



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 - August 2016

Time	August 7 Pentecost 12	August 14 Pentecost 13	August 21 Pentecost 14	August 28 Pentecost 15
8.00 am	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Rev Neil Peters Communion
9.15 am	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters	Alanee Hearnshaw
11.00 am	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Alanee Hearnshaw
4.30 pm	Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families
7.00 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw
Lectionary	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17	Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	Green	Green

JULY

3 July	12 noon	Club 2016 Luncheon
6 July	9am	Rev Neil Peters returns from leave
10 July	2.30 pm	Service of Praise
10 July	All week	Monthly material aid offering
11 July	9am	Alison Clarkson on leave
17 July	10am	Combined Service & Meeting of the Congregation

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST

17 August	10am-12noon	Hub Cupcake Morning Tea for RSPCA
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CUP CAKE DAY for the RSPCA *SPECIAL MORNING TEA*

at **THE HUB** Glen Waverley Uniting Church
cnr Bogong Ave & Kingsway
on **Wednesday 17th August** from **10am - 12pm**

All donations support the work of the



ALL WELCOME

*Please add your name to the list on the Office
Counter if you are planning to attend. Thank you*



The Christian Church in the World

Legislation will further Islamise Nigeria

One year after the official swearing in of President Muhammadu Buhari the government is considering two bills that, if passed, will further Islamise Nigeria. A bill to establish grazing reserves for the Fulani in every state would facilitate Muslim Fulani expansion deep into the Christian south. This is despite knowing the Fulani have been infiltrated by Boko Haram which uses the Fulani as a means to Islamic expansion. A bill proposing to amend the Nigerian constitution to expand the scope and jurisdiction of Nigeria's Islamic Sharia courts passed its second reading without debate on 19 May with apathetic and corrupted Christian lawmakers waving it through. Christian and Muslim students have protested in Abuja against the government's move to divide and Islamise Nigeria. Please pray for Nigeria and her Church.

Church seizures in Turkey reflect Ottoman policy

Turkey has escalated its military campaign against the Kurds and its covert campaign against its remnant Greek, Armenian and Assyrian Christian communities. Few churches seized during the Genocide of 1915-1923 were ever returned and in March 2016 the government seized six churches in Diyarbakir, south-eastern Turkey. They include a 1700-year-old Assyrian Orthodox Church, Armenian and Assyrian Catholic Churches, the Diyarbakir Protestant Church and the largest Armenian church in the Middle east: the magnificent, recently renovated and highly significant Surp Giragos Armenian Apostolic Church. Calls to open Istanbul's magnificent Hagia Sophia (Church of Holy Wisdom) as a mosque grow louder by the day. Deprivations and state-sponsored cultural destruction are fuelling Christian migration. Concern for the future of Christianity in Turkey is valid. Please pray for Turkey and its Church.

From Religious Prayer Bulletin

"We believe in a God who comes to the fearful people,
Across the waters of life which threaten to swamp us,
And whose company is love beyond our understanding."

"Give us Your Presence on the road
Your Peace in our hearts,
Your Passion in our souls,
And your Love - so that we may share it, every day."

From Frontier Services Order of Service

Eco Task Group

Church Council is seeking environmentally minded people to join an Eco task group with the aim of GWUC achieving certification under the 5 Leaf Eco-awards program (<https://fiveleafecoawards.org/>). If you want to help make the church greener (though it is already pretty green) and have our achievements in this area recognised, please contact either Amy Spark Eichenbaum (spark.amy.j@gmail.com) or Aaron Blakemore (aaronjblakemore@gmail.com).

The task group will be made up of people from the congregation, property committee and the communications committee as well as church council. Council anticipate this being a six month project and a significant part of the task group's work will involve connecting with the wider Kingsway community. We are hoping to have our first meeting by the end of July.

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.

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.

Meeting of the Congregation - Sunday 17 July, 2016

There will be a meeting of the Congregation at 11:30am on Sunday July 17 following a special Combined Worship Service at 10am.

The agenda will include a presentation and recommendations concerning Congregational Outreach Projects for this year. It will also include an update from the ministerial team on what they are focusing on over the next six months. The agenda will also include several items concerning how we operate. A detailed agenda will be available soon. Please attend if you can.

Following the meeting there will be a sausage and salad lunch (cost \$5). To assist with catering, please add your name to the list on the office counter if you plan to attend.

Enquiries: John Snare 0448 998 775 or john.snare@bigpond.com
Chair of Meetings of the Congregation

A Letter to the Congregation

Dear Friends,

At the Anniversary Service Neil spoke of change. Church Council has been considering what this actually means in the Church in the twenty-first century. We know it means being missional and going out to be among and with people. No doubt it will involve uncertainty as a Council we promise to courageously face up to the challenges Christ places before us.

In response to the overwhelming support of the Congregation at the March Congregation Meeting, Church Council has offered Alanee an ongoing position for up to five years. As we all know Alanee is a person with the highest integrity and is able to effectively minister to all ages. Glen Waverley Uniting has been richly blessed to continue to have a person of Alanee's calibre as a member of our ministry team.

By continually being shaped and reformed by God's Holy Spirit there is the reassurance that God's grace and renewal will be present in our Congregation. Our prayer we long for: "Your Kingdom come. Your will be done."

Helen Stewart - Chair of Church Council

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: Celebrations were held on 19 June. Thank you to everyone for providing such a wonderful variety of food for lunch and attending the service and lunch. It was great to have so many people worshipping together on a special occasion.

Combined Service, Congregational Meeting and Lunch: This will be held on Sunday 17 July at 10am. Lunch will be provided for a small charge of \$5 a head.

Munch with a Bunch: You should have received your program for the rest of the year and an envelope for our next lunch on Sunday 24 July. Please let me know if you haven't received this letter. Money for the lunch needs to be in by 17 July.

English Classes are going well, thanks to our willing volunteers (Thursdays at 11.15am in Room 4). Our last session for Term 2 was held on Thursday 23 June and we had 14 participants which was great. If you would like to volunteer to be a class helper in Term 3, please ring Heather or Wendy in the Office, and leave your contact details. I will get back to you.

Medical Forms: We are distributing the second batch of medical forms this week. Please return them as quickly as you can. Thanks to the first fifty people who returned their medical forms so quickly. We 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 towards the end of July - please watch the bulletin for details. If you have suggestions for activities, please let us know.

Jan Clear

Service of Praise - Sunday 10 July at 2.30pm

Hymns Through The Ages

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

July Material Aid Offering - Toys for Timor

In August this year Judy and Murray Lowe will once again be travelling to Baguia, Timor-Leste, to visit many of the people we have come to know on our previous trips. We will also take the opportunity to see how the projects the GWUC community has supported in the past are contributing to the life of the community. On our return we plan to share this with the congregation.

During our stay we will visit both the Baguia and Aflocai kindergartens. Kindergartens enable children from rural homes, where parents are often illiterate, to make a much more successful transition into the Primary Schooling system. They also increase the likelihood that children will be motivated to learn and will complete their Primary level education. In rural areas, such as Baguia, one in five children do not finish Primary school.

The Baguia and Aflocai kindergartens are poorly resourced with very little in the way of toys or educational aids for the children. The local community has asked us to assist with the provision of suitable toys/aids for their kindergartens. So we are asking the congregation for donations of **small** second hand (or new!) toys/educational aids for the kindergartens. Blocks such as Duplo (the large version of Lego) and other small toys would be terrific. Books are not useful because the kindergarten children do not understand English.

Donations can be left in the labelled basket near the church library or brought along to church services on July 10, to be brought forward by Stewards with the offering.

On behalf of the children of Timor-Leste, "obrigado"!

For further information, please contact Judy on 0407 501 855.