

GWAC happenings

Nov 2025

Glen Waverley Anglican Church | Updates

Dear friends,

WHY MENTORING?

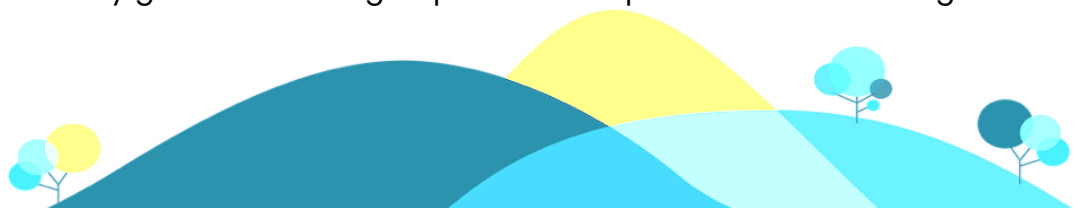
Many are familiar with the concept on mentoring in the workplace. Christian mentoring can be diverse but at its heart is helping people mature as followers of Jesus.

Mentoring helps believers in Jesus to grow to maturity in Christ. We see a pattern of mentoring in Jesus' ministry with the disciples, in the Great Commission and in the early church.

'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.' (Matthew 28:18-20)

In the early church, we see Barnabas mentored Paul, who mentored Timothy, Silas and Titus, and then Paul wrote to Timothy saying: *'And 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 Timothy 2:2)

Kara Martin writes of how while the apprenticeship model of mentoring has been our primary model in the church and is still very helpful today, there are other models that also help us to encourage one another to mature in faith. These models may centre around reciprocity and mutuality where mentoring blesses all involved and relationship and collaboration are key principles. Therefore, while mentoring often takes place between a mature Christian and a younger Christian it can also take place among peers. I have been part of a peer mentoring community with others in vocational ministry for 18 years and I am very grateful for this group that have spurred me on in loving God





and others, and for the opportunity of mutual encouragement. As we were exhorted in our series on Hebrews, *'Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.'* (Hebrews 10:25-26). Mentoring helps us to grow as a disciple of Jesus, blesses us with intergenerational relationships, helps us to use our gifts to serve while developing as leaders and servants of Christ and provides accountability as we seek to keep the faith, fight the good fight and finish the race.

(by Rev'd Maria Brand)

YOUNG ADULTS MENTORING AT GWAC

Would you like a **have** a Christian mentor – an older Christian who will invest in building your spiritual life? **OR** Would you like to **serve** as a Christian mentor – investing in the spiritual life of a young adult in our community?

In the workplace, mentors support our professional development, but in the church, mentors help move us forward towards maturity in Christ. There is a strong Biblical mandate for mentoring – Jesus mentored the disciples; Barnabas mentored Paul; Paul went on to mentor Silas, Titus and Timothy. This is a pattern for growing disciples and leaders in fulfilment of our Lord's great commission.

If you are interested, and would like more information, let us know by submitting this form. [LINK](#)

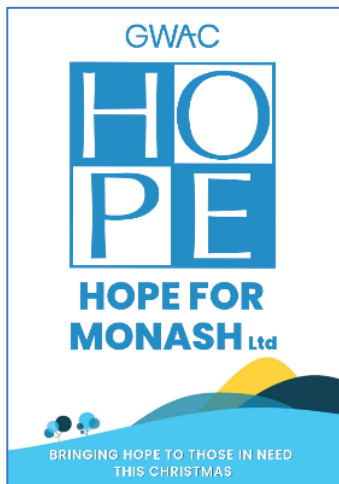
THIS SUNDAY: SUN 2 NOV

Change4Change Support

Please bring your Change4Change jars on 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





THIS SUNDAY: HOPE4MONASH FOOD DRIVE BEGINS

Bring hope to those struggling in the Monash community this Christmas. The bags and the list of popular foods to fill up the bags will be available on Sundays 2nd & 9th Nov.

Pls bring the filled bags with you at any of our church services on Sundays 16th and 23rd Nov (last day for collection), or at GWAC between these dates.

THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB (NOVEMBER ONLY)

In November, on Thursdays 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th, 10am – 12pm, GWAC will demonstrate God's love and fellowship to families attending onsite programs such as Playgroup and GymbaROO. We'll be serving coffee and treats and take time to connect and chat with them.

If you're interested in joining the team, please let us know by emailing the church office at admin@gwac.org.au, or via the Connect Card or GWAC App.



MEN'S BREAKFAST: SAT 15 NOV, 8.30– 10AM

The breakfast aims to gather men of all ages for time to enjoy each other and a great meal. This particular breakfast will be a good event to [invite friends to](#). **Our speaker is David Boyd.**

Please RSVP by Monday 10th November to the Office, admin@gwac.org.au; you can also use the signup sheet on the church notice board, or the App, or the Connect Card.





CHILDREN & YOUTH

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Playgroups are concluding in early DEC, but we're seeking NEW volunteers now for 2026. Tues, Wed and Thurs are averaging 10-12 kids per session. Many wonderful interactions with adults occur too. We invite you to register interest and arrange a visit with Anthony (a.wheaton@gwac.org) or Susan, particularly as we present a Christmas message this month.

Following on from Missions month, please consider '**Praying for Youth**' month throughout November: *Youth Ministries Futures*. Sheets are available with daily sentences to draw attention to this vital need in the wider church. Pls take one.

30th NOV – Creative Family Service: 10:30am with special guest Elk Puppets! Come and enjoy a cooking-themed nativity presentation, with a community BBQ to follow.

