



"THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL": A VISION FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS

(by Rev'd Maria Brand)

Recently some of our GWAC Pastoral Staff team attended and were greatly encouraged at the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne and Geelong Ministry Conference. led by Archbishop Ric, we spent three days in worship, prayer, discussion and feedback on the draft vision and emerging 10-year strategy for the Diocese.

Glen Waverley Anglican Church belongs to this wider Diocese which longs to be:

"A renewed church, called by our Father in heaven, living the good news of Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, bearing faithful witness in the communities we serve, and playing our part in the transformation of society."

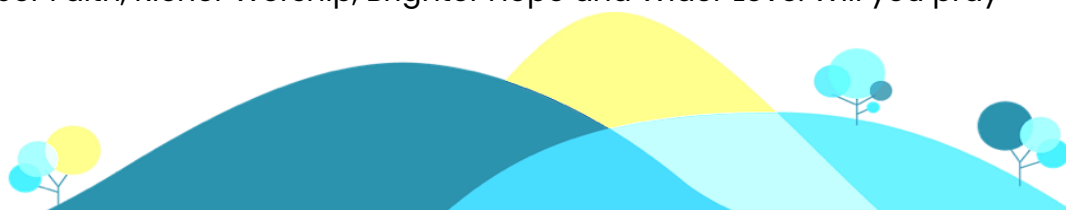
The strategy is built on Jesus' words in Matthew 9:37–38: *'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'* The strategy rests on four foundations:

- Confidence in Christ rather than confidence in programmes or structures.
- Prayer through everything as the primary response.
- Healthy churches bearing fruit, measured by transformed lives more than attendance.
- Gathered and sent – Christians are gathered in worship and sent into everyday life for mission.

By 2036 the Diocese hopes to see:

- Disciples maturing in Christ and living missionally.
- More leaders being raised and supported.
- Healthier, stronger churches.
- More people becoming part of worshipping communities.

As a church community, Glen Waverley Anglican Church has the opportunity to play our part, striving to glorify God as through the power of the Spirit, we seek to make, mature and mobilise disciples of Jesus. Our vision is to be praying and working together for Deeper Faith, Richer Worship, Brighter Hope and Wider Love. Will you pray and act?





TASTE & SEE IN SEPT: EXPLORE CHRISTIAN FAITH OVER 4 MEALS)



Taste & See is an opportunity to explore the good news of Jesus with friends through a series of four meals. Each meal illustrates part of the grand narrative of the Bible's storyline. It is an invitation to engage all the senses and experience the beauty of God's story as we 'eat our way through the Bible'.

Along the way we tap into questions of meaning, purpose and hope and hear God's invitation to life. Who will you invite to join you?

- When: Fridays 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th Sept
- Time: 6-8pm (Dinner Provided)
- Cost: \$10 per person
- Registration: [HERE](#)

Postcards will be available this Sunday for distribution to your friends, relatives, or neighbours who you would like to know about Jesus and the gift of salvation that He has prepared for them.





CHANGE4CHANGE: SUN 2 AUG

Please bring your Change4Change jars on Sunday 2 August. 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

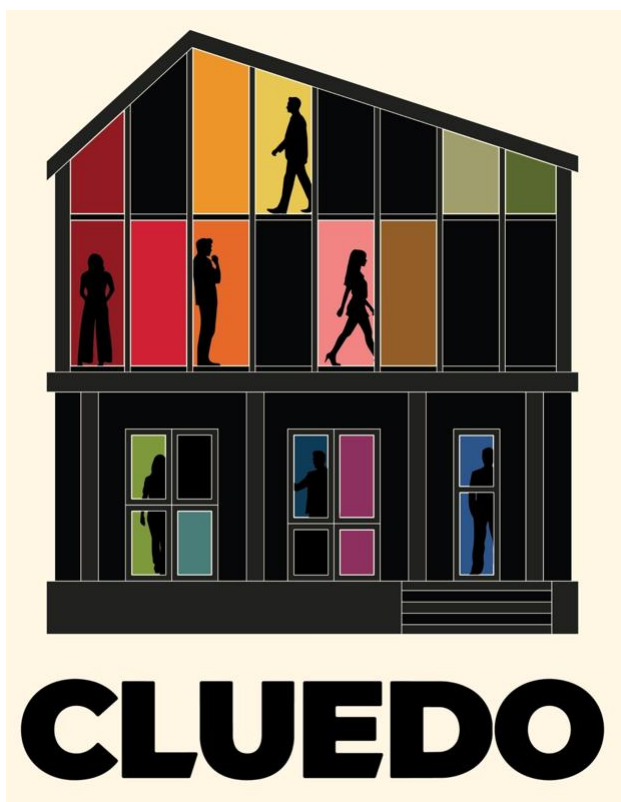
COMMUNITY MEAL – CURRY NIGHT: FRI 7 AUG

Join us for our monthly Community Meal, held on the first Friday of each month. This August we're serving up a delicious Curry Night – a great chance to enjoy good food and connect with others in our community.

- Time: 6pm–7pm
- Date: Friday 7 August
- Cost: \$5 donation

More info / registration: <https://events.humanitix.com/community-dinner>

IGNITE CAMP (YOUTH): REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!



Registrations are now open for Ignite Youth

Camp! Each September School Holidays, Ignite Youth head on our yearly camp which will take place for four days at Don Bosco, Safety Beach! This camp is the highlight of our year at Ignite so please prayerfully consider having your youth attend.

Camp fees: \$480

Dates: Monday 28th September 1030am – Thurs 1st October 2pm

Our speaker for the camp is Tom

French who is a youth minister for Inner North Youth. This year he will



speak on **“The Disappointing Disciples: How to do Stupid Stuff and Still Change the World”**. Jesus' is great but His disciples did some stupid stuff. We're going to spend some time looking at four stories of the dumb stuff Jesus' disciples did to inspire us. If they can do stupid things and still change the world, then Jesus can use us too.

Register here: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1615209>

Registrations close: 11th September 2026.

WORKING BEE: SAT 15 AUG

A Working Bee has been scheduled- it's a great chance to lend a hand, tidy up our spaces, and serve together. Hope you're available to help.

-  **Saturday 15 August**
-  **8.30am–12.00pm**

More details about the jobs and tasks will be shared closer to the day.

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION CLASSES: SUN 16 & 23 AUG

Baptism and Confirmation classes at GWAC will take place on Sundays 16 and 23 August, 3.30pm, over the two weeks leading up to the **Archbishop's visit on Sunday 30 August**. Contact a staff member if you're interested in getting baptised and/or confirmed.



CONNECT GROUP LEADERS' MEETING: MON 24 AUG

Our next Connect Group Leaders Meeting will be held on:

- **Monday 24 August at 7.30pm**
- **GWAC – Fellowship Area**

This gathering is for all Connect Group leaders and group contact persons. We'll share updates, pray together, and look ahead to where God is leading us. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Rev'd Nathanael Thierry (currently on leave till Thurs 13 August)





BE PART OF THE TEAM: CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN DAY

Christmas Family Fun Day

join our team!

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 stall holder care	 live entertainment
 logistics & set up	 kids activities

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This **November 21 (Sat)**, we're taking our much-loved Christmas Makers Market and growing it into a Christmas Family Fun Day!

Our vision is to create a welcoming day for local families filled with market stalls, delicious food, live entertainment, kids' activities and opportunities to connect with our church community. We want everyone who walks into GWAC to experience the joy and hope of Christmas.

To make it happen, we'd love the whole GWAC family to get involved. Whether you enjoy welcoming people, cooking on the BBQ, running kids' activities, helping with tech, caring for stall holders, setting up, or connecting with local schools and performers...there's a place for you.

