



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).

THE PASSOVER

EXODUS

CHAPTER 12

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PASSOVER

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,

2 "This month is to be the beginning of months for you; it is the first month of your year. 3 Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month they must each select an animal of the flock according to their fathers' families, one animal per family. 4 If the household is too small for a whole animal, that person and the neighbor nearest his house are to select one based on the combined number of people; you should apportion the animal according to what each will eat. 5 You must have an unblemished animal, a year-old male; you may take it from either the sheep or the goats. 6 You are to keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembly of the community of Israel will slaughter the animals at twilight. 7 They must take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where they eat them. 8 They are to eat the meat that night; they should eat it, roasted over the fire along with unleavened bread and bitter

herbs. 9 Do not eat any of it raw or cooked in boiling water, but only roasted over fire — its head as well as its legs and inner organs. 10 You must not leave any of it until morning; any part of it left until morning you must burn. 11 Here is how you must eat

it: You must be dressed for travel, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. You are to eat it in a hurry; it is the Lord's Passover.

12 "I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night and strike every firstborn male in the land of Egypt, both people and animals. I am the Lord; I will execute judgments against all the gods of Egypt. 13 The blood on the houses where you are staying will be a distinguishing mark for you; when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No plague will be among you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

14 "This day is to be a memorial for you, and you must celebrate it as a festival to the Lord. You are to celebrate it throughout your generations as a permanent statute. 15 You must eat unleavened bread for seven days. On the first day you must remove yeast from your houses. Whoever eats what is leavened from the first day through the seventh day must be cut off from Israel. 16 You are to hold a sacred assembly on the first day and another sacred assembly on the seventh day. No work may be done on those days except for preparing what people need to eat — you may do only that.

17 "You are to observe the Festival of Unleavened Bread because on this very day I brought your military divisions out of the land of Egypt. You must observe this day throughout your generations as a permanent statute. 18 You are to eat unleavened bread in the first month, from the evening of the fourteenth day of the month until the evening of the twenty-first day. 19 Yeast must not be found in your houses for seven days. If anyone eats something leavened, that person, whether a resident alien or native of the land, must be cut off from the community of Israel. 20 Do not eat anything leavened; eat unleavened bread in all your homes."

21 Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go, select an animal from the flock according to your families, and slaughter the Passover animal. 22 Take a cluster of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and brush the lintel and the two doorposts with some of the blood in the basin. None of you may go out the door of his house until morning. 23 When the Lord passes through to strike Egypt and sees the blood on the lintel and the two doorposts, he will pass over the door and not let the destroyer enter your houses to strike you.

24 "Keep this command permanently as a statute for you and your descendants. 25 When you enter the land that the Lord will give you as he promised, you are to observe this ceremony. 26 When your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' 27 you are to reply, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, for he passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt when he struck the Egyptians, and he spared our homes.' " So the people knelt low and worshiped. 28 Then the Israelites went and did this; they did just as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron.

THE EXODUS

29 Now at midnight the Lord struck every firstborn male in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the prisoner who was in the dungeon, and every firstborn of the livestock. 30 During the night Pharaoh got up, he along with all his officials and all the Egyptians, and there was a loud wailing throughout Egypt because there wasn't a house without someone dead. 31 He summoned Moses and Aaron during the night and said, "Get out immediately from among my people, both you and the Israelites, and go, worship the Lord as you have said. 32 Take even your flocks and

your herds as you asked and leave, and also bless me.”

33 Now the Egyptians pressured the people in order to send them quickly out of the country, for they said, “We’re all going to die! ” 34 So the people took their dough before it was leavened, with their kneading bowls wrapped up in their clothes on their shoulders.

35 The Israelites acted on Moses’s word and asked the Egyptians for silver and gold items and for clothing. 36 And the Lord gave the people such favor with the Egyptians that they gave them what they requested. In this way they plundered the Egyptians.

37 The Israelites traveled from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand able-bodied men on foot, besides their families. 38 A mixed crowd also went up with them, along with a huge number of livestock, both flocks and herds. 39 The people baked the dough they had brought out of Egypt into unleavened loaves, since it had no yeast; for when they were driven out of Egypt, they could not delay and had not prepared provisions for themselves.

40 The time that the Israelites lived in Egypt was 430 years. 41 At the end of 430 years, on that same day, all the Lord’s military divisions went out from the land of Egypt. 42 It was a night of vigil in honor of the Lord, because he would bring them out of the land of Egypt. This same night is in honor of the Lord, a night vigil for all the Israelites throughout their generations. -- Exodus 12:1-42 (CSB)

SERMON NOTES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Exodus 12 institutes the Passover, an annual festival where Israel was supposed to remember what God had done for them. What rituals/celebrations/events do you have in your life to help you remember what God has done for you?
- 2) How do symbols and activities help to teach children important truths? How do they help adults remember?
- 3) How did faith and deeds both play a part in the Passover? How do they play a part in the salvation of a Christian?
- 4) What part does obedience play in obtaining deliverance? What part does obedience play after salvation?
- 5) Which aspects of the Passover story have parallels in Jesus' substitutionary atonement?
- 6) Why was Israel granted grace? Was it their ancestry or their goodness? Why are Christians granted grace?
- 7) In what way is every person like Pharaoh?
- 8) How is a firstborn regarded differently from other offspring, both technically and psychologically? What other places in the Bible deal with a firstborn or firstfruits?
- 9) What are the similarities between Passover and the Lord's Supper? How can familiarity with Passover make celebrating the Lord's Supper more meaningful?

