



# Glen Waverley

## Uniting Church

### SUNDAY PREACHING PLAN - November 2016

Time	November 6 Pentecost 25	November 13 Pentecost 26	November 20 Christ the King	November 27 Advent 1
8.00 am	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	Ross Mackinnon Communion	10am Combined Service Ministry Team
9.15 am	Rev Neil Peters Communion	Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters	
11.00 am	Susan Karoly Rev Neil Peters	Alison Clarkson Rev Neil Peters	Rev Neil Peters Communion	
4.30 pm	Children & Families	Children & Families	Children & Families	
7.00 pm	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	Alanee Hearnshaw	
Lectionary	Haggai 1:15b - 2:9 Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38	Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 1:68-79 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44
Liturgical Colour	Green	Green	White	Purple

## Welcome

*GWUC is a faithful, Christ-centred community that meets God and shares that unconditional love*

### OCTOBER

OCTOBER		DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
2 October	12noon	Club 2016 Luncheon
9 October	2.30pm	Celebrating Seniors
15 October	8.30am-2pm	Church Fete
16 October	10am	Combined Service
22 October	TBC	Glenallen Working Bee
23 October	12noon	Light Lunch
23 October	1.15pm	Pastoral Partners Workshop
27 October	10am	Seniors Morning Tea at The Hub
27 October	5pm	Operation Christmas Child Collection
30 October	12noon	Outreach BBQ Forum

### NOVEMBER

5 November	7pm	Trivia Night
11 November	7.30pm	Diamond Valley Singers
27 November	10am	Combined Service followed by Lunch
28-30 November	10am-12pm	HUB Children's Christmas Photos





## SENIORS' MORNING TEA

### 老年人早茶

Thursday 27th October 2016

10.00 am to 12.00 noon



Come & share morning tea in honour of  
our seniors who help in our community

**ALL AGES WELCOME**

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**All donations to research into  
Motor Neurone Disease**

**Glen Waverley Uniting Church**

**cnr Bogong Avenue & Kingsway, Glen Waverley**

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

## The Christian Church in the World

### 'Remember those in prison' in Algeria, Iran and Sudan

On 7 August an Algerian judge sentenced Slimane Bouhafs to five years imprisonment for blaspheming in a social media post claiming that the light of Jesus was overcoming the 'lie' of Islam. In Iran, where many Christians are imprisoned, three Azerbaijanis and an Iranian convert were arrested at an engagement party in Tehran on 24 June and 11 believers were arrested in a raid on a house church on 12 August. In Sudan, two Nuba pastors, a Darfuri convert and a Czech film-maker are on trial, accused of tarnishing the government's image with 'false' stories of Christian persecution and Nuba genocide. The charges include waging war against the state and espionage, which carry the death penalty. 'Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them...' (Hebrews 13:3)

### Christians in Pakistan - 'Persecuted, but not forsaken' (2 Cor 4:9)

Early on Friday 2 September four Islamic militants attacked the Warsak Dam Christian Colony with the intention of wiping out the 30-40 Christian families living there. First they shot and killed Samuel Masih as he unlocked the gates at 5.30am. Fortunately someone managed to call the police. They happened to be close by and on high alert, having been informed that terrorists were planning to attack the nearby Warsak Military Cadet College. All four terrorists were killed, though miraculously no other Christians perished, despite one terrorist detonating his explosive vest inside a Christian family's house. May Jesus our Saviour and Shepherd comfort and support Samuel Masih's widow and five children. May Yahweh Sabaoth, the Lord of hosts, command his angels (Psalm 91) to guard and defend Pakistan's vulnerable Christian communities.

*from Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin*

### From 'With Love to the World':

The Reading for the Day was from Lamentations, chapter 3:19-26... "My soul is bowed down within me, But this I call to mind, that the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning, I will hope in him."

And I was touched by the devotional comment on this text: "Despair and Hope hang in the balance. We do not choose the times in which we live; rather, our task is to be faithful in the times we have. That is all that is asked of us. There are but our prayers pitched into the silence, in hopeful defiance, to the same, enduring, faithful, waiting God."

## Victorian Seniors Festival - Celebrating Seniors - Sunday 9 October

You are invited to join us for music and afternoon tea on Sunday 9 October from 2.30pm to 4pm. All welcome. RSVP to the GWUC Office on 9560 3580, or add your name to the list outside the Office.

Alison Clarkson.

## Operation Christmas Child

This year Glen Waverley Uniting Church is again joining in Operation Christmas Child, a Project of Samaritan's Purse, and we invite you to participate.

