



Dear friends,

Why Mission Month?

Did you know that there are over 3 billion people in the world who have never heard the good news of Jesus Christ? Jesus said, *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* (Matt 28:18-20)

As a church community, we are committed to cross cultural mission through praying, giving and sending people to go. While we partner in mission together every month, the Mission Month at GWAC is a special opportunity for us to celebrate what God is doing and engage all ages in cross cultural mission partnership.

Let us pray that God will use the GWAC Mission Month to mobilise us for his purposes as we grow in awareness and prayerfulness and reignite our passion to be part of God's mission in the world. Let us pray that more and more people will become disciples of Jesus around the world!

Do you know who all our GWAC mission partners are? Do you know what's happening in their lives as they serve God this year?





I particularly commend to you the Mission Dinner and Prayer Evening on Saturday 11 October, 5.30pm. This will be a great opportunity to learn more our mission partners and spend time in prayer for them.

(by Rev'd Maria Brand)

MISSIONS MONTH: OCTOBER

October is our month of mission at GWAC and there are many things to take note of. Each week of October we will be hearing from a different guest speaker and their experience with mission. Our guest speakers consist of Michelle Jackson, Fiona Dunn, Adrian Lane and Rhys Bezzant.

On **Saturday the 11th of October at 5:30PM**, we will be having a **Dinner and Prayer Night** devoted to our mission partners. This is a family event and children are also very welcome. We will be spending time learning about, and praying for, our partners serving passionately in communities around the world. Please bring 5 dollars, (5 dollars will cover you and your family) to cover costs as there will be a sausage sizzle for dinner. Please also bring a salad or dessert from your culture to share. There will be activities for children as well. **RSVP by Sunday 6th October via sign up sheets in the fellowship area or through the GWAC app.**



In the prayer focus that is emailed out, there will be some extra prayers included that are specifically for the October month of mission. These prayers focus on various mission related things such as raising up new missionaries and protecting missionaries who are persecuted. Please use these to dedicate your time to mission and the people who make mission possible. Thank you.

THIS SUNDAY SUN 5 OCT

Daylight Saving Begins

This Sunday, daylight saving time for 2025 will start again and clocks will move forward one hour giving an extra hour of afternoon daylight.





Change4Change Support

Please bring your Change4Change jars on Sunday 5th Oct. 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

CMS Card Stall: Sunday 5th October

Cards to raise money for the Church Missionary Society will be especially available for purchasing after the 8am and 10.30am services on October 5th. Our Christmas cards are available and for sale at \$1.20. In 2024 approximately 1,300 Christmas cards were sold at GWAC and several other churches! Please get in early!

All our other types of cards will be available for the usual price of \$2.50.

Our Christmas cards have a Nativity scene or similar – NO SANTAS! These are beautiful reminders of what Christmas is all about! Please use these cards with Christians and non-Christians alike – a quiet witnessing opportunity! 100% of the sales money goes to CMS which, like most mission groups, is down in funds at the moment. In anticipation, we are very grateful for your support.

Gayelene Harrower



FAREWELLING RE'VD BRAD JACKSON: SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER

We'll be farewelling Rev'd Brad at all services on **Sunday 19 October**. Join us as we give thanks for his ministry among at GWAC and pray God's blessing for the next chapter in his life.

Please sign the card available in the Fellowship Area.

There will also be a gold box available for any contribution you would like to make for a farewell gift. You can also contribute online by putting "Gift for Brad" in the description.





WOMEN'S PICNIC: SAT 25 OCTOBER

All women are warmly invited to join us for a picnic at **Yabby Hill Park (Jells Park)**, 2pm – 4pm on **Saturday 25th October**. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship, laughter, and enjoying God's creation together. Please bring along your picnic rug or chair, blanket, and afternoon tea to share. Signup sheet is also available in the Fellowship Area.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

- **Creative Family Service, 10:30am**

12th OCT: Speaker and Author

Simon Camilleri will share his new kids' book called "Read, Think, Pray, Do". It's a SEA adventure in how to read the Bible, with guide notes for parents. Together with lots of kids' songs and a drama, this will be engaging & highly practical for all ages. Copies of Simon's book are available for \$15 each.

