

GWAC happenings

July 2025

Glen Waverley Anglican Church | Updates

Dear friends,

SHARING YOUR FAITH

(by Rev'd Maria Brand)

How can we share our faith with others in a fresh and engaging way? 'Taste & See' is a four-week course that has been written and developed in Australia with this very purpose in mind. It seeks to provide opportunities for people to discover (or rediscover) the good news about Jesus in a fresh and engaging way.

What is unique about this course is that it is built around telling the gospel through food. Sharing a meal creates a space for meaningful conversation, breaks down barriers and builds relationship'. Sharing a meal has a strong Biblical foundation for faith sharing. This course gives people the chance to "taste and see that God is good" (Psalm 34:8)

Using all the senses, Taste & See takes people on a through the big picture of God's story during four meals – Creation, The Fall, Redemption and Renewal. We will be running this series at GWAC over four Monday night meals; 18th Aug, 25th Aug, 1st Sept and 8th Sept. Who might you invite to get to know Jesus through this course? Will you pray about whether you might be involved in the team?





IT'S HERE! GIFT DAY- SUN 29 JUNE, WED 2 JULY



Gift Day this year will be held at all services on Sunday 29th June and the Wednesday service on 2nd July.

Our Gift Day target is \$70,000.

Let us work together through this Gift Day Appeal to meet the 2024/25 budget to maintain our ministry and staff, and move towards growth in our mission/vision plans that we may be a caring community making, maturing and mobilising disciples of Jesus Christ locally and globally.

SUNDAY 6 JULY

CHANGE4CHANGE

Please bring your Change4Change jars on Sunday 6 July. 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



On Sunday 6th July, at GWAC, hear from Anglican Overseas Aid's CEO- **Jo Knight** about the part GWAC can play in creating a renewed, restored world, free from poverty.

Jo has been CEO of Anglican Overseas Aid for three years and brings two decades' experience in global justice and environmental sustainability initiatives, along with church and public engagement. She is a member of the Micah Australia Board and currently serves in global church governance as co-convenor of the ACT Alliance

Membership and Nominations international committee.





CHILDREN & YOUTH

CHILDREN & FAMILIES MINISTRY (IN JULY)

PLAYGROUPS will pause for 2 weeks of school holidays (last session is THURS 3rd JULY). Returning 22nd JULY for all 3 days again.

Kids@5, SPARK/LEERS & GLOW will have a break of 3 Sundays (6, 13, 20 July), with all returning on 27th JULY. During that time, extra activity sheets will be available in the Auditorium (& Hall (Stadium) for Mandarin families).

Meal 'n Movie night: FRI 11th JULY. 5:30–7:30pm. Join Anthony and Kids leaders for a mid-year catch-up. Starting with pizza altogether, the evening is designed so that adults can retreat from the kids to spend time reflecting on life & participating in casting a vision for future action. Food and Bibles will be provided.

RSVP is preferred, please. Email a.wheaton@gwac.org.au

IGNITE (YOUTH MINISTRY)

- July sees many exciting things happening at Ignite. Our last Ignite for Term 2 will have a visit from **Julie-anne Laird**. Julie-anne works for City-to-City Australia as a specialist in outreach and evangelism. She's speaking at Ignite on Friday 4th July for the worship night which will have a focus on telling your friends about Jesus.
- Matthew Bickerton and Hannah Peake will be accompanying Shona Girgis, Nikhil David and Isaac Hsien to the **Leaders in Training** conference in Belgrave Heights July 7–10th. Leaders in Training (LiT) is an awesome camp for youth in Years 9 – 12 to encourage, build up and equip young Christian leaders to love and serve Christ in His church and the world now and into the future! We are grateful to have received funding to make this attendance possible.
- Ignite Youth will be running **Youth Alpha** each week of Term 3. Ignite will meet at 6.30pm for dinner and finish at 9pm to accommodate the program. If you have any youth in your life grade 6–12 who do not know Jesus, please invite them along to this incredible opportunity.
- **Camp registrations** for the Ignite Camp will open on Friday 4th July. This year, the camp will take place at Don Bosco, Safety Beach, Sept 29th – Oct 3rd.





Early bird price is only \$410 for each camper. Please contact Brad Jackson in Amanthi's absence, if you have any questions.

Amanth Lynch, a.lynch@gwac.org.au

SPECIAL: JULY

SAT 12 JULY, 2.30PM – FIONA DUNN'S MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

Enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea to support Fiona Dunn's ministry to join *Power to Change*. Fiona is currently raising funds and ministry partners to pray and support her ministry at *Power to Change* in the *Church Movements* team.

This team partners with churches to help them revitalise, grow and church plant to mobilise Christians to connect every Australian with Jesus. Enjoy an English styled high tea of sandwiches, scones and small cakes with a lovely refreshing cup of tea or coffee with your friends.

Booking Essential: RSVP– <https://www.trybooking.com/DCGVJ>

FRI 18 –20 JULY: YOUNG ADULTS' WINTER RETREAT 2025

- Location: Upper Plenty Convention Centre, 45 Stokes Track, Upper Plenty, 3756
- Cost: \$175/ person
- We will depart from GWAC at 5pm on Fri arriving after dinner by 7pm. Please arrive at UPCC by 7pm. On Sunday 20 July, we will depart from UPCC after lunch at 2pm.
- Registration essential [HERE](#)

SAT 26TH JULY – 'CRAFTS OF CARE' – KNIT, SEW & CRAFT AFTERNOON

- Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, 1.30 – 4pm.
- Includes creating knitted shawls, beanies, scarves and knee rugs and sewing pocket prayer quilts to support GWAC's Pastoral Care ministry. See church noticeboard for more details. All welcome (including beginner knitters 😊)





