



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 the 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).

BUILDING DURING COFFEE

Colossians 3:14-17

14 Above all, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. 15 And let the peace of Christ, to which you were also called in one body, rule your hearts. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. -- Colossians 3:14-17 (CSB)

Ephesians 4:11-16

11 And he himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ, 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son, growing into maturity with a stature measured by Christ's fullness. 14 Then we will no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, by human cunning with cleverness in the techniques of deceit. 15 But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into him who is the head — Christ. 16 From him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building itself up in love by the proper working of each individual part. -- Ephesians 4:11-16

SERMON NOTES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) At church, what tends to happen in the time after the formal part of church is over? What's good and not so good?
- 2) Who do you normally talk to, and what do you talk about?
- 3) Do you find it difficult to talk about spiritual matters? If so, why is that, do you think?
- 4) If you do happen to talk to a newcomer, how do you find it?
- 5) Look up some (or all) of the following Bible verses. What do they teach about the 'everyday Word ministry' we can have to one another?
 - a) 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 - b) Hebrews 3:12-14
 - c) Colossians 3:14-17
 - d) Ephesians 4:11-16
- 6) Think about the sermon from last Sunday. What comment or question could you have used to begin a conversation centred on God's word?
- 7) What sorts of things stop us from ministering to others informally at church?
- 8) What does all this mean for what time we leave church?
- 9) What is one action you will commit to for the next few weeks to help build another person up after our formal church meetings during coffee or during the week?

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>

DIARY

Sunday 27 June

10:00 am Lord's Supper Service
4.00 pm Zoom for Youth (Online)



Rhoda	Barnard	17 June	Frikkie	Kotze	29 June
Abigail	Vanderjagt	17 June	Rebekah	Remminga	29 June
Tanya	Crous	24 June	Schalk	Kock	30 June
Karien	Bester	25 June			

Families (particularly with teens) are encouraged to attend the next State Family Equip service on the 18th of July at One Hope Community Church in Scoresby, VIC. 5pm - 7:30pm with a discipleship workshop + FREE dinner follow the service. There are four of these services a year that are hosted by different CRCA churches.

VICTORIAN CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES YOUTH

EQUIP NIGHT

SUNDAY 18th JULY

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM @ ONE HOPE

SCORESBY SECONDARY COLLEGE CAVELL ST, SCORESBY

DINNER INCLUDED

"WHO ARE YOU, REALLY?"

WORKSHOPS FOR YOUTH & PARENTS TO FOLLOW AFTER DINNER

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.

On Monday the 3rd of May, I received a couple of calls regarding a request for help from a local mission.

The Dining Room Mission or TDR Mission, (www.tdrmission.org.au), is a local community meal service providing food to homeless people and to struggling families. They run every Tuesday evening from 5:30 -7:00 and are located in the back hall of the St John the Divine Anglican Church, Toorak Avenue, Croydon. They have been running this service since 2005.

Mike and I visited TDR Mission on Tuesday the 4th of May. We spoke to Jack Merx. He indicated that what he was looking for was a team of people from our congregation to prepare two course meals (main meal and dessert) for approximately 60 people, once a month. We would need to make simple meals that could be heated or reheated on the fourth Tuesday night of every month, and the meals would be packaged and served hot to whomever comes in. Because of Covid at the moment there is not the opportunity to sit down in the hall to eat the meals, the people that came in took enough for themselves and their families and ate them at home or in their cars etc.

The Deacons and I would love to hear from you and gauge whether we can get enough commitment from the congregation to join the TDR Mission.

For us, this will be a very practical way of service in our local community. It is also a form of equipping us to step out in faith and proclaim Christ.

I sincerely look forward to hearing from you all. My email is vanveen.joyce@gmail.com and my phone number is 0409199840.

Yours in Christs name

Joy van Veen
on behalf of the WPCRC Diaconate.



Make A Difference



The Newsletter team is looking for another volunteer!

Unfortunately one of our team members is unable to continue as part of the team and we are looking for a replacement. Full training will be given and you don't need to be a computer wizz to join. You will only be rostered on for two weeks out of six and we are flexible to change rosters



Farewell Leo & Liz Douma

A CELEBRATION OF THE COMPLETION OF
MINISTRY AT HOPE IN THE HILLS,
40 YEARS OF PREACHING
AND LEO'S 66TH BIRTHDAY!

17
JULY

2:30 - 5 pm

High Tea

@Hope in the Hills

3 Clifford Grove, Tecoma

Booking is Essential:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BROSO>

— *S a v e T h e D a t e* —

PRAYER POINTS

“God will lead you where He wants you to be, but you have to talk to Him daily to see where He wants you to go. The key is prayer.”

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

That the Lord will give us opportunities to honour him by doing good to each other as well as to the wider community.

Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith. (Galatians 6:10 NLT)

- ◆ Give praise and thanks to God for the good he has done us through our Lord Jesus and in every other way.
- ◆ Please continue to pray for Jerry Smedes as he recovers from the operation on his ankle, pray that he will fully recover and that there won't be any lasting ill effects.
- ◆ Pray for Rob Lichtendonk that he also will recover from his knee reconstruction, pray that he will soon be fully mobile again.
- ◆ Please pray for Mia and Hennie's friend Herman in South Africa struck down by the corona virus and his wife Henriette and children as well as all those who are in a similar situation. Pray for swift healing.
- ◆ Please pray for the marriage relationships within our church community, pray that the evil one will not gain a foothold between spouses but that we will be prepared to sacrifice ourselves for each other.
- ◆ Please pray for our nation, pray for those affected by the mouse plague currently devastating farming communities in NSW and Queensland.

Please pray for God's church in Afghanistan. Afghanistan, from which the 9/11 attacks and other terror plots were launched 20 years ago, could again fall into the hands of the Taliban. This call to prayer comes from a Christian within Afghanistan who has given decades of his life along with his team to serve the country and its long suffering people. "The US and NATO (and indeed Australia) have decided to pull out all troops by September. The Afghan people were shocked by this decision and even worse that this is being done without any conditions required of the Taliban. It was clear before and has become now even more evident now that the Afghan Army strongly needs help to defend our country. The Afghan government reports since the troop withdrawals were announced that the Taliban has increased its control to 104 districts across Afghanistan.

Targeted killings have risen. The vehicle of a close brother of one of our believers was blown up and he just escaped where all the other passengers burnt to death. One of our local worker's relatives returned from a wedding to their home when the Taliban stopped their bus, took six young people out and killed them in front of the eyes of all their relatives. While ten determiners were recently killed, probably by Islamic State, today it was reported that five polio vaccinators were killed and four injured by the Taliban. There have been power cuts in the capital as the Taliban blew up power lines. It has been reported that 28 antennas have been destroyed which makes communication extremely difficult. We would like to ask for fervent pray for Afghanistan, that God would step in and save this nation from being captured and governed again by the Taliban.

Please pray with us that:

* The government as well as the army will stay united, and for wisdom in all their decisions.

* for courage and strength for the Afghan army and police force, that they would successfully recapture all the lost territory.

* many Afghans will get to know the Lord in these times of desperation and uncertainty.

Source: *International Prayer Council*

EMERGENCY RELIEF APPEAL FOOD AND MEDS FOR A FAMILY

Severe lockdowns in India. Means another FOOD CRISIS !

The second wave of the pandemic in India has again brought huge suffering. Not only is there a public health emergency across the globe because of the pandemic, but acute hunger continues to affect the poorest of the poor. Again, because of the pandemic day labourers have no work, no pay and no means of feeding the family. Last week, in anticipation of your support, World Transform started a response in many villages, providing food essentials & basic medicines.



World Transform is prioritizing hundreds of marginalized people living in poverty in Central Western India. We will again be giving **food but also medicines** for many with fever, diarrhoea, pain or congestion. (Paracetamol for pain. Antihistamine for allergies & colds. Antibiotics for infections and diarrhoea.)

World Transform is appealing again for help to: "Feed a Family" for at least a week.
\$20 will truly help one family!

1. PRAY.

At your home, please pray for hungry families.

2. Feed a Family. Can you feed just one family?

Christians and non Christians will be helped in the precious name of Jesus.

What can be done?

Make a donation by EFT to the WT account below!

World Transform.
BSB 037 608 A/c No: 131745
Write: **"FOOD"** in message.

Just \$15 will buy enough rice, veg, dhal & oil for a family of 2 adults and 3 children for a whole week.

&

\$5 more will help hungry sick kids get a bit stronger again.

BUDGET UPDATE

Funds in: March was a better month in terms of offerings and funds received into our church bank account.

Expenses: Payments for the month were much higher than budget, primarily due to some arrears CRC Australia ministry share contributions that were brought up to date. The year-to-date expenses as reported is now reasonably accurate and mostly in line with budget.

Shortfall: Our year-to-date cash shortfall is about \$25k, marginally better than budget. This means y.t.d. we have drawn down on or depleted our cash resources to the amount of about \$25,000. .

Finance Overview

Mar-21	Budget	Actual
Funds in	19,660	18,725
Expenses	23,608	34,312
Year-to-date		
Funds in	171,520	174,335
Expenses	198,579	199,486

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Most of our pastoral care takes place within our growth groups, but we also have a dedicated pastoral care team to supplement this. If you would like to be visited, please feel free to contact any of our pastoral care team

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GROWTH GROUPS

We have a number of growth groups in our church, please contact the person listed below to connect to one. We have a few specific groups (noted below) as well as some general groups.

Sunday afternoons (Afrikaans in person)
Contact: Lourens Geldenhuys
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Wednesday Nights (Online)
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Monday Nights (currently online)
Contact Peter Williams
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Wednesday Nights (Online)
Contact: Chris Pretorius
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Wednesday Nights
(Young Adults, hybrid in person and online)
Contact: Kasha Schubert
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Thursday Mornings (In person)
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Wednesday Nights (In person)
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Crèche ministry

Abigail Remminga
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GEMS

(primary aged girls group)
Lynette Pretorius
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Kids Hope Coordinator

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CAP Money Course

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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: