



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).

LOVE AS JESUS LOVED

I Corinthians Chapter 12:

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it. 28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, next miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, leading, various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all do miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But desire the greater gifts. And I will show you an even better way.

Chapter 13:

LOVE: THE SUPERIOR WAY

If I speak human or angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so that I can move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 And if I give away all my possessions, and if I give over my body in order to boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not arrogant, 5 is not rude, is not self-seeking, is not irritable, and does not keep a record of wrongs. 6 Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. 7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part, 10 but when the

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perfect comes, the partial will come to an end. 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put aside childish things. 12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, as I am fully known. 13 Now these three remain: faith, hope, and love — but the greatest of these is love.

SERMON NOTES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your definition of God's love?
2. Can you think of any more ways that showed how Jesus loved?
3. How seriously do you think we should take Jesus' commandment; how does it rate when compared to the Ten Commandments?
4. What circumstances are there where we may be exempt from Jesus' commandment?
5. Is our failure to obey Jesus' commandment always our own fault or can others be to blame?
6. What do you think of Jesus' statement, "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins." (Matthew 6:14-15)
7. What is wrong with the following statement, "I'll forgive but I'll never forget."
How do the things we are asked to forgive stack up against what God has forgiven us?

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 4 July

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



Annandra	Kock	5 July	Joke	Vanderveen	8 July
Martiens	Van Staden	6 July	Lisa	Wildenboer	10 July
Arien Dilum	Barnabus	6 July	Heather	Linde	10 July
Lea	Steenkamp	7 July	Ben	Remminga	10 July
			Lizet	Kritzinger	11 July

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

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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!

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

"True prayer is a way of life, not just for use in cases of emergency. Make it a habit, and when the need arises you will be in practice." - Billy Graham

As we go into the coming week let us daily pray: That we will not allow our emotions to dictate our attitude to one another but always seek to be forgiving even when it hurts.

*And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.
(Ephesians 4:32 HCSB)*

Give praise and thanks to our Lord and Saviour for forgiving us of all our sins even though we deserved only condemnation.

Please continue to pray for Jerry Smedes and Rob Lightendonk as they recover from operations, pray that they will fully recover and that they will have patience.

Please pray for Peter Krins and his wife Alice and their family, they were part of our congregation in the early years of our church and many of us know him. Peter has had heart problems and a stroke and is not expected to survive.

Please pray for our Church that there will be unity among us and that we will actively seek to love one another as Christ loved us being willing to forgive whatever pain we may have suffered.

Please continue to pray for the church within our nation that we will be seen as people who demonstrate the love of Christ so that we may bear witness pleasing to God.

Please pray for the leaders of our country that they will seek to work together in this time of turmoil and not indulge in blaming one another when things go wrong.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Myanmar. At least 8 churches have been attacked and 5 civilians sheltering inside the Churches killed in less than 30 days in eastern Myanmar, where hostilities between the Buddhist-majority country's army and local militias have increased since the military coup on February 1, Radio Free Asia (RFA) reports. Myanmar's ethnic minorities, including Christians, live in the various conflict zones across the country's borders with Thailand, China and India. Militias in those areas have been morally supporting pro-democracy protesters since the coup, which has led to the use of heavy weapons by the Burmese army. Thousands of civilians in the conflict zones have sought shelter in churches when their villages are under attack. According to RFA the military has used heavy weaponry against local militia forces in a series of attacks from May 23 to June 6.

Fighting in Kayah state since May 20 has forced more than 100,000 residents to flee their homes. Over 40,000 of those displaced are taking shelter in 23 churches, according to the RFA's Myanmar Service. The military also raided a Catholic parish house in Chin state and a majority Christian state in northern Myanmar. According to The Union of Catholic Asian News, Fr. Michael Aung Ling and a boarding student were arrested for allegedly providing food to a civil resistance group. Soldiers suspected the priest of supplying the food to the civil resistant group Chinaland Defence Force (CDF) after finding bags of rice in the parish house. The priest was reportedly arrested around 8 a.m. and questioned for 11 hours before being released. CDF had reportedly ambushed the military in the Chin state last month, causing many casualties.

Church officials in Chin state claim that the priest's arrest came after informants gave false information to the military. Earlier this month, the Burmese military arrested and released six Catholic priests and a lay Catholic in Chan Thar village in the Archdiocese of Mandalay. According to Fides News Agency, soldiers raided the Church of the Assumption and its adjoining clergy house, arrested the parish priest and other religious leaders visiting him during a midnight raid on June 12 and June 13. The church was built by French missionaries over 200 years ago. The raid occurred after informants said National League for Democracy parliamentarians were hiding in the Catholic churches and Buddhist monasteries. In May, 4 civilians were reportedly killed and around 8 others were injured when forces fired artillery shells at a Catholic Church in Kayah state.

Earlier in June, the Church of Mary Queen of Peace in Daw Ngan Kha in Kayah, which was acting as a place of refuge for many displaced by conflict, was shelled. No one was reportedly killed in the attack. Aung Myo Min, the human rights minister for the National Unity Government, the Burmese government in exile, told RFA that the attacks on religious buildings by the military are a "violation of international laws of war." "The shooting of people who are hiding and taking refuge in there is another serious matter," the minister argued. "We are now working to condemn these attacks and then we will continue to work to get the international community to get involved in stopping this kind of attacks. At the same time, we will systematically put on record these violations in order to bring the perpetrators to justice one day."

Source: *Christian Post*

NEXT PRAYER MEETING will be on Thursday the 8th of July at 7.30pm at the church. For further information please contact Herman Linde.

AN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Experienced printer required for a label printing company in Bayswater. MUST have experience in Flexographic/Letterpress label printing. Contact Gerry Herft gerry@power2print.com.au for further information.

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.

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

insightabs@bigpond.com

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Wednesday Nights (Online)

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Monday Nights (currently online)

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0431 500 006

Wednesday Nights (Online)

Contact: Chris Pretorius

pastor@wpcrc.org.au

0423 889 913

Wednesday Nights
(Young Adults, hybrid in person and online)

Contact: Kasha Schubert

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0450 012 177

Thursday Mornings (In person)

Contact: Wendy Harrison

wendy@tagroofing.com.au

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Wednesday Nights (In person)

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Crèche ministry

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GEMS

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Lynette Pretorius
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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: