

LIFE TOGETHER: THE ACTS 2 INVITATION FOR OUR CHURCH

(by Rev'd Maria Brand)



The picture of the early church in Acts 2 is both beautiful and challenging. We read that the believers “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer” (Acts 2:42). They shared life together with generosity, gladness, and care for one another, and through their witness “the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

As our church begins new ministries such as the Community Dinners, this picture of the early church offers a wonderful reminder that gospel ministry is not only about events or programs. It is about people gathering in the name of Christ, offering hospitality, building relationships, and speaking and living out the gospel, creating spaces where people can experience welcome, dignity, and hope.

Acts 2 also reminds us that the life of the church is something we all participate in together as we volunteer our time, contribute financially and use our gifts to serve. One of the beautiful things about serving together is that we often encounter God





in these ordinary moments around shared meals, welcoming conversations, caring for each other, and acts of generosity. The early church reminds us that God's kingdom became visible through people simply offering what they had together: their homes, their time, their prayers, and their hospitality. There is here an invitation to serve others while also discovering how God meets and forms us as we serve alongside one another.

Growth comes from God. The early believers devoted themselves to prayer because they knew they depended on him. As we look to the future of these ministries, let us continue to pray that God would use them to bless our local community and open doors for the hope of the gospel. Please join in praying for our ministries and if you are able, consider how you might contribute. May we, like the believers in Acts, be known as a community marked by generosity, fellowship, prayer, and joyful faith, hope and love in Christ.

GIFT DAY: WED 10th and SUN 14th JUNE



GWAC's annual Gift Day will take place on Wed 10th June and Sunday 14th June this year.

Our goal this year is to raise \$100,000 to support our church vision and ministry.

We value your partnership deeply. Gift Day cards will be available from this Sunday onwards. We encourage you to fill it in and return it on or before 14 June. Through God's enabling, together, may we not only sustain what God has built through us, but see exciting new things happen as we seek to be part of His blessing to the ends of the earth.

SAVE THE DATE! MEN'S BREAKFAST- SAT 20 JUNE, MORNING

More information to follow!





Community Meal || Starting New Things

Join us for a relaxed Friday night Community Meal at GWAC as we gather around the table for good food and great conversations.

 **First Friday of the Month - 5th of June**

 **6:00–7:00pm**

On the menu: chili, tacos, burritos, rice bowls, corn chips, toppings and chocolate mousse for dessert.

We'd love people to contribute by bringing a chili, salad, toppings or dessert to share. We're also looking for people to join the team or help with cooking and shopping for ingredients. Please contact **Bre W** if you'd like to help. Everyone is welcome!

Register here: <https://events.humanitix.com/community-dinner>

CHANGE4CHANGE: SUNDAY 7th JUNE

Please bring your Change4Change jars on Sunday 7 June. 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

Thanks to your donations over the previous six months, we recently transferred \$1,895 to support this life-changing work.





CHILDREN & YOUTH

CHILDREN & FAMILIES MINISTRY

THURS 2ND JULY – KIDS HOLIDAY FUN @GWAC – PIZZA-MAKING & MOVIE

We are soon to promote another great opportunity for the local community.

For Grades 2-6, 10am - 4pm FREE!

We'll have THREE teams that you could join

- Kitchen prep: to organise pizza & dessert ingredients
- Welcoming parents: to serve coffee and cake for parents at drop off, meet & greet.
- Kids helpers: to participate in cooking, games & activities.

Please pray for this initiative to bring BRIGHTER HOPE to families with school-aged kids, leading to meaningful connection.

(Anthony Wheaton)

IGNITE (YOUTH MINISTRY)

We are really grateful for all the support through attendance, purchasing items and donations towards our Ignite Youth Trivia Night Fundraiser! We are so blessed to have such a wonderful community support our youth and leaders in this ministry.

Our teaching this term is our series titled: **'Fearfully and wonderfully made'**, looking at Psalm 139 and what God says through His Word about our bodies. We still have our campfire night, community and worship nights still to come for Term 2! We'd love to see you there if you're in year 6-year 12!

This term also sees our Year 9-12 Youth have the opportunity to **attend LiT (Leaders in Training)** at Belgrave Heights. More details and video footage featuring last year's contingent from GWAC here: <https://www.bhc.org.au/lit>

Amanthi Lynch and Ignite Youth Leaders



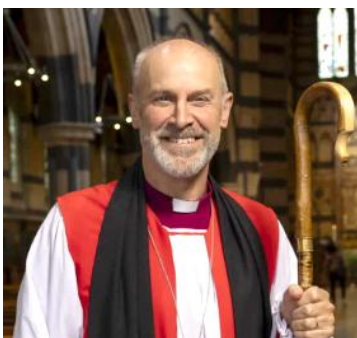


YOUNG ADULTS

SIP (TEA ☕) & PAINT 🎨, SATURDAY NIGHT 27TH JUNE 7:30PM

Save the date for a young adults evening together where we can experience community formed by the love of Christ over a cozy cuppa, while we paint and talk together!

