
WELCOME

Wonga Park CRC is a church that is committed to helping people grow in their faith, one step at a time. We believe people do this by encountering God in his living word, through prayer, and in community with other believers.

New here? We would love to meet and connect with you, so please fill in your details on the back of this newsletter or send us an email to pastor@wpcrc.org.au and we will get in contact with you.

God's Word: We encourage you to take notes in the place provided, to reflect on what God has been saying to you, and to discuss it with your family, friends and children.

Prayer: We have several places in our worship service where we pray. We believe that prayer is vitally important to our faith lives, and that God powerfully answers our prayer. If you have a specific prayer request, please let us know. We would love to pray with you.

Community: We are committed to our church community, even though we can't physically meet at this point in time due to COVID-19. However, many of our church growth groups continue to meet together online. If you would like to join in an online growth group, please contact admin@wpcrc.org.au and we can get you connected.

SERMON: THE HOUR OF GLORY

John 17:1-5

JESUS PRAYS FOR HIMSELF

Jesus spoke these things, looked up to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you,

2 since you gave him authority over all people, so that he may give eternal life to everyone you have given him. 3 This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent — Jesus Christ. 4 I have glorified you on the earth by completing the work you gave me to do. 5 Now, Father, glorify me in your presence with that glory I had with you before the world existed.

SERMON NOTES

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Ene Crous	4 December	Sarah Pretorius	22 December
Gretchen Fourie	4 December	Colin Arnold	29 December
Jo Reed	5 December	Cailynn Van der Merwe	29 November
Dean Van der Jagt	6 December	Arthur Witteveen	1 January
James Blashki	14 December	Karin Witteveen	1 January
Mariaane Van der Merwe	15 December	Roger Fernando	6 January
Ken Van der Jagt	17 December	Hanna Van der Walt	7 January
Emily Reeders	19 December		

Looking for Work

We would like to provide an opportunity for fellow congregation members to notify us if you are seeking employment so we could try and support you in the process.

Please send a confidential email to admin@wpcrc.org.au. If possible please attach your resume and give us an indication of what kind of work you are looking for and your availability. As part of this we would also like potential employers or people who are aware of vacancies within their businesses to please let us know of these opportunities by using the same email address.



JOB VACANCY

Keep on eye on these job sites:

Christian Jobs: <https://www.christianjobs.com.au>

Ethical Jobs: <https://www.ethicaljobs.com.au>

Yarra Valley Water: <https://yvw.csod.com/ats/careersite/search.aspx?site=1&c=yvw>

Australia Post: <https://auspost.com.au/jobs>

Telstra: <https://www.careers.telstra.com>

POSITION VACANT - YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER AT ONE HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

One Hope is a church passionate about *moving people in following Christ*. As part of the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia, we aim to develop and send people to grow disciples, care for people, and reach the world. Our first key value is dependence on God, as we rely on His grace, His Word, and His Spirit. Our second key value is discipling people, ensuring we intentionally point and lead people to Jesus.

We hope to engage the right person to join our team of staff in the role of Youth Ministry Leader. This person would be suitably qualified to be a godly example to our youth, recruit and develop a team of leaders, and work alongside parents to see our young people disciplined effectively.

This is a two/three day-a-week position dependent on level of experience and any extra ministry responsibility (i.e. regular preaching load, young adult leadership, etc). This would be determined through the interview process.

Please email admin@ohcc.com.au to receive a position description and details on how to apply. Applications close Friday 8th January, 2021.



One Hope Community Church

Senior Coordinator, People Support

If you have a background in HR, and you're keen to work with an incredible team serving a powerful mission to end slavery, [check this open position](https://ijm.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/IJM-Au-Sr.-Coordinator-People-Support-Job-Ad-Dec-2020.pdf) on our website.

Here is the link in case it doesn't work:

<https://ijm.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/IJM-Au-Sr.-Coordinator-People-Support-Job-Ad-Dec-2020.pdf>

If you have any questions, feel free to call me on 0418 383 055

Dave Groenenboom

Senior Manager, Church Partnerships

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

As required by Victoria Health we need to keep a record of who has been attending the church service. We have set up a QR code that you can scan when you arrive at church on which your basic information will be captured securely onto a form in Elvanto. We will only use or disclose your check-in information for coronavirus (COVID-19) contact tracing. Your data will then be deleted after 28 days. Your details won't be used for marketing or other purposes.

