



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, place it in the offering bag and one of our team will contact you. Alternatively send 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 would also love to pray with you after the service. If you would like someone to pray with you, please remain in the main auditorium and a member of our prayer team will come and pray with you.

Community: We encourage you to stay after the service for coffee and fellowship. If you are a visitor, please grab a free barista made coffee (available most mornings). We would love to meet you and get to know you more. We have a **cry room** off to the side of the church for parents with infants. During school terms we also run a **Sunday School** program before the church service for high school aged children and during the church service for primary school aged children, and we have a **crèche** for ages 1-5 at the end of the main hallway.

Groups: We have a number of growth groups that meet throughout the week to pray for people, gather around God's word, and care for one another. If you would like to join a group, please contact pastor Chris (pastor@wpcrc.org.au).

SERMON: JESUS THE KING

Matthew 21:1–11

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives, Jesus then sent two disciples,

2 telling them, "Go into the village ahead of you. At once you will find a donkey tied there with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them at once."

4 This took place so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled:

5 Tell Daughter Zion,

"See, your King is coming to you,
gentle, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt,
the foal of a donkey."

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6 The disciples went and did just as Jesus directed them.

7 They brought the donkey and the colt; then they laid their clothes on them, and he sat on them.

8 A very large crowd spread their clothes on the road; others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them on the road.

9 Then the crowds who went ahead of him and those who followed shouted:

'Hosanna' to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name

of the Lord!

'Hosanna' in the highest heaven!

10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in an uproar, saying, "Who is this?"

11 The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Palm Sunday is a day when we celebrate Jesus as King. Why do you think the crowds were so keen to proclaim Jesus as the king?
2. We all have expectations of what Jesus will do for us. What is the one thing you want Jesus to do for you right now?
3. Hosanna means "Salvation". How did Jesus answer the crowds call for salvation?
4. How do you want Jesus to answer your prayer from Q2, right now? Is this a realistic expectation?
5. It has been said that God is more interested in our holiness than our happiness. Do you think this is true? Why or why not?
6. When has Jesus answered one of your prayers in an unexpected way, that ended up being far better than you could have hoped?
7. What are your "deep desires" that need to be brought to Jesus in prayer?
8. What is one step you can commit to taking this week, to living as if Jesus really is your king?

SERMON NOTES

DIARY

Sunday 28 March

9:30 am Senior Sunday School

10:00 am Worship Service

10:30 am Junior Sunday School

*Happy
Birthday*

Ameri	van Dyk	22 March	Anush	Barnabas	7 April
Leonie	Stork	24 March	Sanika	Kock	10 April
Michelle	Dyer	26 March	Lynette	Pretorius	14 April
Joash	Lichtendonk	27 March	Gerry	Herft	17 April
Nick	Aitken	31 March	Lydia	Oppermann	17 April
Joy	van Veen	1 April	Gina	Herft	21 April
Olivia	Van Der Jagt	3 April	Bram	Vanderjagt	21 April
Harry	Berends	4 April	Lourens	Geldenduys	22 April

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: Online or via our church app: <https://wpcrc.org.au/give>

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.

VOLUNTEER Needed!

The Newsletter Team is in need of one more volunteer to assist with compiling the newsletter every week.

Schedule is generally 2 weeks on and 4 weeks off.

If you are interested please email newsletter@wpcrc.org.au or feel free to chat to or contact Neil Bester (Mob: 0429 569 149) or Enè Crous (Mob: 0450 211 133)

Newsletter Contributions

Do you have an article or announcement you'd like to see published in the church newsletter? If so, we'd love hear from you. Please email your content to newsletter@wpcrc.org.au. The cut-off day for submissions is Wednesday evening for the next Sunday's newsletter.

