in Jeremiah 29:11-13 assures us that the Lord has plans for us:

'For I know the plans I have for you' declares the Lord, ...

'Plans to give you hope and a future ...

You will seek me and find me when you seek with all your heart'.

As the next steps in implementing the Vision unfold may each one of us be prepared spiritually to take up the challenge.

Helen Stewart - Chair of Church Council

## Outreach Missional Group

In November last year the Outreach Missional Group reluctantly accepted the resignation of four of its members; Andrew Hosking, Kaye Mackinnon, Lyn McDonald, and Faye McDougall. The continuing members would like to acknowledge the significant contribution that each of the four has made to the work of the Outreach Missional Group over many years. We have written to each person to offer our personal thanks.

Rev Neil Peters is now acting Convenor of the Outreach Missional Group. The other 8 members of the group are committed to getting on with the work that has been a part of Outreach. We are planning forums, establishing this year's COP Committee, and developing new initiatives.

The Outreach Missional Group would like to extend an invitation to members of the congregation to come and join our hard working Group. We would value the contribution of new members, hearing their ideas and having the opportunity to work together and support the Outreach work of our congregation. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 7.45 pm in room 4. For further information please talk with Neil Peters or Judy Lowe.

Neil Peters (acting convenor)

## Material Aid Offering for Wesley Mission

Glen Waverley Uniting Church Outreach Group is introducing a 'material aid offering' to our worship services on the second Sunday of each month. The first one on Sunday March 8 will be in aid of Wesley Mission Victoria Homelessness and Support Services (WHSS) in Ringwood.

WHSS supports almost five thousand homeless, disadvantaged, marginalised, or otherwise vulnerable families and individuals in crisis each year, regardless of age, race, religion or gender, to improve their life outcomes. WHSS does this largely by emergency relief and material aid, particularly food to people in crisis, through distribution at the WHSS Centre in Ringwood.

Could those people wishing to donate items please place them in the basket which will be brought forward and dedicated with the regular monetary offering during the service. If unable to attend the service, please place them in the collection box in the foyer during the week preceding March 8. Thank you.

The following is a list of the kinds of things WHSS will have use for. All non-perishable donations are welcome, in particular:

- Breakfast cereal, long life milk, biscuits, coffee, tea, Milo
- Spreads (vegemite, peanut butter, jam, etc)
- Rice, pasta, instant noodles
- Tomato puree for spaghetti sauce
- Ready-made meals in cans
- Tinned tomatoes, tinned fish, tinned vegetables
- Toiletries including toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, deodorant and toilet paper.

Please note: It is actually more useful to those in need to receive smaller jars or cans rather than large or 'economy size' items.

Peter Stewart ([ptr.stwrt@gmail.com](mailto:ptr.stwrt@gmail.com))

## Asylum Seeker Honey Programme

On behalf of Glen Waverley Uniting Church I was pleased recently to receive the following correspondence from Lentara with regard to monies that we have sent.

*"On behalf of Lentara UnitingCare, I would like to thank you and the Glen Waverley Uniting Church for donating a cheque for \$1,000. Your generous donation will make a positive difference in the lives of people seeking asylum we support.*

*The asylum seeker community is arguably one of the most disadvantaged groups within Australia. Many of our clients have travelled great distances and lived with acute uncertainty for long periods of time. Some have fled war-ravaged regions and witnessed or experienced inhumane treatment.*

*I appreciate the Glen Waverley Uniting Church taking the time and effort in raising funds through the sale of honey. We are fortunate enough to have friends like you to help us deliver on our Mission of creating opportunities for children, families and individuals to flourish in a fair and generous community."*

This \$1,000 amount was gratefully received. It is regrettable that all future honey sales at the church will now include an approximate 10% increase in price. This is as a result of the following correspondence received from our supplier Archibalds Honey.

*"Please be advised that there will be another price rise for honey effective 8/12/2014. Honey stocks are very low and honey production is extremely bad again this season, making three bad seasons in a row. This is very unusual and upsetting for us, we were expecting good flows this season but it won't be.*

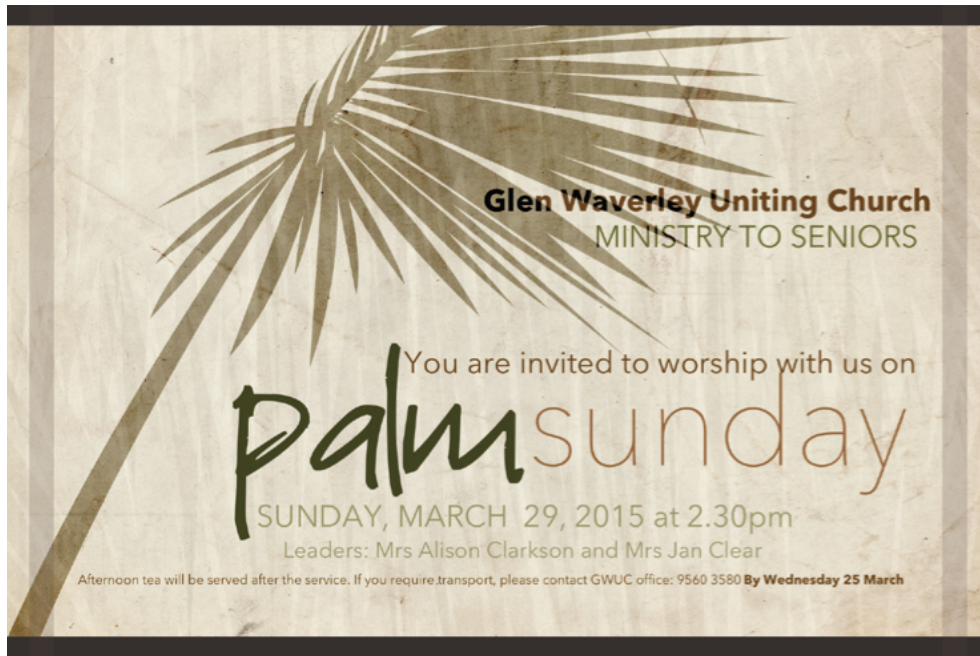
*Loyal customers like yourselves would be aware that this is not the way we normally operate."*

Return of jars is always much appreciated. Thank you so much.

Heather Wilkins.

## With Love to the World

The next issue of With Love to the World is available in the letter rack. If you have not renewed your subscription, and wish to do so, please let the office know as soon as possible. If you have not used this resource before you might wish to give it a try. It is a very helpful tool for daily bible reading and very reasonable at a cost of \$18 per year.



### Seniors Service

Everyone is welcome to come and join with us for the Senior Service on Palm Sunday - 29 March - at 2.30pm.

Afternoon tea will be served following the worship service.

If you need assistance with transport please contact the church office on 9560 3580 by Wednesday 25 March.

### Congregational Meeting

Please mark in your diaries our next Congregation Meeting on Tuesday 10 March, starting at 7.45pm (aiming to avoid a late night). The agenda can be found on the wiki, with printed copies available from Heather in the Office or from the Steward's table the Sunday before the meeting.

### Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea at The Hub

Staff from The Body Shop at The Glen will be joining us for this special morning tea on Tuesday 26 March, 10am to 12noon. Come and enjoy a cuppa and a hot cross bun. Bring your family and friends. All ages welcome. All donations will go to The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

Judith Greenwood - The Hub

### Pancake Day

I would like to thank all helpers for a great team effort on Tuesday. You worked so hard. The weather was perfect and it was good to have members of the wider community supporting us. We raised just over \$300 for Uniting Care.

Jan Clear

### Outreach Luncheon March 22

Our speaker at the March lunch will be Dr Maithri Goonetilleke, founder of Possible Dreams International. This organisation was a recipient of \$2,400 from our fete proceeds through the COP funding. Dr Goonetilleke will speak of the empowerment of people living in a cycle of AIDS and poverty in Tanzania. They are aiming to use the funds towards a two bedroom home, 5000l water tank and assistance in establishing a vegetable garden and chicken coop for a family affected by AIDS and/or poverty. The total cost will be \$6000. He will show us pictures as he speaks about the work. Put the date in your diary now and reserve a place at the lunch! Contact Rev Neil Peters or Robin Pope.



## **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 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.

### **Pancake Day**

Please see report elsewhere.

### **Combined Service Today**

I would like to thank ladies who cooked for our morning tea today and men who moved furniture. It is great to have this time of fellowship. I hope that you will try to talk to someone you don't know.

### **Munch with a Bunch**

Letters for our first Munch with a Bunch lunch have gone out in the last couple of weeks. It will be held at the RSL on Sunday 15 March at 12.30pm. Please let us know if you didn't receive an invitation. Replies are due on Tuesday 10 March.

### **Light Lunch**

We provided a light lunch after the 11am service on Sunday 8 February. Numbers were smaller but those who attended enjoyed this time together.

### **Meeting**

Our next Inclusive Community meeting will be on Wednesday 11 March at 3pm in Room 4 at the Church. If you have any ideas or suggestions for functions in 2015, please let us know and we may be able to add them to our calendar later in the year.