MARK YOUR DIARY- SPECIAL EVENTS (AUG-OCT)

AUGUST 2025

1. [Bishop Paul Barker's Midweek Talks](#): 4x Wednesdays, August 6, 13, 20, 27, from 7.30- 8.30pm. The talks will also be livestreamed from GWAC's website.
2. [Women's Games and Dessert Night](#): Sat 9th Aug, 7pm at GWAC (Fellowship Area)
3. [GWAC Staff Retreat](#): Tues 12 August
4. [Taste & See: Explore the Christian Faith Over 4 meals \(Mondays\)](#): Starting Monday 18 August, 6-8pm, Fellowship Area

SEPTEMBER 2025

1. [IGNITE Camp](#): Mon 29th Sept- Fri 3rd Oct, Don Bosco, Safety Beach

OCTOBER 2025

1. [BCA Spring Lunch at GWAC](#): Mon 20th Oct
2. [Women's Picnic at Jells Park](#): Sat 25th Oct, 2pm (or the Fellowship Area, in case of wet weather)

DON'T MISS!

Saturday 5th July (9.30am): Train Your Brain (TYB)

- 9.30am – 12 Noon (registration from 9am)

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

EDI runs on Mondays at 1.30pm in the Hall (stadium).

Thursday 24th July: Mothers Union & Friends

- 1.30pm, MR 1&2
- Enjoy afternoon tea and fellowship.

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.





Friday Night Craft Group

- **When:** Friday 4th July, any time from 7pm
- **Where:** Fiona Dunn's home- 14th Clitus St, Glen Waverley

JOIN THE WORSHIP MINISTRY- BAND, AUDIO, VISUAL, LIVESTREAM

Are you interested in serving in the music, audio, visual or livestream roles? We are currently seeking for the 10.30am & 5pm Services:

- 10.30am Service: live-stream operators (training provided), singers, drummers, bass-players and guitarists (acoustic + electric)
- 5pm Service: drummer, bass-player, guitarist (acoustic), singers

Please contact Roger Nicholson for further details: r.nicholson@gwac.org.au

FINANCE UPDATE (OCT'24-MAY'25)

Income & Expenses: Oct24-May25	
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Income	\$699,959
Expenses	\$696,441
Surplus	\$3,518

Gift Day will be held at all services on Sunday 29th June and at the Wednesday service on 2nd July. The target this year is \$70,000. Look out for Gift Day updates in July!

We give grateful thanks for all who contribute financially to the life of GWAC as we seek to support our ministries and missions.





UPDATES- MANDARIN SPEAKING COMMUNITY

Let's Learn English (LLE) Class

- Every Sunday: 12.30pm – 1.30pm, GWAC Meeting Room 1& 2

Chinese Bible Study Fellowship (for new believers)

- Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 10am–11:30am, in Meeting Room 3
- Dates- Tuesdays 8th, 22nd July
- Contact: Ginger, g.chen@gwac.org.au if you're interested.

Joshua Connect Group Bible Study & Fellowship

Every fortnight, Joshua life group gathers to learn the Bible, encourage each other, and grow together in God. Everyone from the Mandarin congregation or community is welcome.

- 2nd & 4th Saturday Morning, 10am–12pm, in Meeting Rooms 1–2
- July date: Sat 26th July ([No meeting during school holidays](#)).
- Contact: Wei Cheng and Sean

Chinese Brothers' Fellowship

- Every Wednesday, 7pm–9pm, in Meeting Room–3
- July dates: Wednesday 2nd , 30th July ([No meeting during school holidays](#))
- Contact: Sean Hsien, Anthony Zhao.

Chinese Sisters' Fellowship

- Every 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7pm–9pm, Meeting Room–3
- July date: Thurs 3rd July ([No meeting during school holidays](#))
- Contact: Wei Cheng Foo , Joanna Zhou and Jing Liu.





UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES @ GWAC

Sunday English Services

Stewardship Sermon Series		
29 June	Stewardship (Luke 12:22-34) (Gift Day)	Speaker: Brad Jackson
6 July	Mission- Anglican Overseas Aid (Luke 4:16-21 & Isaiah 35: 1-7)	Guest Speaker: Jo Knight
13 July	Stewardship of spiritual gifts and time	Speaker: Brad Jackson
Hebrews Sermon Series (11 wks)		
20 July	Jesus is fully God (Hebrews 1: 1-4)	Speaker: Maria Brand
27 July	Jesus' humanity, set free through Jesus (Hebrews 2:5-18)	Speaker: Andrew Malone

Wednesday English 10am Service

Sermon Series- Series: Decisive Moments of Bible Characters			
2 July	1 Chronicles 29: 1-3a, 14-18	'Now our God we give, and praise your Holy name'	Speaker: John Harrower
9 July	1 Samuel 17: 38-50	'...for the battle is the Lord's'	Speaker: John Harrower
16 July	Genesis 4: 1-12	'Am I my brother's keeper?'	Speaker: Brad Jackson
23 July	Esther 4: 1-17	'...for such a time as this...'	Speaker: Maria Brand
30 July	Matthew 28: 16-20	'Turn to Christ'	Speaker: John Harrower
6 Aug	Jeremiah 1: 4 - 8	'But I am only...'	Speaker: John Harrower
13 Aug	Job 1: 13 - 22	'The Lord gave...'	Speaker: Maria Brand
20 Aug	2 Samuel 12: 1 - 10	'You are the man!' <i>Service followed by Mid- Week Fellowship Brunch at 11am</i>	Speaker: Brad Jackson

Reminder: The Wednesday Service's Bible reading and sermon is livestreamed weekly.

Blessings,

Maria Brand | Lead Minister (Vicar)

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