CYC Family Camp – Adanac (Yarra Junction). 2nd –7th JAN 2026. Book now to secure your accommodation. The teaching in the Primary-aged stream will be from Anthony W. This camp promises to be a refreshing time for the whole family, getting time away with Christ as our cornerstone.

IGNITE (YOUTH MINISTRY)

We only have four more weeks of Ignite left for 2025! On **November 7th**, we are heading to Jells Park for wide games and scavenger hunt, 6.30–8.30pm, Ferntree Gully Road Entrance



On **November 14th**, **VCYC is coming to GWAC for its “One Night”** event! This is a wonderful opportunity to host this amazing night of worship, fun, a great **Bible talk by Rev'd. Jimmy Young** and fellowship as youth from around Melbourne come together to praise our God.

There will also be a community night, “Just Dance & Karaoke” on **November 21st**, and a Christmas party on **November 28th** as well! **If you know anyone in Year 5, please invite them along to Ignite in November. We'd love to have them join us!**

Amanthi Lynch & Ignite Youth Leaders





ANNUAL MEETING 2025: SUN 16 NOV

GWAC's Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday 16th November 12.30pm**, preceded by morning tea.

Morning Tea & Kitchen Helpers

- Please bring a plate for morning tea (nothing to be heated & cut, please bring ready to serve).
- We also need kitchen helpers; please indicate your availability on a Connect Card or email the church office, admin@gwac.org.au.

Additional Information

- **Annual Reports** will be available on Sunday 9th November.
- **Electoral Roll:** Current roll for the Annual Meeting 2025 is displayed on the church notice board.
- **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.
- **Questions and proposed motions** in writing are to be provided to the Lead Minister or Parish Council Secretary (Sue Collier, s.collier@gwac.org.au) by Sunday 9th November 6pm (either email or on paper and delivered to GWAC office).

DON'T MISS!

Saturday 1st Nov (9.30am): Train Your Brain (TYB)

- 9.30am – 12 Noon (registration from 9am)
- Our Topic of the Month is "What Makes Australia's Weather and Climate Tick?". Our speaker is Grant Beard.

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 8th Nov: 'Crafts of Care' – Knit, Sew & Craft Afternoon

- 1.30 – 4pm. Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 @ 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 (including beginner knitters 😊!)

Thursday 27th Nov: 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

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

- Fridays, **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!

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





Celebrate Christmas at GWAC

GOD IS WITH US

Dec 24 (Wednesday): Christmas Eve:

- **5pm: Family Christmas Service**, followed by free BBQ and activities.
- **10:30pm: Carols by Candlelight**, with Holy Communion.

Dec 25 (Thursday): Christmas Day

- **10am: Christmas Communion Service**, Bilingual (English & Mandarin), followed by a bring & share lunch.

OTHERS

MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP (MAF) MOVIE NIGHT: JOIN US FOR A SCREENING OF 'ENDS OF THE EARTH' MOVIE

Join us for a screening of 'Ends of the Earth', a powerful showcase of the mission, sacrifice, and impact made in Papua through MAF & the Moody Bible Institute. This event is to thank, share and celebrate with the many people who have continued to support, pray and journey with us as we prepare for ministry in PNG.



- When: Sat 15th November 2025, 3:30 PM-5:30PM
- Cost: Free
- Place: Waverley Christian College, Narre Warren South, 3805
- Watch Trailer: [LINK](#)





THE UNSTOPPABLE MISSION

SUMMER UNDER THE SON

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- Our speakers this year are Rev. Dr Christopher Chia (Vice President of the National Council of Churches of Singapore) and Grace Lung (Director of Brisbane School of Theology's Centre for Asian Christianity).
- Thurs 8th – Fri 9th January 2026, Syndal Baptist Church
- Registration: [LINK](#)

MANDARIN SPEAKING COMMUNITY

Let's Learn English (LLE) Class

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

Chinese Brothers' Fellowship

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

Chinese Discipleship Group (Sisters Online)

- Every Thursday, 7:30pm–9pm
- Contact: Ginger, g.chen@gwac.org.au

Life Connection Groups

We now have four Life Connection Groups! These groups are designed to help brothers and sisters build deeper relationships, support one another, and grow together in Christ. Meeting times for each group will be announced soon.

Volunteer Leaders Training

- 4th Sunday of Each Month, following the regular Sunday service.
- Contact: Ginger, g.chen@gwac.org.au





UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES @ GWAC

Sunday English Services

Celebrating Mission: Sharing Our Hope in Christ			
2 Nov	Psalm 69	Lament in the Psalms	Speaker: Maria Brand
9 Nov	Psalm 19	God: Science & Scripture	Guest Speaker: Chris Mulherin (ISCAST)
16 Nov	Psalm 73	Is God the strength of our heart?	Speaker: Maria Brand
23 Nov	Praise & Worship Services		Songs & Testimonies
Advent			
30 Nov	Advent (wk-1): Hope in our weariness (8am & 5pm Services) Creative Family Service (10.30am)		Speaker: Amanthi Lynch (8am, 5pm) Special Guest: Elk Puppets (10.30am)

Wednesday English 10am Service

Hymns of Hope			
5 th Nov	Isaiah 6:1-3, Revelation 4:1-11	Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty	Speaker: John Harrower
12 th Nov	Philippians 2:1-11	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	Speaker: Amanthi Lynch
19 th Nov	Revelation 5:1-14	'Our Songs of Christian Hope' Amazing Grace	Speaker: John Harrower
26 th Nov	Luke 23: 33-43	Proclaiming Christ the King	Speaker: Maria Brand

The Wednesday 10am 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*