- SUN 19th – **Spark/LEERS Kids 10:30am program** resumes for Term 4.
- It's still not too late to register for **the CYC Family Camp at Adanac** in January. For more info, email Anthony, a.wheaton@gwac.org.au

10:30am. Special Guest Simon Camilleri



Creative Family Service

IGNITE (YOUTH MINISTRY)

Thanks everyone for praying for us over the time of Youth Alpha and the Ignite Camp. At Youth Alpha, we heard amazing testimonies from our youth about what God has taught them. Thanks to all the parents and leaders for getting on board this past term to enable this evangelistic opportunity through Ignite. We had six new youth connecting with Ignite during term-3 so we praise God for His blessings on us and the youth that attended.

We will be kicking off **Term 4 a week later than usual on Friday October 17th**. This night will also be our farewell to Brad Jackson so please come with some tissues and good stories. We are all sad to see Brad go and are grateful for his belief in each one of us leaders, his love, care and trust in us. He will be





greatly missed so we ask for God to richly bless this next parish through him and Michelle. **Term 4 will close on November 28th** with a big Christmas celebration as well. Programs for Term 4 will be out after camp.

Amanthi Lynch

WORSHIP MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

Are you interested in serving in one of our worship teams as a musician, audio operator, visuals (slides) operator or livestream operator? Would you like to learn more about these roles? If so, please email our Worship Minister, Roger Nicholson, for further details: r.nicholson@gwac.org.au

DON'T MISS!

Saturday 4 Oct (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 Monday afternoon 1.30 – 2.30 pm in the Hall (Stadium). The cost is \$5 with a cuppa included. It is run by a physio. All are welcome!

Saturday 11th October – 'Crafts of Care' – Knit, Sew & Craft Afternoon

- 1.30 – 4pm. Meeting Rooms 1 & 2
- 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 😊)

Thursday 23rd Oct: Mothers Union & Friends

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

Contact person Lynn 0401 257 647





Sunday 26th October, 2pm, Remembering Service at GWAC

Each year, GWAC holds a 'Remembering Service': a short quiet service for reflection on the lives of loved ones who are no longer with us. It is a special time set apart from the everyday.

We take time to light a candle in memory. There is music, a short pastoral reflection, and afternoon tea. We look forward to seeing you there and encourage you to extend this invitation to family and friends who may appreciate this service.



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 in Term 4

- Friday, 17th October, 7th & 21st November, 5th & 19th December
- When: 7pm until late
- Where: Fiona's place - 14 Clitus St, Glen Waverley
- What to bring: Anything you'd like to work on (knitting, crochet, sewing, paper craft, etc.). There will be plenty of tea, coffee, and cake!

ANNUAL MEETING 2025

GWAC's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday 16th November 12.30pm, preceded by morning tea. Please bring a plate for morning tea (note- nothing to be heated & cut, pls bring ready to serve). We also need kitchen helpers and a coordinator; please indicate your availability on a Connect Card.

1. **Annual Reports** are due on October 5th and late reports will not be accepted.





2. **Electoral Roll:** Current roll is displayed in the Fellowship Area. If you would like to join, applications to be included close on Sunday October 26th at 6pm. Forms are available in the Fellowship Area.
3. **Nominations for Wardens Parish Council and Nominations Committee** close on Sunday 2nd November at 6pm. Should elections be required this will take place at the conclusion of the 10.30am service and prior to the start of the annual meeting. Forms are available in the Fellowship Area.
4. **Questions and proposed motions** in writing are to be provided to the Lead Minister or Parish Council Secretary by Sunday 9th November 6pm (either email or on paper and delivered to GWAC office).

FINANCE UPDATE

Income & Expenses: Oct'24 - Aug'25	
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Income	\$1,061,102
Expenses	\$949,701
Surplus	\$111,401

There is a surplus at the end of August following Gift Day.

We give grateful thanks for all the financial contributions received through Gift Day and through regular giving. These offerings and gifts enable us to continue and grow our ministries and missions. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity!

OTHERS

BCA Victoria 2025 Spring Gathering

After nearly a decade serving with BCA in the Northern Territory, Topher Hallyburton is heading south to share stories of life and ministry in Central Australia. Don't miss the chance to hear how God is at work in the heart of the country.





