



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).

OUR ASSURANCE IN CHRIST ALONE

Colossians 2: 1-5

CHAPTER 2

For I want you to know how greatly I am struggling for you, for those in Laodicea, and for all who have not seen me in person.

2 I want their hearts to be encouraged and joined together in love, so that they may have all the riches of complete understanding and have the knowledge of God's mystery — Christ. 3 In him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

CHRIST VERSUS THE COLOSSIAN HERESY

4 I am saying this so that no one will deceive you with arguments that sound reasonable. 5 For I may be absent in body, but I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see how well ordered you are and the strength of your faith in Christ. -- Colossians 2:1-5 (CSB)

SERMON NOTES

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 18 July

10:00 am Worship Service (Online)

4.00 pm Zoom for Youth (Online)

Thursday 22 July

10:00 am—11:30 am WWOW Coffee and Fellowship

(subject to Lockdown updates—refer Joy Van Veen)

Card Making or BYO unfinished craft project



Louwtjie	Nel	16 July	Lize	Szarek	22 July
Pauline	Faber	17 July	Tabitha	Remminga	28 July
Isaac	Organtzoglou	20 July	Christel	Weston	29 July
			Suzanne	Theron	30 July



JOB VACANCY

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.

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 around your other commitments. For more information, please email the newsletter team

CONVENTION 2022

TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY 7TH OF
AUGUST
6:30PM - 9:30 PM
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BYO DINNER
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DESSERT AND COFFEE
FOR SALE
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LOCATION:
WONGA PARK REFORMED
CHURCH
251 YARRA RD, WONGA
PARK
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TICKETS:
\$10 PER PERSON
\$90 FOR A TABLE OF TEN
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RSVP AUGUST 1ST:
CASSIE - 0499 230 872

PRAYER POINTS

In prayer, it is better to have heart without words, than words without heart. Prayer will make a man cease from sin, or sin entice a man to cease from prayer. The spirit of prayer is more precious than treasures of gold and silver. Pray often, for prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge for Satan.

John Bunyan

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

That the Lord will help us to swallow our pride and make us humble so that we are prepared to do the lowest of tasks for others just like Jesus, our Master did.

After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet." (John 13:12-14 NLT)

Give praise and thanks to God for his willingness to lower himself down to our level so that we could be raised up to his.

Please pray for those among us suffering from age related illnesses, we think especially of Johann and Hanna van der Walt, Suzanne Nel and Phillip Nel as he takes care of her, Henk Knol, Ina de Graaf and Eveline van Dortland.

Please continue to pray for those with injuries, some of which needed operations, Rob Lichtendonk, Jerry Smedes as well as others.

Continue to pray for our pastor and our session as the leaders of our church placed there by our heavenly Father, pray that they will be granted his wisdom and strength to fulfil the tasks he has prepared for them.

Please pray for South Africa which seems to be descending into complete chaos with violence, looting and destruction of property as well as reeling from the effects of Covid. Pray that there will be peace in that land and that the Lord will protect his people.

Please pray for our nation as we continue to struggle with containing the corona virus, pray that our Lord will guide our governments in the best way forward and that through that he will wake them up to his truth.

Pray that the church throughout our nation will stand strong and reach out in love to the unbeliever so that the message of the gospel will take root.

JAPAN ASKS FOR ONE MILLION HOURS OF PRAYER DURING THE OLYMPIC GAMES

As all eyes turn to Tokyo for the Olympics and Paralympics, Japanese Christians are inviting the global Church to unite for one million hours of prayer for the spiritual transformation of their nation. Japan1Million is an international prayer movement led by the Japan international Sports Partnership (JiSP) and the Japan Evangelical Missionary Association (JEMA) during the 30 days of the Olympics and Paralympics. "Our sports partnership is driven by a vision to see the Church in Japan grow to 10 million people by 2024," said JiSP director Pastor Keishi Ikeda. "Working towards that vision,

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we had hoped to reach a million Japanese people during our Olympic outreach year. Covid closed those doors, but one door remained open; the door to prayer.”

With less than 1% of its population of 126 million attending church, the Japanese are the world’s second largest un-reached people group. Most people in Japan have not been to church, read the Bible or know any Christians. “Committed prayer is needed for a significant spiritual breakthrough in Japan. We believe Alfred Tennyson words, ‘more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of,’” said Pastor Keishi. Individuals, families, Churches and organizations can register on the Japan1Million website (www.japan1million.com) to record their prayer hours as well as access daily prayer updates, information about Japan and Zoom gatherings led by the JiSP and JEMA teams. In partnership with the You-Version Bible app, the team has also launched Pray 4 Japan, a

17-day Bible and prayer plan available globally in English and Japanese.

“Imagine the impact of hundreds of thousands of Jesus followers around the world praying with one accord for just one nation? What would God do?” asks Nathan Snow, the chair of JEMA. “We are preparing for the greatest movement of united prayer in reaching Japan for Christ. Will you join us?”

Source: *Japan International Sports Partnership*

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

POSTPONED - WATCH THIS SPACE FOR UPDATES

"WHO ARE YOU, REALLY?"

WORKSHOPS FOR YOUTH & PARENTS TO FOLLOW AFTER DINNER



Our Sunday School program is flourishing, and we'd love others in the congregation to be a part of it.

Who are we looking for?

Anyone! The kids learn in many different ways and what is very clear is that they benefit from having a variety of role-models who all have the same beliefs and all teach them the same message!

What is the time commitment?

A typical commitment is for a period of 2 consecutive weeks at a time. At the start of each Term, you choose which 2-week block you would like to help out with, and then you prepare ONE lesson only, which you will deliver once to the older kids in the first week and again to the younger kids the next week. You can also sign up for 2 x 2 weeks per term too!

How do I know what and how to teach?

There is generally a specific theme/story for each term. The main resource we use is excellent in telling you what the story is about, what message to teach the kids, and even give you lots of ideas on how to deliver the message in a fun and creative way. You can use any method you like and we have a reasonable budget to purchase what you need. Over the last few years we've had arts and crafts, games, drama, music, movies, science, magic shows, cooking and LEGO, just to name a few.

What else do I need to do?

You will need a working with children check and complete the "Childsafe" course for volunteers.

Great, I'm interested – after all, 2 weeks is not a huge commitment, and kids are awesome!!!!

Please speak to/text/email Nicky. 0439 084 987 or nicheyer@yahoo.co.uk

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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Kasha Schubert
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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

0409 990 398

Wednesday Nights (Online)

Contact: Tim Gray

timothygray000@gmail.com

0448 660 291

Monday Nights (currently online)

Contact Peter Williams

pw4@live.com.au

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

kasha.schubert@hotmail.com

0450 012 177

Thursday Mornings (In person)

Contact: Wendy Harrison

wendy@tagroofing.com.au

0407 801 630

Wednesday Nights (In person)

Contact: Lynette Pretorius

pretorius.lynette@gmail.com

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Sunday School Coordinator

Nicky Bester
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0499 230 872

Crèche ministry

Abigail Remminga
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GEMS

(primary aged girls group)
Lynette Pretorius
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Kids Hope Coordinator

Enè Crous
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CAP Money Course

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Martin Van der Merwe
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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: