

Dear friends,

WHERE ARE THE NEXT GENERATION OF CHRISTIAN LEADERS?

(by Rev'd Maria Brand)

Earlier this year at the Bush Church Aid Annual Dinner, one of the keynote speakers raised a common complaint in the Anglican Church of Australia... that of the lack of youth ministers or even any type of minister. Indeed, many parish minister roles remain vacant around our diocese and many churches continue to search for youth ministers as the number of children and young people engaging in church communities continually plummets. The speaker's response to this complaint was I think quite prophetic: 'Well, how many ministers has your church raised up in this last year?'

The privilege and responsibility of church communities is to be encouraging, equipping and enabling the saints to use their gifts to serve (Ephes 4). Jesus exhorts us, 'the harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' Just as Priscilla and Aquila taught and guided the enthusiastic Apollos, are we teaching and guiding young leaders in the way of God? As the Apostle Paul wrote, 'the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. (2 Tim 2).

GWAC has a rich history of doing just this. I am told that one of the goals from GWAC in the first 3 years was to have one person accepted for ordination each year. In the first year this was achieved, in the second year, once again this was achieved and in the third year... three people were accepted for ordination! Praise God! The history of this church community includes the great joy of celebrating those who have been sent out to Mission service, Ordained and Lay Church ministry and Para Church ministry. GWAC has been blessed with a great opportunity to be raising up the next generation of Christian leaders. Where are the next generation of Christian leaders?





They are in our midst. What will we do about it? How might we as a church community truly invest in this?

THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday (7th July): New Sermon Series commencing (Ephesians)

Sunday theme: *Who are we? Discovering our corporate identity and calling in Ephesians*

This Sunday: Change4Change

Please bring your Change4Change jars this Sunday. Thank you for your generous contribution towards the Education Assistance Project (Mission of Truth Church, Surabaya). Alternately, you can also donate online with following details:

- Account: Glen Waverley Anglican Church, BSB: 033009, Account No: 108940
- Reference: change4change

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Kids Ministry Dates in July

- Monday 8th: Kids Holiday Club (praying for new friendships)
- Sunday 14th : GLOW, for ages 0-3yrs, from 10:45am
- Wednesday 17th JULY: Playgroups return for Term 3.
- Sunday 21st JULY: Spark and SparkLERS returns for Term 3 (10:30am), and Kids@5 returns (during 5pm service)

IGNITE (Youth Ministry): returns Friday 19th July, 7pm

LAUNCHING: Ignite Camp (Monday 23 – Friday 27 September)

We are so excited to invite our youth and their friends to the Ignite Youth Camp! Our guest speaker, [Bree Wilkinson](#), will be challenging the youth to know and trust Jesus. And for fun, teams will be participating in a heist challenge called, "[Catch Us If You Can](#)". Competing in a series of games and activities, youth will attempt to steal the most valuable pair of sneakers ever crafted from eccentric billionaire and security expert, Magnus Chadwick.





Go to the GWAC website youth page for more information and to register ([Direct Link](#)). A discounted early bird offer closes 26th July. If you require a subsidy for your children to attend camp, please contact Brad Jackson.

YOUNG ADULTS

Friday 12– Sunday 14 July: Young Adults Retreat

All young adults, Year 12s included, are invited to be a part of our Young Adults Winter Retreat at Iluka Retreat in Shoreham. Join us for a weekend of hanging out together and thinking about how we can develop an evangelistic lifestyle. Go to the young adults' page of the GWAC website to register. Places are limited to 36 people.

DON'T MISS!

This Saturday 6th July: Train Your Brain (TYB)

- In July we welcome back [Katrine](#) as our Guest Speaker who will present the topic- "[Grow Neural Pathways in Your Brain with Play](#)".
- 9.30am – 12 Noon (registration from 9am)

Saturday 13th July: Knit, Sew, & Craft Afternoon

- 1.30pm – 4pm @ GWAC
- Support GWAC's Pastoral Care ministry by [creating knitted prayer shawls and pocket prayer quilts](#). See church notice board for more details.

Commencing Wed 17th July: Bishop Paul Barker's Bible Studies

- Wednesdays July 17, 24, 31, 7.30pm – 8.30pm
- This is a great opportunity [to hear Bishop Paul Barker talk about how to respond when your faith comes under trial](#). We recommend that you attend Bishop Paul's talks in-person at GWAC, but if you are unable, you can also watch the livestream (and recordings) from GWAC's website.





Saturday 20th July: HOPE 25 Meeting

Join us for a meeting to brainstorm ideas and pray together as we prepare for HOPE25. [Saturday July 20th at 10am, at GWAC board meeting room](#). If you would like to be part of the Working Group that will help GWAC prepare for Hope24, please contact Maria, m.brand@gwac.org.au (or use the GWAC App or Connect Card).

Sunday 21 July: Baptism, Dedication, and Reception Services

Sunday July 21st will be a day of great celebration in our church community. [Bishop Kate](#) will be joining us at the 8am, 10:30am English and 10:30am Mandarin services and [Bishop Paul](#) at the 5pm service. In all three services, we will be celebrating God's work as people are baptised, confirmed, or received into Christ's family and our church.

Monday 22 July, 7:30–9pm: Connect Group Leaders' Meeting

- Meeting Room 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.

Thursday, 25th July: Mothers Union & Friends

- We will meet in MR 1&2 at 1.30pm
- Contact: Lynn 0401 257 647

Saturday 27th July: Jumbunna Prayer Day at GWAC (Led by Bishop Paul Barker)

- 8am – 6pm
- Join church members from outer southern and eastern suburbs at GWAC and pray together for the society, Churches, Diocese, Clergy, Kingdom growth, and for God to be at work. [Come for an hour that suits you](#), with each hour of prayer led by a different leader from the parishes participating.

Sunday 28th July: Potluck Fellowship Dinners (5pm congregation only)

Back by popular demand, we will again be hosting meals in the homes of congregation members following our 5pm service. These dinners help build our community as we spend time relaxing with old and new friends.





If you are new to GWAC this is a great way to meet people in smaller groups. Register your interest by emailing the church office, or contact Brad.

Monday 29th July: Christmas Maker's Market Information night

- 7:30–9pm. Meeting Room 1&2
- GWAC is again hoping to run a Christmas Maker's Market to showcase our ministries and bring the local community together to browse handmade craft while enjoying great food and entertainment. To get involved, or just to learn more, join our meeting or use this [LINK](#) to express your interest.

Friday Mornings: Prayer Meeting (With Breakfast)

Please join us on Fridays in [Meeting room 1 & 2 from 7am](#) for toast, muffins, hot drinks, and PRAYER. Come when you can and leave when you must.

Mondays at 1.30pm (except public holidays): Easy Does It (EDI)

Kevin, our Physiotherapist Instructor, has moved to another position and Ben, who worked with Kevin as part of his Physiotherapy course, will join us to coordinate the EDI exercises in a few weeks' time. In the meantime, we will continue meeting and use exercise videos from a variety of sources.

MARK IN YOUR DIARY

Saturday 10th August: Working Bee

- 8.30am –12pm (Morning Tea at 10am, not to be missed!)
- We have some jobs to be done around the site. Please come and work alongside some of your friends We will be doing various tasks depending on weather. See you there, Come and enjoy a mornings work.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday Services need more Volunteers

We are currently keen to recruit more volunteers in the following roles in our worship-music-media ministry:

- Bass guitarist





- Drummer
- Audio operator
- Live-stream operator (10.30am Service only)
- For more info, please email our Worship Minister, Roger Nicholson:
r.nicholson@gwac.org.au

Wednesday 10am Service needs more Vocalists

Please indicate interest via a Connect Card or the Church App.

OTHER EVENTS

Saturday 20th July: Women's Gathering: seasons and cycles

- 9am-3pm, St Alfred's Anglican Church, Blackburn North
- More info and registration: [Women's Gathering: Seasons and Cycles | St Alfred's Church \(stalfreds.org\)](https://www.stalfreds.org).

Saturday 20th July: CMS Melbourne Dinner, 7pm

- Venue: Malvern Golf Course
- Speaker: Devin Toh, CMS Missionaries, Wei-Han Kwan
- Special Cost for GWAC: Ordinarily, the ticket is \$110 per person. However, if GWAC members purchase a table (9 people), then CMS has offered a price of \$100 per ticket. Please contact Brad, b.jackson@gwac.org.au.

UPDATE FROM THE GOVERNANCE BOARD

Did you know that we have a Governance and Leadership Manual? This includes policies and procedures for staff and leaders.

New policies:

Dogs: Dogs are welcome on the following conditions:

1. If they are well socialised and not reactive to people or other dogs.





2. Are always under the control of an owner or their representative.
3. Are not left tied up unattended.
4. Are not roaming the grounds unattended.
5. Service dogs are excluded from this policy and are welcome.

Nuts: Food containing nuts must be clearly labelled.

Garden of Remembrance: The use of the garden and costing has been clarified.

Planning Day: As part of the process of developing our Vision and Mission 2030 a planning day was held in May. Five strategic areas were explored:

1. Worshipping
2. Inclusive
3. Missional
4. Growing
5. Serving

Property:

1. Kirstina Road and 800a are now rented out.
2. We are exploring the development courtyard area.

Annual Meeting: Planning for the annual meeting is underway. Please pray for people willing to nominate for Governance Board and Wardens. Please pray for the budget preparation.

WORSHIP SERVICES @ GWAC

Sunday Services: Ephesians Sermon Series

7 th July	Ephesians 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme: Who are we? • Speaker: Maria Brand
14 th July	Ephesians 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme: Created for good works • Speaker: Maria Brand





21 st July	Ephesians 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme: Called to love • Speaker: Brad Jackson
28 th July	Ephesians 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme: Gifted to serve • Speaker: Maria Brand
4 th August	Ephesians 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme: Empowered for faith and action • Speaker: Maria Brand
11 th August	Ephesians 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme: Exhorted to pray • Speaker: Brad Jackson

Wednesday 10am Service: [Praise in the Psalms Sermon series](#)

10 th July	Psalm 103	'Lord of Compassion'
17 th July	Psalm 104	'Lord of Provision'
24 th July	Psalm 138	'Lord on High': Favourite Hymns & Songs Service
31 st July	Psalm 150	'Lord of All'

Blessings,

Maria Brand | Lead Minister (Vicar)

