

Thurs 4 April 2024

# GWAC happenings

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

## PRAY: YOUR WILL BE DONE!

(by Rev'd Maria Brand)



God has revealed himself to us by His word and He invites us to communicate with Him in Prayer. There are lots of things that I could emphasise as I begin with you here at GWAC such as worship, making, maturing and mobilising disciples locally and globally... but undergirding all of this is prayer. For it is God who does these things, it is in His power that we come to know Him, grow in Him and use our God-given gifts.

Over the next couple of months, we will be looking at Biblical prayer in our sermons on Sundays. During this sermon series, we will look not just at what the Bible has to say about prayer but at actual prayers that we find in the Bible- there are many, and we will only be able to look at a selection during this series!

There is much to learn by looking at prayers found in the Bible. We can learn about:

- the importance and centrality of prayer,
- how to pray and what to pray for,
- how to listen,
- what beliefs should shape our prayers,
- how to resist the Devil and sin,
- the triune God and how to grow in our relationship with God and share our faith.

I pray that through this series we will get to know God better and we will find direction and joy in being part of what he is doing in our midst.





## THIS SUNDAY (7 APRIL)

**Speaker:** Maria Brand

**Bible Reading:** Ephesians 3:14-19  
(New sermon series on *Praying*)

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- 8am (with Lord's Supper)
  - 10.30am (Praise & Worship)
  - 5pm (Praise & Worship)

## NEXT WEEK (10 APRIL) WED 10AM SERVICE: - 'THE RESURRECTION - ITS SIGNIFICANCE'

Come and join in the mission of the resurrection!

**Speaker:** John Harrower

**Bible Reading:** Matthew 28: 16-20

## GIFT DAY 2024

Sunday 5 May



Target \$ 100,000

## GIFT DAY 2024: SUNDAY 5 MAY

As already announced, our annual Gift Day will take place on Sunday 5 May this year.

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

Gift Day cards will be available from this Sunday onwards and we encourage you to prayerfully consider how you can financially support God's ministry through GWAC.



Saturday 25 May

## SAVE THE DATE: TRIVIA NIGHT- SATURDAY 25 MAY

This is an **all-age event** to raise funds for IGNITE youth ministry.

- A great opportunity to invite your friends to visit GWAC socially.
- Prizes, games, maybe an Auction
- Watch this space for more details in the coming weeks.



## COMING UP IN MAY: PREACHER'S TRAINING (LED BY BISHOP PAUL BARKER)

**Registration:** Please contact Brad or the church office, [admin@gwac.org.au](mailto:admin@gwac.org.au)



Starting Wednesday 1st May  
7:30-9:30pm

Contact the church office  
today to register

For more information  
contact Brad Jackson

**preachers training** 

## BCA VICTORIA AGM & DINNER: TAKING PLACE AT GWAC

**When:** Saturday 20 April, 5.30pm drinks, 6pm dinner & AGM

**Register:** by 15 April using this [LINK](#) or contact Bob Barclay. \$50pp (spit roast dinner)



## FROM THE BEACH TO THE BORDER

Reaching Central Queensland for Christ  
*2024 BCA Victoria AGM & Dinner*

Guest speaker  
**PETER GRICE**  
Bishop of Central Queensland

Also hear from  
**ROB & MICHELLE EDWARDS**  
BCA-supported Field Staff, Strathfieldsaye



**Saturday 20 April 2024, 5.30pm drinks  
for 6pm Dinner & Annual Meeting**

GLEN WAVERLEY ANGLICAN CHURCH  
800 WAVERLEY ROAD (CNR WATSONS ROAD)