"Shoebox gifts are for kids in need, regardless of their background or religious belief. Each shoebox is a gift of love that tells a child they are not forgotten."

Each shoebox is filled with a variety of simple gifts and delivered to children in developing countries for Christmas.

Brochures with further information and preprinted shoeboxes (or you can use your own) are now available from the Church Office during office hours.

For gift ideas you can visit: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Please consider participating in this wonderful project with your family. Filled shoeboxes can be dropped off at the Church Office (after the Fete) between Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October. The shoeboxes collected will be delivered to Operation Christmas Child on 28<sup>th</sup> October for delivery to the children for Christmas.

Have fun!

Enquiries: Kimberly Easton 0410 708 824.

## A Letter to the Congregation

Dear Friends,

Recently I received an email from Rohan Wickramaratne saying how important it is for parents to provide their children with a framework built on understanding the ways of Christ. Parents not only need to provide children with material things, but they also need to encourage them to develop inner values, based on Christ's teaching. Rohan mentioned the heartbeat of Christ who acknowledged the widow, the poor, the marginalised, the refugee and the helpless.

The program that Kerry Leister and Belinda Chung run for 'Kats', 'Dogs' and now 'Mice' provides these children with opportunities to develop and understand these values. As a Community we are richly blessed to have such dedicated people involved in creating programs to support children in learning about Christ.

We are invited into a relationship with Christ and as we journey with our Lord we are called to be His faithful people. Marcus Borg asks, in his book 'Embracing An Adult Faith': What does it mean to you to respond wholeheartedly to Jesus' call to 'Follow me'?

Words of assurance: In God we find true freedom.

Helen Stewart - Chair of Church Council

## A West Papuan Three-Course Dinner - Saturday 8 October.

Come and enjoy a West Papuan three-course dinner. There will be entertainment by musicians from the Melanesian community and guest artists. Guest speaker is Dr Robert Wolfram, Melanesian Sociologist and Biblical scholar.

Date: Saturday 8 October, 2016.

Time: 5.45pm - 9pm.

Venue: St Luke's Uniting Church, 94 Essex Road, Mt Waverley.

Cost: \$25.00

All funds raised will advance advocacy for self determination and social justice.

For more information phone Faye (0402 553 147) or David (9807 5297).



# More than **GODSPELL**

## songs of Stephen Schwartz

First the Old ... then the New



with the bad ... and the good

A collection of songs from these shows by Stephen Schwartz  
performed by Diamond Valley Singers with Ian Lowe, keyboard

### Friday Nov 11, 7:30

Glen Waverley Uniting Church, Kingsway Glen Waverley  
\$20 or \$15 (concession) at the door  
includes tea, coffee, biscuits at interval. Park in the multi-level car park nearby  
Enquiries: [president@dvsingers.org](mailto:president@dvsingers.org)

The Diamond Valley Singers are performing at Glen Waverley Uniting Church on Friday 11 November at 7.30 pm. This performance involves a talented cast of about 15 members. The Church Council has decided that our church's half of the proceeds will go to supporting young people going to NCYC in January 2017. This will be a great night to invite family and friends for excellent entertainment. Tickets available at the door.

### 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 on to 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.

**Light Lunch:** We will be providing a light lunch on Sunday 23 October after the 11am service. We hope that you can join us.

**English Classes** are going well, thanks to our willing volunteers (Thursdays at 11.15am in Room 4). It has been exciting to have an attendance of between 11 and 16 (and have to put up an extra table). If you would like to volunteer as an emergency class helper in term 4, please ring Heather or Wendy in the office, and leave your contact details. I will get back to you.

**Pastoral Partners Workshop:** Our next workshop will be held on Sunday 23 October at 1.15pm, following a light lunch. I am delighted to tell you that Rev. Tom Rose has offered to be our guest speaker. If pastoral care is one of your passions or you would just like to hear Tom please put this date in your diary. I will be contacting visitors and pastoral support people before the 23rd.

**Coffee and Cake:** We will have coffee and cake after the combined service on 16 October - the day after the Fete - when we will be exhausted but very pleased with our efforts and the result. Please join us for this celebration.

**Medical Forms:** We are still collecting medical forms. If you have one at home that you have forgotten to return, please fill it out and return it to the office. If you would like to fill out a form now rather than waiting for a letter, there is a copy of the medical form on the WIKI. Some people have said that they would like to carry medical emergency cards in their wallets or purses, instead of filling out forms. If this is what you want to do, please make sure that your card is easily accessible, in your bag or wallet, in case it is needed in an emergency.

**Our next meeting** will be on Thursday 27 October at 1pm in room 4. If you have suggestions for activities, please let us know.

Jan Clear

## Monthly Material Aid Offering

There will not be a Monthly Material Aid offering for the month of October so that the focus can be on the Fete.

## Working Bee at Glenallen School

Our Church has been seeking ways to strengthen our partnership with Glenallen School. This school relies on community support for several working bees during the school year. Parents are not expected to attend as it is too hard for them to leave their child with special needs. Andrew Hosking has agreed to lead a small team to participate in the next school working bee which is to be held on Saturday morning 22nd October and we believe it concludes with lunch provided by the school. At the time of publication times were not yet confirmed. We will provide more details as they become known. Please express your interest in joining the team to Andrew or leave your name at the office. It will be fantastic if our church can get a team together to support the school in this way.

Neil Peters - For Outreach Missional Group

## Craft and Gift Stall for the Fete

Thank you to those people who have been sewing or crafting at home.

We will be wrapping and pricing items for the craft and gift stall for the fete on Monday 3rd October and Monday 10th October from 10am - 12noon in the church hall.

If you have any items to sell on this stall, it would be helpful if you can bring them along at this time, or give them to Lynne Boyer, Laurel Muir or Judith Greenwood, or leave in the church office labelled for craft.

Thank you.

## Church Christmas Lunch - Sunday 27 November

The Annual Church Christmas Lunch will be held on Sunday 27 November from 12noon to 2pm. More details and the opportunity to book will be provided soon, but please keep this date in your diaries now.

## Eco Task Group

Have you heard of the 5-leaf eco-awards programme? It is an ecumenical initiative that encourages churches and their congregations to take practical action to make us better stewards for our environment. (For more information see <https://fiveleafecoawards.org>.) Church council has endorsed an eco-task group comprising Amy Spark Eichenbaum, Aaron Blakemore, David Morgan and John Snare, to explore options to achieve Five Leaf Eco-Award certification. Of course, certification is not an end in itself, but the discipline of the programme has the potential to help us find practical ways, both in our church and private lives, to be better stewards of our precious environment. You will be aware that we have already done a lot as a church to be more eco-friendly. Our water harvesting and reuse followed by our solar electricity installations are examples of what has been done to date. There are others in our Presbytery interested in the 5-leaf eco-awards programme, and together we are looking at options. As a first step, we have recently completed an energy use audit so that we have baseline information against which to measure progress. The audit revealed that last year we generated more electricity than we used. Our solar panels are saving us money and also contributing to easing the pressure on the environment. We are so lucky to be such a resource rich congregation. However, it is important to balance the effort we put into protecting the environment with requirements to resource other aspects of our mission, and eco-initiatives will be proposed mindful of that. Do you want to help? If so contact Amy ([spark.amy.j@gmail.com](mailto:spark.amy.j@gmail.com)).

*Eco Tip: All plastic bags/ plastic that can be crunched up can be recycled at Coles stores and some Woolworths stores where they have plastic bag recycling. So all the plastic bags that food etc. are bought in can be collected and taken back to the supermarket for recycling.*

## Outreach BBQ Forum - 30 October at 12noon

This month we are holding another exciting outreach forum.

August's was a great event and on October the 30th at 12 pm, we bring you David Karoly. David is one of Australia's leading climate and environmental scientists and we are very excited that he is coming to talk to us about his work. Lunch will be provided and the cost is \$5. Please put your name in the list in the foyer with any dietary requirements for catering purposes.

# SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday November 5  
7pm in the Church Hall**

# Trivia Night

**Fundraising for  
Glen Waverley Uniting Church**

## CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES ON TREATY, SOVEREIGNTY AND CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION

AN ECUMENICAL FORUM

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Mr. Stuart McMillan, President, Uniting Church in Australia  
Rev. Ken Sumner, Ngarrindjeri man and Victorian State Director, Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress

### PANEL SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Brooke Prentis,  
a descendant of the Waka Waka people, Salvation Army;  
Vicki Clark, Mutthi Mutthi / Wemba Wemba woman, previous co-ordinator Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Melbourne and Member Interim Treaty working party Victoria;  
Rev. Glen Loughrey, Wiradjuri man, artist and priest-in-charge of St Oswald's Anglican Church in Melbourne; Adam Frogley, Taungerong/Woi-Wurung man from the Yarra Valley region of Victoria. Adam will give a grass roots perspective.

### EMCEE:

Rev. Alistair Macrae, Minister, Wesley Uniting Church  
Come and hear the wisdom and perspectives from indigenous leaders and Church leaders from within our Churches.

Open to anyone to attend – please bring your questions for the Q&A!