We will also have some volunteers with iPads to assist people who are unable to check in using their phones. It may take a bit of time to get everyone through the process so please try to be a bit earlier at church than what you would normally be.

Oasis Camp Traineeships 2021

Oasis Camp is a not-for-profit organisation situated in Mount Evelyn on the picturesque foothills of Mount Dandenong. As a Christian campsite our mission is to provide life-enriching camping experiences to schools, corporate and community groups. We are looking for up and coming young leaders who want to develop their career in outdoor recreation and hospitality to serve in an energetic Christian work environment. Our trainees will embark on a year long adventure providing activities and hospitality to a diverse range of groups. They will be provided on an off-site training and will finish with a nationally accredited qualification (cert III in Outdoor Leadership through OETI).

Do you want to develop exciting new skills or begin a career in outdoor recreation in 2021? If you are between 17-21 this traineeship may be for you!



Please send expressions of interest to the assistant manager, Josh Chesterman:

0433061206 | josh@oasis.asn.au

NEXT PRAYER MEETING

The next prayer meeting will be held on **Thursday the 17th of December at 7.30pm**
This will be the last one for the year

Join the Zoom Meeting via the link below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5625807703>

Meeting ID: **562 580 7703**



PRAYER POINTS

“True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance. It is far deeper than that – it is a spiritual transaction with the Creator of Heaven and Earth.” – Charles Spurgeon

As we go into the coming week let us daily pray;

That the Lord will help us to gain an ever deeper relationship with him as we meet with him in prayer.

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has come and has redeemed His people. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David. (Luke 1:68-69 NIV)

- Give praise and thanks to God even when things are hard and ask him to light our path so that we will see the way to go.
- Please continue to pray for our brother Thinus du Plessis that he may gain his strength so that he may continue to do the things he likes to do.
- Please pray for Chris and Gretchen Fourie that they will be provided with a new home that is close to where they need to be and within their budget.
- Please pray for those of us who remain in some form of isolation even after the lifting of restrictions, the elderly, the frail and the sick.
- Please continue to pray for our marriage relationships that we will hold each other up before the Lord in prayer and that our bonds will be strengthened.
- Pray for wisdom as persecution creeps ever closer when the government wants to even impose on us who and what we may or may not pray for.
- Pray for our governments that the Lord will shine his light into every corner so that his will, will become evident to all.

Please pray for God's people facing persecution. The Pew Research Centre says the religious persecution of Christians is growing around the world, especially at the hands of dictators. Their study shows 40% of the world struggles to worship God freely. Meanwhile, another new study shows that religion drives prejudices between people more than race or ethnicity. In this climate of accelerating religious conflict, Tim Neu of Wycliffe Associates says Christians are suffering. – Mission Network News

Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Iran. Iranian Christians imprisoned for their involvement in a house church have received 80 lashes for drinking communion wine. Zaman Fadaei and Mohammad Omid were handed the punishment, according to Premier News. The treatment has prompted outrage from the US State Department. Spokeswoman, Morgan Ortagus says they are deeply disturbed by reports Iran is lashing people for drinking communion wine. 'We condemn these unjust punishments and urge Iran to allow all Iranians the freedom to practice their beliefs', she says. The men were also handed ten-year prison sentences for 'acting against the national security through propagating house churches and promoting Zionist Christianity'. The prison terms have since been reduced to six years. – Premier News

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GIVING

In our church we have 2 offerings every Sunday. The first offering goes toward the ministry of this congregation. The second offering goes toward various ministry organisations we support. If you would like to support this work you can do so in a few different ways:

In church giving: Simply add your offering to the offering bag.

Bank Transfer: BSB: 063 167 **Acc:** 1015 8356. For the Deacons **BSB:** 063167 **Acc.** 1015 8372

Via Church App: Download it here <https://wpcrc.org.au/app/>