*Spit roast dinner only \$50 pp  
Childminding available (please advise)*





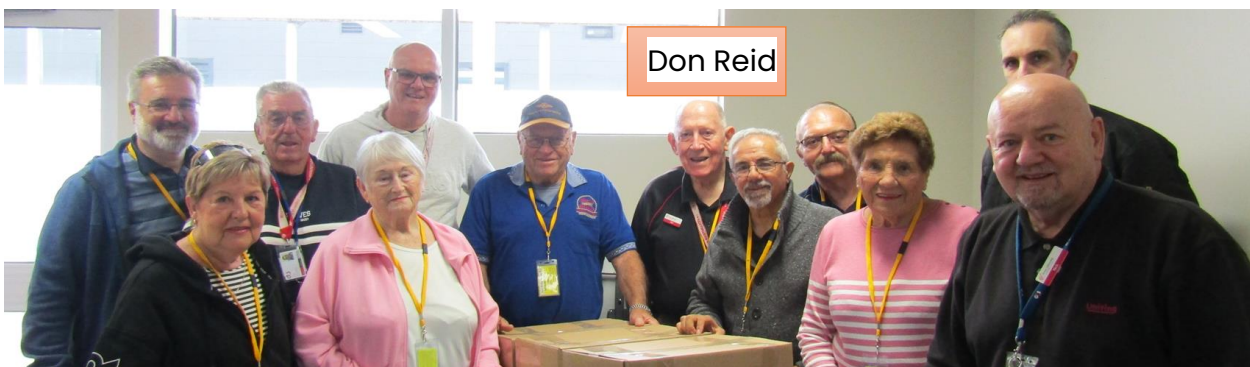
# BAPTISM CONFIRMATION RECEPTION

JULY 21

8 & 10:30AM, 5PM SERVICES

This will be an opportunity for adults to be baptised, confirmed, or received in the service you attend, including youth & young adults at the 5pm service. Please contact Maria, John, Brad, or the church office ([admin@gwac.org.au](mailto:admin@gwac.org.au)) if you are interested.

## DISTRIBUTING EASTER BISCUITS AT PORT PHILLIP PRISON



Thank you GWAC! The Easter Biscuits were distributed at Port Phillip Prison on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The cartons in the photo contain around 5,000 biscuits (half of the 10,000 biscuits distributed at that prison). As expected, the prisoners accepted the biscuits and the accompanying information card from Prison Fellowship, with great thankfulness.





## BAPTISM AT EASTER MANDARIN SERVICE: A REPORT



Praise be to the Lord for the memorable baptism service held at Easter Mandarin Service where a sister joyfully received baptism and publicly declared her faith in Jesus Christ and was welcomed into the family of Christ.

It was indeed a testimony to the transforming power of God's grace and His love. Please continue to pray for the Mandarin Congregation- that they will continue to grow, and many will come to know Jesus through their ministry.

## TRAIN YOUR BRAIN: THIS SATURDAY

We will commence the program at 9.30am (registration for newcomers at 9am) with the Topic for the Month- "Resilience". Neridah Peirce will tell us about what she learnt about an approach to resilience by having coffee with a friend.

## MOTHERS UNION & FRIENDS IN APRIL

As our next meeting falls on Anzac Day (Thu, 25 April), we **will** be gathering as usual - Meeting rooms 1&2, 1.30pm. We plan to share our Anzac memories, with memorabilia as possible. You are welcome to join us!





## VALE MARGARET MARTIN

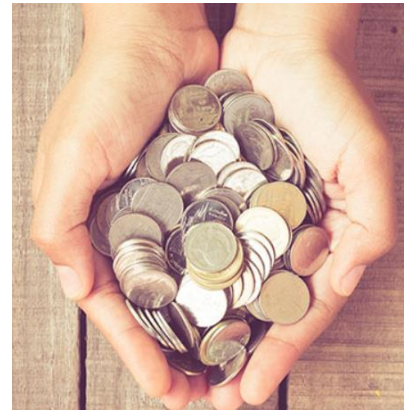
We write with sadness and yet joy to inform you that Margaret Martin died last Saturday, Holy Saturday (30<sup>th</sup> March), and is now rejoicing in the presence of our Lord and Saviour. How meaningful that in the words of the Easter Vigil, 'On this most holy of night, when Jesus, our Lord, passed from death to life', Margaret has passed from death to life with Jesus our Lord. **Her funeral will be held at GWAC at 2pm Thursday 11 April and will also be livestreamed.** Please uphold her husband, John, and family in prayer.

## THIS SUNDAY: CHANGE4CHANGE

Please bring your Change4Change jars this 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



Blessings,

**Maria Brand** | Lead Minister (Vicar)