Needed – Café Manager and Barista

The Role:

The Piggery Cafe is a popular destination located in Sherbrooke, at the foot of the Dandenongs. As a hands-on supervisor, you will be responsible for providing personalised customer service to our guests, while supporting the management team in the day-to-day operations of the venue. You will be responsible for assisting the Venue Manager in the following:

- Maintaining the 'vibe', clean and energetic environment
- Taking charge of the arrangement of the shift on the day with consideration of wage cost and quality of service
- Supervise front of house team and acting as the manager on duty in the absence of the Venue Manager.
- Recruitment, training and development of staff that lead to exceptional guest experiences every time.
- Assist with coordinating and supervising a wide range of events on the property from weddings to corporate events etc
- Managing opening and closing procedures
- Communicating with other team members in an efficient and friendly manner

As a Supervisor you will need to possess the following:

- Energy and passion with proven industry experience
- Experience leading teams Previous coffee/barista experience is essential
- Experience managing a section in a busy café/restaurant environment
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment
- A positive attitude and genuine customer focus in service excellence
- Exceptional communication skills
- Reliable, organised and well presented at all times
- Self-motivated and a desire to continually learn and develop
- Holds current RSA certificate

We are located in Sherbrooke near Belgrave, 15mins from Ferntree Gully, 30mins from Croydon or Dandenong or 45mins - 1hr from Melbourne.

Please email your CV in Word or PDF format with covering letter to wendy@burnhambeeches.com.au

FMC UPDATE

Thank you very much to those who attended the Working Bee on Saturday the 13th of March. It was a joy to share a day of fellowship and work with all the volunteers who pitched in. We've made a good start of cleaning up around the property and the cottage and we look forward to arranging another Working Bee again soon as there still remains much needed work to maintain and improve the church property.

Just a reminder that the outside rubbish bins are not to be used for personal household rubbish and to ensure only recyclable material is placed in the recycling bins.



It is with great pleasure that we announce that Tim and Leah have a daughter Ruth Esther Gray, born 10 March, 2.04kg at exactly 35 weeks.

Mother and baby are both healthy.

FROM THE DEACONS...

Just a note from your current serving deacon.

I am starting up the 'deacons pantry' again to assist those who could use a helping hand with keeping mouths fed when money is a bit tight.

I would love to see some of the pantry staples that most people can use.

Ideas include...coffee, tea, milo, cereals, spreads, rice, pasta, cans of fish or beans or fruit....maybe just check your own pantry for the staples you would rather not be without as an idea of what to give to others.

Sanitary / personal health, (eg hand sanitiser and disposable masks), and kitchen wraps and cleaning products are also helpful.

Yarra rd Primary will happily take some bags of groceries from us for four of their families and the rest will be distributed as we see someone who might benefit from this service.

Thank You for your love and prayers at this time. Please continue to pray and support not only me but all who have been, and who are, and who will be involved in diaconal work for our congregation.

Yours in Christ's name—Joy van Veen.



CRCA WOMEN'S CONVENTION 2021

May 28th - May 31st 2021

come and follow
"Ruth's" journey with us

visit tivolicrc.org.au
wendy 0408 073 680

registrations close 24th April 2021



On Campus at RTC Melbourne or Live-Streamed Online, 1 May 2021

Transformed: Changing Our World Through Biblical Thinking | Hosted by RTC and Christian Education National (CEN)

In Romans 12:3 believers are called to be ***“transformed by the renewal of their minds”***. This implies that being a Christian has profound implications for how we view ourselves and the world in which God has placed us. ***Join us for a day of thinking through the application of Biblical truth on culture, education, society and much more.***

Helping us explore this topic will be Simon Kennedy (Director of the Millis Institute and Senior Lecturer in Humanities at Christian Heritage College), Chris Prior (Principal of the National Institute of Christian Education), Fiona Partridge (SA State Executive Officer for CEN) and our own, Phillip Scheepers and Stephen Lewis.

This joint RTC/CEN Worldview Seminar will be hosted On Campus at RTC Melbourne with live-streaming options available for participants all around Victoria and Australia.

EVENT DETAILS

When: Saturday 1 May 2021, 9am-5pm

Where: RTC Melbourne, 3/221 Queen Street Melbourne or live-streamed

Cost: \$65 (On Campus) or \$40 (live-streamed)

For more information and registration: rtc.edu.au/news-events

Kind regards,
RTC Events Team

PRAYER POINTS

The supreme thing is worship. The attitude of worship is the attitude of a subject bent before the King... the fundamental thought is that of prostration, of bowing down. — Campbell Morgan

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

That we will humbly give thanks to our Lord Jesus for loving us so much that he did not even allow anguish that caused his blood to fall to the ground to dissuade him from going to the cross.