If you have ideas or would like to be part of the team, we'd love to hear from you!
Contact Bre Wilkinson or Fiona Dunn.

GWAC'S WORSHIP MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

There are many ways to serve in our worship gatherings, and we'd love to help you find where you fit.

- Music – Singers and musicians (drums, keys, acoustic/electric guitar, bass) who help lead our worship-in-song.





- Audio Operator – Build a great mix, manage muting/unmuting of microphones, and support the band and speakers. **Training will be provided.**
- Visuals Operator – Run worship slides and adjust stage lighting during services. **Training will be provided.**
- Livestream Operator – Operate cameras and support our online community through the livestream. **Training will be provided.**

If you're interested in exploring any of these roles, chat with Roger after the services or email r.nicholson@gwac.org.au.

SPECIAL EVENT (WED SERVICE) – OUR IDENTITY IN SINGLENESS'

Who are we in the different seasons of life? We are all single at some stage. What does this mean for us individually and as a community of Christ followers?

Bishop Paul Barker, outstanding Bible teacher, will be opening God's Word as part of the upcoming Wednesday 10am Service's sermon series 'Our Identity'. His theme, 'Our Identity in Singleness.'



- **Date:** Wednesday 2nd September 10am, followed by a Fellowship Brunch hosted by the Wednesday Congregation.
- **Please RSVP:** for catering (via Connect Card or Fellowship Area noticeboard).

See you there!

John Harrower and Katherine Corr

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!





Train Your Brain (TYB)

Just a reminder that TYB is on Saturday 1st August (this Saturday), 9.30am – 12noon (registrations, 9am). Topic of the Month; “Growing Up in England”.

Speaker: Gerry Thornewell

'Crafts of Care' – Knit, Sew & Craft Afternoon

- Dates: 8th August, 12th September, 10th October
- Time: 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 27th August: Mother's Union & Friends

MU & Friends meets Thursday 27 August 1.30pm in Meeting Rooms 1&2. Includes worship & afternoon tea – All welcome.

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-3

- Dates: 14th & 28th August, 25th September
 - 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)

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





FINANCIAL UPDATE: OCT'25 – JUL'26

Income & Expenses: Oct'25-Jul'26	
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Income	\$886,676
Expenses	\$856,791
Surplus	\$29,885

The surplus at the end of June is \$29,885. This is due to the fantastic response to Gift Day. The total received to the end of July is \$115,523! Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity to the life and missions of GWAC.

WORSHIP SERVICES IN AUGUST

WEDNESDAY 10AM SERVICE

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

Winter Series: Prayers of Praise (contd)			
5 Aug	Ephesians 1: 3-14	Paul's Thanksgiving	Amanthi Lynch
Winter Series: Our Identity			
12 Aug	Genesis chapters 1-3	Our identity in God's World	John Harrower
19 Aug	Ephesians 2: 1-22	Our identity in Christ	Maria Brand
26 Aug	Ephesians 4: 1-25	Our identity in the Body of Christ	Nathanael Thierry
2 Sep	Romans 8: 14-30	Our identity in Singleness	Bishop Paul Barker
9 Sep	Ephesians 5: 21-33	Our identity in Marriage	Maria Brand
16 Sep	Genesis 1:26-28; 2:7	Our identity in an AI World	John Harrower
23 Sep	Psalms 139: 13-16; 1 Corinthians 6: 19-20	Our identity in Dying / End of Life	John Harrower





SUNDAY SERVICES

James Sermon Series- Authentic Faith: How we live matters		
2 Aug	James 1: 1-18	Speaker: Maria Brand
9 Aug	James 1: 19-27	Speaker: Bre Wilkinson
16 Aug	James 2	Speakers: Ethan Jordan, Jeanette Hiew, Andrew Astley
23 Aug	James 3	Speaker: Amanthi Lynch
30 Aug	James 4	Speaker: (Archbishop) Ric Thorpe

Blessings,

Maria Brand | Lead Minister

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