**RSVP ESSENTIAL:** <http://bit.ly/VCCtreaty> or by phoning 9251 5266

**WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 7<sup>PM</sup>-9<sup>PM</sup> (6.45<sup>PM</sup> REGISTRATIONS)  
WESLEY UNITING CHURCH, 148 LONSDALE STREET, MELBOURNE**

Hosted by  
 **Victorian**  
Council of Churches

**Social Questions  
Commission**



Uniting Church in Australia  
SYNOD OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

# VICTORIAN SENIORS FESTIVAL

CELEBRATING

SENIORS

SUNDAY 9

OCTOBER

2.30PM TO 4.00PM

You are  
invited to join us  
for music and  
afternoon tea.



GLEN WAVERLEY

UNITING CHURCH

Chr Kingsway & Bogong

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Glen Waverley

ALL WELCOME

RSVP: by Thurs 6 October

Phone: 9560 3580

## Faith-filled friendships essential ingredient for breaking down Islamophobia

*A Pastoral Statement from the Rev Sharon Hollis,  
Moderator of the Uniting Church Synod of Victoria and Tasmania*

As Interfaith September draws to a close, I want to encourage people of all faiths and none to remember there are eleven other months in which we can also celebrate the strengths of interfaith dialogue and relationship.

The need to walk together is imperative as new data from a university research project tracking attitudes to Islam has found that people who do not actually know any Muslims are more convinced that they pose a threat.

This is as unsurprising as it is alarming.

The Uniting Church has a strong commitment to an interfaith community and I would urge all members to make connections with Muslim neighbours and colleagues, and to seek out multi-faith groups so together we can break down this growing fear of 'the other'.

Some members of Federal Parliament and sections of the media are fuelling this fear, by utilising the complexities of our world to make uninformed provocative statements. As Christians we are called to stand with all who experience discrimination and exclusion. We are also called to address this fear and ignorance with knowledge and respect.

We believe that as a nation we are capable of being inclusive and of protecting and supporting those who experience vilification and alienation. We are capable of being wiser and stronger when we open ourselves to the gift of the other.

As people of faith we believe that the vibrant interfaith community is comfortable living and working in a secular environment where people of all faith or none are welcomed. We seek what we know we have in common. We have come to know that there is nothing to fear from diversity. We welcome the stranger to share a place at the table and in this way we become friends.

I encourage all Victorians and Tasmanians to build on these qualities of welcome, hospitality and openness of mind and heart so that together we build a rich, diverse and generous nation.

For further information, please contact Nigel Tapp,  
Communications Manager, 0417 516 362.

# FETE

OCTOBER 15

8:30-2:00



HOW  
CAN YOU  
HELP?

A whole-church activity where everyone can be part of the fun  
PLEASE consider how you might assist

**2 Weeks to go, many ways to help NOW!:**

## 1. SIGN UP to be part of the team

There is a role for everyone:

- **People who are fit, to assist in fetching and assembling tables and booths and collecting donated items to be sold (trailers also needed).** Could you get a day off work to be part of a friendly team? (set up on Thursday and Friday, cleanup on Saturday and final returns on Monday).
- **Everybody to sort and arrange items for sale on the Friday.** This is a mammoth task, and extra help is needed, particularly for the Trash and Treasure and Used Clothing.
- **Staff for the various stalls on Saturday.** Can you spare an hour (or more)?

**Sign-up sheets are on the office counter**

Please sign up today.

## 2. Lend needed equipment

Do you have:

- \*a car tent,
- \*a car trailer
- \*a hand trolley

which we might use on the fete setup days? If so, please speak to Cliff, Murray or Sue.

## 3. Collect and Fill a \$2 Box

Empty boxes are **available today**. Please take one (or more), fill it with goodies and return filled boxes to the specially marked box in the foyer. It will be sold for \$2, with children in particular enjoying selecting their purchase.

Please note that sweets must be wrapped, and not past their use-by dates. **NO NUT PRODUCTS PLEASE.**



## 4. Donate to the Silent Auction **Last chance!**

Any further donations are needed today, please, so that the catalogue can be drawn up ready for fete day.

## 5. Order your Sheep Manure

Order your bags of "Beeac Premium" sheep manure - sign up on the list on the office counter. Bags are \$8 each, and supply is limited. Collect and pay on fete day.

## 6. Prepare items to sell

There are many ways to contribute -

- Your creations including cakes, preserves, craft, plants, cards and jewellery
- Used goods - household items, toys, small pieces of furniture, clothing, and books



### Need More Information?

Murray Lowe 9885 8514  
Sue Morgan 9560 8024  
Cliff Baker 9802 8990