Being in anguish, He prayed more fervently, and His sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground. (Luke 22:44 HCSB)

- Give praise and thanks to our Lord Jesus for pouring out his blood so that we may be cleansed from all unrighteousness.
- Please continue to pray for Lydia Oppermann as she is once again in hospital, pray for God's intervention that she may be released from that which binds her.
- Please pray for Chris and Gretchen Fourie as they both struggle with health issues, pray that the Lord will grant them healing.
- Please pray for God's leading as we seek to fill the vacancies in our session and deaconate, pray that the Lord will touch the hearts of those he wishes to take up these offices and that they will be willing to serve.
- Please pray for our brothers Lourens Geldenhuys, Peter Williams and Jack Organtzoglou and our sister Joy van Veen who are currently serving in these positions that the Lord will continue to give them the strength they need to fulfil the tasks he has given them.
- Please pray for our politicians both state and federal, especially those who profess Jesus as Lord, that he will grant them wisdom, discernment, courage and strength to stand strong in him in all the decisions to be made.
- Please pray for the church in our nation that we will stay faithful to the teachings of the holy scriptures no matter what pressures we may come under to compromise.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will bring about a mighty revival in our land bringing many souls into his kingdom sparing them from eternal suffering.

Please pray for our sister Zhang Zhan who is a Christian reporter who saw her work as God's will and has been sentenced to four years in prison in Shanghai after she documented the coronavirus outbreak in the central Chinese city of Wuhan.

Zhang Zhan, 37, was found guilty by Shanghai Pudong New Area People's Court of "picking quarrels and provoking trouble," the South China Morning Post reports. "Zhang Zhan attended the trial in a wheelchair and was in poor health," lawyer Zhang Keke said. "She did not immediately say if she would appeal against the sentence." At the height of China's outbreak, the 37-year-old citizen journalist and former lawyer had travelled from Shanghai to Wuhan to witness the severity of the virus firsthand, Reuters reports. For several months she shared widely circulated videos that showed crowded hospitals, empty streets, and citizens worried about their finances.

In her reporting, Zhang was critical of the government, accusing the Chinese Communist Party of silencing whistle-blowers about the virus and warning Wuhan's lockdown had been enacted too harshly. In her final video, Zhang stated, "The government's way of managing this city has just been intimidation and threats. This is truly the tragedy of this country." Following that video in May, Zhang stopped responding to messages, and her friends later learned that she had been arrested and brought back to Shanghai, accused of spreading lies and making up false information. She went on a hunger strike in late June, and by December was suffering headaches, giddiness, stomach ache, low blood pressure and a throat infection, according to Reuters.

Her lawyers told the court that police strapped her hands and force-fed her with a tube. Requests to the court to release Zhang on bail before the trial and livestream the trial were ignored, her lawyer said. Ahead of her detention, she had been trying to campaign for the grieving relatives of virus victims, who were seeking compensation. A devout Christian, Zhang reportedly saw her work as obedience to God's calling. "I warned her about going to Wuhan when everyone else was trying to leave," said her friend and fellow lawyer, Li Dawei. "She is a staunch Christian and said it was God's will, she had to do this and tell everyone the truth." When one of her lawyers visited her in jail, she reportedly said she wished she had a Bible and quoted to him from I Corinthians: "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able."

Zhang was the first of the citizen journalists known to face legal proceedings for her activities. Chen Jiangang, a Chinese human rights lawyer, told the media that the length of Zhang's sentence showed the CCP's commitment to preserving its narrative of the outbreak. "Any time the Chinese Communist Party thinks of a case as political, what they use is suppression. Extremely cruel suppression," said Chen. "What was Zhang Zhan's crime?" he continued. "She just went to Wuhan, saw some things, talked about them. That's it." Leo Lan, a research and advocacy consultant at Chinese Human Rights Defenders, told The Washington Post the verdict "shows that we will never know the truth about the pandemic." "Zhang Zhan's heavy sentence will have a deterrent effect of silencing others who witnessed what happened in Wuhan earlier this year," he said.

Source: *Christian Post*

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GROWTH GROUPS

We have a number of growth groups in our church, please **contact Chris on 0423 889 913** to get connected to one. We have a few specific groups (noted below) as well as some general groups.

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Evenings (General Groups)

Wednesday Evenings (Young Adults)

Thursday Mornings
(Women's Bible study)

Thursday Evenings

Friday Evenings
(GEMS, and Youth Group)

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(primary aged girls group)

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CONNECT WITH US

If you would like someone from church to connect with you, please fill in this page, tear it off and put it in the offering bag.

Your name:

Contact number:

Contact email:

Notes: