

Wed 1 Feb 2023

# GWAC happenings

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Dear Friends in Christ,

God is ever weaving the divine mosaic in the ordinariness of our lives. On Monday, Gayelene and I enjoyed brunch at a local eatery. The food duly arrived, and we held hands across the table as I said grace. My 'Amen' was met by a resounding 'Amen' from our waiter! What a special moment! His warm smile affirming his sincere 'Amen'. God is alive and active in and through our lives, even at brunch!

Be encouraged. We are not alone, and it's not only waiters who are watching! There is much happening in the world and in our personal lives. Praise God for precious glimpses of His work in and through us. *May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Cor 13:14)*

**THIS SUNDAY: PRESCHOOL & PRIMARY PARENT MORNING TEA**

## Preschool & Primary Parent Morning Tea

Sunday 5th Feb,  
after the 10.30am service

Enjoy Tea, Coffee, and Cake as we connect, pray and hear plans for 2023



**THIS SUNDAY (5 FEB)**

**SPEAKER:** Joanna Pillai  
**THEME:** Summer Psalms  
(sermon series)  
**BIBLE READING:** Psalm 8

- 8am (with Lord's Supper)
- 10.30am (Praise & Prayer)
- 5pm (Praise & Prayer)



## THIS SUNDAY: CHANGE-4-CHANGE / TRANSFER-2-TRANSFORM

Please bring your Change-4-Change jars this Sunday, Thank you for your generous contribution towards the Education Assistance Project (Mission of Truth Church)

## PLAYGROUP 2023 ENROLMENTS OPEN

Playgroup is kicking on Wed 8 Feb, 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](#)



## IGNITE COMMENCES THIS FRIDAY, 7PM (TERM-1 PROGRAM BELOW)

# TERM 1

2023

## LIVING WITH PURPOSE

- 3 FEB - 2023 Launch, with Worship
- 10 FEB - CG#1 A generous God
- 17 FEB - OUTING: BBQ @ Jells Park

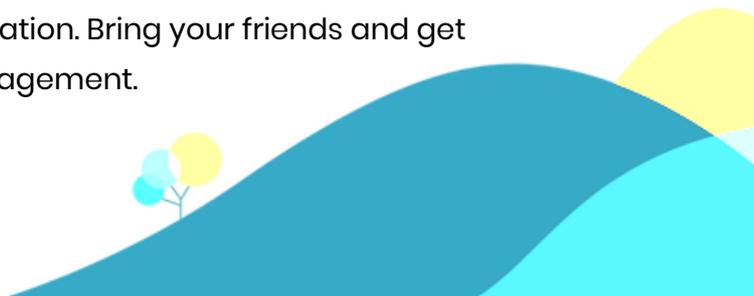
- 24 FEB - Worship #2
- 3 MAR - VIBE night
- 10 MAR - CG#2 ( IN HOMES\* ) Gratitude
- 17 MAR - Worship #3
- 24 MAR - VIBE night
- 31 MAR - CG#3 Resurrection (pre-Easter)

\*4 locations will be provided via email, ie. Not at GWAC

## NEXT WEEK: 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.





## SAVE THE DATE: TRIVIA NIGHT- SATURDAY 4 MARCH, 7PM

To raise funds for IGNITE youth ministry.

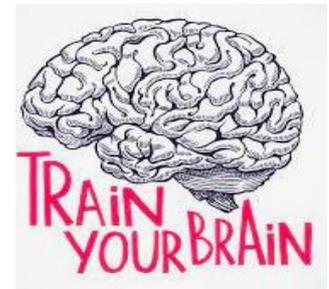
- A great opportunity to invite your friends to visit GWAC socially.
- Prizes, games, maybe an Auction
- Aiming for tables of 10. Why not book a few as Connect Groups?

To be a "Table host", please contact Anthony Wheaton, [a.wheaton@gwac.org.au](mailto:a.wheaton@gwac.org.au) or 9560 7494 (Extn 8). More details coming soon.



## THIS SATURDAY: TRAIN YOUR BRAIN

- Train your Brain will run this Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> Feb, from 9.30am – 12 noon (registration from 9am).
- Topic for the Month: will be presented by Su Collier and Waldo



## JOIN GWAC MINISTRIES 2023

Do you want to serve in a GWAC ministry? As ministries resume in 2023, we encourage people to use their gifts to serve in worship services and ministries,

Please fill a Connect Card, or speak to a member of the staff team, or contact the church office if you are interested.

Please note, some ministries need certain skills or level of spiritual maturity. No one is automatically accepted into a ministry opportunity; they are approved by the Locum, and where appropriate, by the Governance Board. GWAC's Safe Church Officer will let you know what level of compliance is required for various ministry roles.





## CONNECT GROUP LEADERS GATHERING

Monday 13th February, 7:30–9 pm, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2

To support and develop our Connect Group ministry, leaders are invited to an evening where we will discuss the life and health of the ministry, do leaders training

and pray for the ministry of our Connect Groups. Please contact Brad with any questions.



## UPDATE: PHIL MEULMAN (PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY)

Phil remains unwell. He is currently receiving good medical and specialist treatment for mental ill health. He is in close contact with Bishop Paul Barker. We are aware that the healing process is slow and will take time. As a result, his return to GWAC is unlikely to be anytime soon. Phil is very grateful for our love and prayers but requests that we do not contact him because he finds it impossible to respond which adds to his stress.

Bishop John Harrower will continue as Locum. We are very grateful to John & Gayelene for their willingness to serve in this way. The Wardens are ensuring that all the staff are cared for with their added workload.

What can we do to help in this situation?

1. Pray for Phil and Barb
2. Pray for the staff team
3. Encourage one another to contribute actively in the life of the church

I would like to close this announcement with a prayer.

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living and life-giving God,  
you defeated the powers of evil and healed those who were sick;  
send your Holy Spirit upon our brother Phil, and restore him to health.  
Comfort and bless Barbara; and keep her in peace.  
Through your all-powerful name. Amen.*

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*

