

Wed 18 Jan 2023

GWAC happenings

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Well, it feels like parish activities are starting back with plenty of enthusiasm at the Sunday Services, and the first 10am Wednesday Service of the new year today. PTL!!

THIS COMING SUNDAY, 22 JANUARY



This Sunday we will celebrate the [Chinese New Year](#), the Pastoral Visit of our Regional Bishop Paul Barker who will preach on Psalm 73, receive** people into membership of the Anglican Church and also confirm** people – and as if that wasn't enough – we will have a "Bring and Share Parish Lunch" (details below)! Yes, I'm excited! 😊



BRING AND SHARE PARISH LUNCH TO CELEBRATE THE CHINESE NEW YEAR

All are welcome! For those attending the lunch, please bring enough food for yourself (plus two!) so that we can invite guests on the day. If you have allergies, please bring your own food as we cannot guarantee food free of allergy causing ingredients.



***There are Chinese New Year cards available at the GWAC card stall to give to friends and neighbours. The cards are blank so that you can write your greeting in either Mandarin or English. Confirmation cards are also available.*

** CLARIFYING RECEPTION, CONFIRMATION AND ELECTORAL ROLL

To hold office in an Anglican parish, a person must be a communicant member of the





Anglican church. That can happen in two ways, both involving the laying on of hands by a bishop.

A person can be confirmed by the bishop in the Anglican church if they were baptised as an infant in any denomination which professes the Apostolic Faith where parents and/or godparents made the baptismal promises.

Alternatively, if a person made their own baptismal promises, either at their baptism in a non-Anglican church or in confirmation or equivalent in a non-Anglican church, they are received into the Anglican church by the bishop, standing by the baptismal promises.

Someone who is baptised as an adult in an Anglican church needs to be confirmed by the bishop to be a communicant member where they also stand by their baptismal promises. Any regular church attender who is baptised can be on the electoral roll. Communicant membership is required to be an office-bearer.

TOMORROW! SUMMER UNDER THE SUN (SUTS) CONFERENCE BEGINS



SUTS is the Annual CMS Conference being held at Syndal Baptist Church, Thursday evening, all day Friday and Saturday, 17-21 January (part-time attendance is welcome). “The Road Less Travelled” is about the great adventure for Christians connecting across cultures, and the encouraging journey that we are all called on to Pray, Care, Give and Go for A World That Knows Jesus.

Come and celebrate God’s work throughout the nations, learn more about cross-cultural missions, and connect with like-minded followers of Jesus. Gayelene and I, and other GWAC folk will be attending. See you there or via CMS’ livestream- details at this [LINK](#).





PLAYGROUP 2023 ENROLMENTS OPEN

Playgroup is kicking off in a few weeks' time, so our enrolments are now open for term-1 2023. We would love to see our Playgroups full this year, so if you know someone (friend, family member or neighbor) with children under 5 years of age, then I would like to encourage you to invite them to come along.

Find out more on the website: [LINK](#)

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请报名参加 2023度小组
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YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT, 6-9 FEB



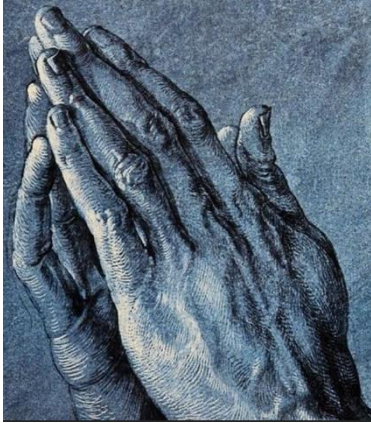
Hey young adults! Join us for 4 days to refresh, connect with others and cultivate your faith. We're looking forward to a retreat full of worship and Bible times, games, and restful hangout spaces to connect with friends. Expect good conversation, lots of laughs and a relaxing time in God's beautiful creation. Bring your friends and get ready for a weekend of fun, learning and encouragement.

See [LINK](#) for more information and to register.

PRAYERS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT (sermon series on Wednesdays)

The 10am Wednesday Service is looking at a new teaching series, 'Prayers of the New Testament'. This week we considered 'Blessings Galore!' in Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.





The inspirational pencil and ink sketch by Albrecht Durer (1471-1528) of his younger brother Albert's hands in prayer, reminded us of the love, sacrifice and generosity of one brother to another.

Read the story at this [LINK](#). This act promoted our reflection on the love, sacrifice and generosity of Christ which propelled the Apostle Paul's outpouring of praise and blessing in Ephesians 1:3-14.

I pray that the reading of the Bible, Christian art and music and the lives of Christians, will continue to inspire our own love, sacrifice and generosity in the outpouring of praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in the living out of that love, sacrifice and generosity.

The sermon series are being livestreamed on Wednesday mornings, 10am, and can also be viewed through our church website (direct link: [HERE](#))

JOIN THE FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER MEETINGS

And remember, the 7-8am FRIDAY PRAYER MEETING continues in Meeting Rooms 1 and 2. Enter via the Eastern, Children's Ministry, entrance.

UPDATE: "PRAISE IN SONG" WILL RESUME IN MARCH (NOT FEB) 2023

For unavoidable reasons, the first Praise in Song for 2023, scheduled to commence in February, will now take place on Wednesday 1st March. 12-1pm with light lunch to follow.

Yours sincerely in Christ's service,

Shalom,

Bishop John Harrower | Locum

*A caring community making,
maturing and mobilizing disciples
of Jesus Christ, locally and globally*