Join them at one of the following gatherings:

- Mon 20 Oct: Glen Waverley (Lunch)
- Tues 21 Oct: Bendigo (Lunch & Young Adults Dinner)
- Wed 22 Oct: Sunbury (Lunch), Ivanhoe (Dessert)
- Thur 23 Oct: Warragul (Dinner)

✂ Cost: \$25 (Students Free) **RSVP:** [HERE](#)

Belonging by Design: Embracing Neurodivergent Children, Youth & Families in Ministry Conference (17–18 Oct 2025)

This conference equips churches to better embrace Neurodivergent children, youth, and families. It asks:

- Is your church ready to fully welcome them?
- Do you know the key issues for your Parish Council?
- Are your welcomers trained to engage appropriately?

This practical, practitioner-led gathering will empower churches to become truly inclusive. With participants from across Australia and NZ, it's a groundbreaking event.

Workshops, presenters, and program details are on the website: [HERE](#).



Puppets Alive: We are looking for a Puppet Therapy Practitioner for our small business contracting entertainment and therapy services in the Residential Aged Care (RAC) sector. We work with many of the RAC groups in Melbourne and engage, encourage and entertain RAC clients of all cognitive abilities, and especially those living with dementia.

If you are interested in this job, contact Stephen Petering at 0429 417 036 or stephen.puppetsalive@gmail.com for further information. Applications close on Friday 31st October 2025 with interviews to be conducted on Saturday 15th November. Job description is posted on the notice board in the Fellowship Area.





MANDARIN SPEAKING COMMUNITY

Let's Learn English (LLE) Class

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

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.

- Every Second Saturday, 10am–12pm, in Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 (11th & 25th Oct)
- Contact: Wei Cheng & Sean

Chinese Brothers' Fellowship

- Every Wednesday, 7pm–9pm, in Meeting Room-3
- Contact: Sean Hsien, Anthony Zhao.

Chinese Sisters' Fellowship

- Every Second Thursday, 7pm–9pm, Meeting Room-3
- Contact: Wei Cheng Foo, Joanna Zhou, Jing Liu.

Chinese Discipleship Group (Sisters Online)

- Every Tuesday night, 7:30pm–9pm
- Contact: Ginger, g.chen@gwac.org.au, for details

Special Sunday Service & Baptism

- 26th Oct 10:30am
- We invite you to join us for a special Sunday service with baptism.
- Contact: Ginger Chen

Volunteer Leaders Training

- 4th Sunday of Each Month (following the regular Sunday service, we will have the Volunteer Leaders Training).
- Contact: Ginger Chen





UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES @ GWAC

Sunday English Services

Celebrating Mission: Sharing Our Hope in Christ		
5 Oct	Daniel 7:13-14 and Matt 28:16-20	Guest Speaker: Michelle Jackson (CMS)
12 Oct	John 14:1-14	Guest Speaker: Fiona Dunn (Power to Change) at 8.30am, 5pm Creative Family Service at 10.30am
19 Oct	Acts 8:26-40	Guest Speaker: Adrian Lane (BCA) (also, Brad's Farewell)
26 Oct	Matthew 9	Guest Speaker: Rhys Bezzant (Ridley)

Wednesday English 10am Service

Celebrating Mission: Sharing Our Hope in Christ			
1 st Oct	John 21: 15-19	Local Mission	John Harrower and GWAC Panel
8 th Oct	1 Cor 12: 4 -11	Rural & Outback Mission	Greg & Jocelyn Lay <i>Bush Church Aid (BCA)</i> <i>Nomads</i>
15 th Oct	Romans 10:12-15	Global Mission 'Unless They Are Sent'	Michelle Jackson (<i>Church Missionary Society (CMS)</i>)
22 nd Oct	Luke 4:14-30	Workplace Mission	Brad Jackson, Ash Batchelor
29 th Oct	2 Cor 5: 11-21	'God's Heart, Our Mission'	John Harrower

The Wednesday 10am Service's Bible reading and sermon is livestreamed weekly (Note: Not 1st Oct - Come in person!)

Blessings,

Maria Brand | Lead Minister (Vicar)

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

