



# 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 - July 2016							
Time	July 3 Pentecost 7	July 10 Pentecost 8	July 17 Pentecost 9	July 24	July 31	Lectionary	Liturgical Colour
8.00 am	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	10am Combined Service Congregational Meeting	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	Green
9.15 am	Peter Baker Alison Clarkson Communion	Rev Julian Hamilton		Rev Julian Hamilton	Rev Neil Peters		
11.00 am	Alison Clarkson	Rev Julian Hamilton Rev Neil Peters	Children & Families	Rev Julian Hamilton Rev Neil Peters	Children & Families		
2.30 pm	-	Senior Service Alison Clarkson		-	-		
4.30 pm	Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families		
7.00 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw	Rev Julian Hamilton	Rev Julian Hamilton	Rev Julian Hamilton	Alt Worship		
	2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37	Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42	Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85 Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19) Luke 11:1-13			
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### JUNE

7 June	2pm
10 June	5pm
12 June	All week
19 June	10am
21 June	1.30pm-5pm
30 June	2pm

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Ivan's Pie Orders Due
NewView Contributions Due
Monthly Material Aid Offering
Combined Anniversary Service
Ivan's Pie Order Collection
Inclusive Community Meeting

### JULY

10 July	2.30pm	Service of Praise
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# CD: A Spirit For All Seasons - Free Spirit



1. Rhythm of Life.
2. Do You Know What it Means to Miss New Orleans?
3. 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord).
4. Joy in the Morning.
5. How Beautiful.
6. Soon and Very Soon.
7. At the Riverside.
8. They Can't Take That Away From Me.
9. Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song).
10. Still, Still, Still (Austrian Carol).
11. O Holy Night.
12. Son of God, Asleep.
13. Were You There On That Christmas Night?
14. And Wherever You Go.

**\$20** All proceeds to church projects

CDs are available for sale from the Church office or Vida on 0411 246 254

## The Christian Church in the World (cont ...)

I never know what will happen next  
on the road you've shaped for me.  
I only know you make demands  
For some it's martyrdom. Suffering.  
For some it's publicity. Or Politics.  
For most of us  
it's just the struggle to keep our balance  
as we walk along the footpath of faith.  
Help me, Lord  
to put one step in front of the other  
as I follow your lead.  
I know you can.  
Because wherever I go, you've already been.  
Lord, help me to find the joy  
that comes with answering your demands.  
Help me to live the freedom  
that comes from walking in your Love.  
Help me to know the peace  
of your Spirit.

## Monthly Material (Fabric) Aid Offering

This month's Material Aid Offering is a project that has come to the attention of our fortnightly Uthies Children's program for children in grades 4, 5 and 6.

Beekeeping is a Melbourne social business, hatched between a brother Koky & his sister Sophia. After the loss of Sophia to cervical cancer, Koky had been given instructions to continue the charity they founded, to fight for children's rights and to bring quality education to the doorsteps of children in rural Cambodia.

One of the many things they do is make and sell backpacks that fund English programs in rural Cambodian schools, giving each child a rich future of quality education.

How can we help? For this month's Material Aid offering we are asking for you to donate fabric. The fabric donated will then be up cycled into bags and other products contributing to education programs in rural Cambodia. For more information and the full story please go to:

<http://beekeeperparade.com>

Thank you - Uthies.

## The Christian Church in the World

### Storm Clouds Gather Over Libya

It appears likely that Libya's newly formed UN-backed Government of National Accord (GNA) will invite Western powers to launch an anti-IS military intervention in Libya. However, the GNA is rejected by both the Islamist government in Tripoli and the anti-Islamist government in Tobruk. Meanwhile, Libya's Islamic jihadists have united with the aim of capturing the oil fields and launching jihad into Egypt and across North Africa, as well as into Italy and across Europe - hence the likelihood that Libya will soon be aflame. The threat to the remnant Libyan Church is extreme. If the jihadists succeed, the threat will spread explosively. Egypt's indigenous Christian Copts also would be gravely imperilled, as would the vulnerable, largely Berber Church in Tunisia and Algeria. Please pray for God to intervene in Libya.

### Blasphemy Law in Pakistan used to Attack Christians

On 19 April Imran Masih (28), an illiterate Christian janitor living in Chak 44 in Punjab's Mandi Bahauddin District, was accused of blasphemy. Though Imran has fled, the Muslims of Chak 44 are demanding that the Christians deliver him up so they can burn him alive. Otherwise, the Christians must convert to Islam or leave the village. The local mosques have organised a boycott of the village's 45 Christian families, leaving them without food, water or work. Convinced the blasphemy accusation is false, the police have refused to register a case against Imran. On 6 May they prevented an organised mob from burning down Christians' homes. Tensions are soaring; the situation is volatile. Please pray for Imran. Pray for Pakistan and may its Christians know liberty, security and justice.

### *From Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin*

May I share a few thoughts, in poem, on Hebrews 12. The words are from Eddie Askew (Leprosy Mission Inc).

Lord, they're not easy,  
the demands you make.  
You come into my life  
bringing joy and freedom and peace.  
It feels good.  
But along with that  
you ask for commitment.  
For Loyalty. Discipline.  
For my time and energy.  
My abilities, to be used in your Work.  
I'm no longer by own, but yours.

## A Letter to the Congregation

Dear Friends,

Over the coming months Church Councillors are undertaking six studies titled 'Leaders in God's Mission'. The Study guide has been created by Rev Dr Robert Bos and the purpose of these studies is to help Church Councillors focus on the essentials in exercising leadership in God's mission. Robert Bos believes that if we focus on what is central to the purpose of the church we will find ourselves 'caught up in God's life-transforming mission to God's creation'. Through the process we discover ourselves renewed in faith and hope. Church Councillors will take quiet time between each meeting to read, pray, reflect and discuss the studies.

Recently Alanee and I attended the Uniting Womens Conference in Adelaide. The focus was on sharing stories of hope. Dr Liz Boase presented a reflection on Exodus 1:8-22 which centred on the idea that in choosing hope over fear and oppression we choose to foster life. The women who presented their stories spoke of how throughout their lives they were confronted with situations that demanded a complete trust in the Holy Spirit. They had the choice to be shattered or they could choose to respond with courage, determination and wisdom. What they shared was an understanding that if we truly believe that we are on a faith journey with Christ then we can be assured that we are not travelling alone.

May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Helen Stewart - Chair of Church Council.

## UCA Share Winter Appeal

After struggling to find work when she lost her job due to injury, Lisa watched her hard-earned savings slip away. The last of the food in the house for her two children, Brianna and Josh, was dry biscuits.

They are just one of many families who face the prospect of hunger and homelessness, simply because they have fallen on hard times. Read more of their story in the Share Appeal brochure on the Stewards Table.

To donate, pick up an appeal brochure, call 1800 668 426 or visit [shareappeal.org.au](http://shareappeal.org.au).

## **Inclusive Community Report**

**Prayer Support Group:** If you have a prayer request and you don't want it placed in the prayer book, we do have a prayer support group. All requests for prayer are kept confidential and are only passed onto group members. We don't need to know why you are requesting prayer, just a name is fine. If you need more information, contact Heather or Wendy in the office, during office hours, or Beverly on 0417 359 779.

**The Church Anniversary:** We are looking forward to the Anniversary celebrations on 19 June. It is hard to believe that it is 39 years since the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches joined together to form the Uniting Church. We will celebrate this special occasion with a combined service and lunch. Catering arrangements are in the weekly bulletin. Put the date in your diary and come and celebrate with us.

**Special Occasions:** Our last light lunch was held on Sunday 15 May after the 11am service. We had a small attendance but the group enjoyed the fellowship and food. On 22 May the children who attend our 9.15 program made a special morning tea. Members of the congregation enjoyed the food that they had prepared and it was a lovely way to feed our visitors from other churches. The visitors participated in the 11am service, reading prayers and lighting candles.

**English Classes** are going well, thanks to our willing volunteers (Thursdays at 11.15am in Room 4). Lynn and I enjoyed the English class Bible Study this week. We talked about the Good Samaritan. Although our numbers were small, we enjoyed the discussion. We will have another Bible Study next term.

**Newcomers' Kits:** We are in the process of preparing newcomers' kits - one for people on the day that they come for the first time and one for two or three months later. If you have any suggestions, please talk to Heather or Wendy and they will pass your ideas on to me.

**Medical Forms:** Thanks to the first fifty people who returned their medical forms so quickly. We are ready to send out another batch of letters and are discussing how the sealed envelopes that have been returned will be stored so that they are readily available when needed.

**Our next meeting** will be on Thursday 30 June at 2 pm. If you have suggestions for activities, please let us know.

Jan Clear

## **Service of Praise - Sunday 10 July at 2.30pm**

Organised by Ministry to Seniors. All are welcome. Free Spirit will lead singing. Afternoon tea will be held after the service.

## **Thank you - Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at The Hub**

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our special morning tea at The Hub. Donations of \$640.75 were received and sent to the Cancer Council Victoria. Special thanks to Muddings Kingsway Bakery, Staff from The Body Shop at The Glen and the many Hub Volunteers who cooked our delicious morning tea and helped on the day.

## **New Email Address for Neil Peters**

Church members are advised that Neil Peters has a new email address and you are asked to make this change in your computer. Please now use [revneilpeters@gmail.com](mailto:revneilpeters@gmail.com) - Thank you.

## **Entertainment Books**

We are again selling Entertainment Books to fundraise for our Youth and Young Adults programs. (It pays for extras like bus hire for SYG and helping to get us to NCYC).

Thank you so much to those who have already purchased a book and for everyone's ongoing support. You can order an entertainment book at:

[www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/189g572](http://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/189g572)

or you can get books from the Church Office. If you have ordered a book, please come in and collect it from the Church Office.

Thank you - Alanee.