SPECIAL



**BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION SERVICE @ GWAC: SUN 21 JUNE
(WITH ARCHBISHOP RIC THORPE)**

Preparation Classes: Preparation for baptism and confirmation that will take place on **Sunday 21 June** has already begun and classes start at 3:30 PM on Sundays. If you are considering baptism or confirmation, please contact a church staff.

ART AS HEALING: VOICES AGAINST VIOLENCE

The Melbourne Anglican Preventing Violence Against Women Program invites you to Art as Healing: Voices against Violence, an exhibition at St Paul's Cathedral in the Transept Gallery from May to June 2026. The artists come from diverse backgrounds and lived experiences. Each has been impacted by family violence, and many are survivors. Through their art, they explore transformation, rebirth and healing, bearing witness to resilience, strength and hope.

A reception evening will be held at St Paul's Cathedral from 6pm to 8.30pm on Thursday 4th June. Speakers will include Helen Bolton, CEO of Respect Victoria, the Reverend Ali McGrice, and survivor advocate Louise Juracich. All are welcome!

Please register here: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1575665>

DON'T MISS!

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

EDI runs at GWAC on Mondays, 1.30pm, in the Hall (stadium). The cost is \$5 with a cuppa included. It is run by a physio. All are welcome! **IMPORTANT- EDI on 8th June will not run due to King's Birthday public holiday.**





Train Your Brain (TYB)

TYB will not run on Saturday 6th June due to King's Birthday holiday weekend.

Saturday 20th June: 'Crafts of Care' – Knit, Sew & Craft Afternoon

- 1.30 – 4pm. Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 at GWAC
- Includes creating knitted shawls, beanies and knee rugs and sewing pocket prayer quilts to support GWAC's Pastoral Care ministry. See church notice board for more details. All welcome!

Thursday, 25th June: Mother's Union & Friends

Program runs 1.30pm in MR 1&2. Please join us and enjoy afternoon tea with us.

Contacts: Lynn 0403 053 079, Robin 0419 611 085

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: Term-2

- Fridays: 12th & 26th June.
 - 7.00 pm until late, Fiona's place at 14 Clitus St, Glen Waverley
 - Bring anything you'd like to work on – knitting, crochet, sewing, paper craft, etc.
- Looking forward to seeing you tonight – pop in whenever you are free for a cuppa and a piece of cake.

MANDARIN SPEAKING COMMUNITY

REGULAR MINISTRIES & FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Let's Learn English (LLE) Class

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

Brothers' Fellowship

Every Wednesday, 7pm-9pm, in Meeting Room-3 (closed during school term hols)

Contact: Sean Hsien, Anthony Zhao, Zhao Weidong





Sisters Online Living Water Fellowship

Every Thursday from 7pm to 8:30pm (closed during school term holidays)

Contact: Ginger Chen, g.chen@gwac.org.au

Brothers and Sisters Combined Fellowship

3rd Thursday of every month, 7-9 pm, Meeting Room-3 (closed during term holidays)

Contact: Ginger Chen, g.chen@gwac.org.au

LIFE CONNECTION GROUPS (closed during term holidays)

Joshua Group

2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, 11:45pm – 3pm, in Meeting Room-3 or Chapel

Samuel Group

2nd Sunday of each month, after the 10.30am Sunday Service, in the Fellowship Area

David Group

3rd Week of each month, after the 10.30am Sunday Service, in the Fellowship Area

Jacob Group

1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, 12:30pm – 2pm, in Meeting Room-3 or Chapel

SUNDAY PRE- SERVICE PRAYER MEETING

Sunday 9:45am–10:15am Meeting Room 3

Contact: Ginger Chen, g.chen@gwac.org.au

VOLUNTEER LEADERS TRAINING

Once every two months (to be notified separately)

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WORSHIP SERVICES IN JUNE

Sunday Services

Stewardship Sermon Series			
7 th June	2 Corinthians 9: 6-15	Stewardship - Financial	Speaker: Maria Brand
14 th June (Gift Day)	Romans 12	Stewardship - Gifts	Speaker: Nathanael Thierry
21 June	1 Corinthians 12	Stewardship - Whole Life	Speaker: Archbishop Ric Thorpe
28 June	<i>Worship Special</i>	<i>Testimonies</i>	

Wednesday 10am Service: The Wednesday 10am Service's [Bible reading & sermon](#) are livestreamed weekly.

Series: THE TRINITY (continued)			
3 rd June	Deut 6:4, Matthew 28: 16-20	The Triune God	Speaker: Nathanael Thierry
New Series: Praise and Thanksgiving			
10 June	1 Timothy 6:11-21	Thankfulness* (Gift Day- Wednesday Service)	Speaker: Maria Brand
17 June	Rev 15: 3-4	Rejoice in the Lord (Favourite Hymns Service)	Speaker: John Harrower
24 June	Hebrews 13:1-25	A Personal Word	Speaker: Maria Brand

**Please note: The sermon on 10th June will not be livestreamed. Join in person!*

Blessings,

Maria Brand | Lead Minister (Vicar)

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