WHAT'S HAPPENING

DIARY

Sunday 7 November

10:00 am Online and in person Worship Service

4.00 pm Zoom for Youth (Online)

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. Today it is to the work of the Diaconate. 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.

If using bank transfer: BSB: 063 167 Acc: 1015 8356.

If the offering is for the first collection please add your name and SUN 1 in the description line and if the offering is for the second collection add SUN 2

Any additional gifts for the Deacons are always appreciated and will go towards supporting people within and outside of our congregation.

For the Deacons BSB: 063167 Acc. 1015 8372

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

2ND OFFERING—7/11/21— REFORMED CHILDREN'S & YOUTH COMMITTEE

The denominational committee responsible for overseeing and resourcing denomination youth and children's ministry. We have 2 members of our congregation that sit on the RCYC. This committee is in charge of things like youth leader training and provides consultations to churches to help them establish and run effective youth and children's ministries. This committee also oversees the organisation and implementation of the national youth conventions.



Alex	Aitken	6 November	James	Van Veen	8 November
Mila Carien	Van Wyk	7 November	Will	Oppermann	9 November
Jedd	Reed	8 November	Andrew	Remminga	9 November
Eveline	Van Dortland	8 November	Annie	Huang	11 November

On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.
2 Corinthians 1:10-11



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EDUCATION FOR LIFE



Congratulations to Elmie and Jon who got engaged on the 27/10/21. They are looking forward to their wedding next yeat!



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COLLEGE NEWS

Like 2020, this has been an unusual year. We had to run the second semester entirely online as the lockdown was in force from July until very recently. Thankfully, the situation in Melbourne has improved significantly as the vaccination rates increased, and most people can move around with a higher degree of freedom. We are thankful for this, and we pray that other locked-down areas (such as Auckland) may be able to open soon and that many of you will be able to enjoy more normal patterns of life very soon.

Students have finished their lectures for the year. They now have a week of preparation for the exams, but due to the complications regarding space use in the higher education sector they will have to do exams in their homes and churches with supervisors. Please pray for them. Some of them will be completing their degrees, and some will be completing their first semester. It is our prayer that they will finish the race well despite this unusual situation and we would like to encourage you to remember them during this time.



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Prison Fellowship Angel Tree

Prison fellowship brings together volunteer criminal, victim and donor, family and church member, sinner and saint all under the one tent.

Prison fellowship has been running the Angel Tree program for over 30 years. This program offers parents in prison a gift to be sent to their child, on their behalf at Christmas time.

This is an article taken from, The Prison Fellowship Prayer Diary for Monday 18 October. Used with permission.

Last week we received this letter from a person in prison here in Victoria.

I have been informed about a program that your organisation runs called 'Angel Tree' whereby you can help the children of prisoners receive a present at Christmas time. Having experienced my first Christmas in prison last year I found it the most difficult, upsetting and challenging time of my life as I couldn't be there with my children or even provide them a gift to celebrate this time of the year.

I was raised in a home where Christmas was valued as the most special and magical time of the year. To be absent from my family and unable to even send my children a Christmas gift last year ripped my heart out. When I heard about this program that you provide, I thought that I would write and see if you could include me so I may be able to give something to my kids this Christmas. I love and miss my family so much that it hurts and it broke my heart to see the sadness in their eyes during the video visit and hear the disappointment in their voices on the telephone calls, when I couldn't share Christmas with them last year. I think that being part of this program would go some way towards alleviating a little of that.

I thank you and your organisation for the support that you provide to prisoners and their families.

How can you help?

By donating as you are able too, to the Angel Tree appeal. \$30.00 is for the gift and \$10.00 for wrapping and postage. In past years gifts have been delivered in person.

You can do this by EFT using the Church's bank account, BSB: 063 167 Acc: 1015 8356 or by placing your donation in a sealed envelope in the collection bag. In either instance please mark your gift 'Angel Tree'.

Donations can be made up to and including 21st November 2021. After which time my volunteers and I will need to buy the presents and package them ready to be posted on or after the 1st December 2021, up until the 10th December.

I am calling for volunteers to help me buy pack and post the gifts.

Please remember Angel tree in prayer that the families and prisoners will know the love of God shown through the gifts given, and bring His message of light and hope to each one.

I can be contacted on 0410079847 or the email address above.

PRAYER MEETING

Prayer meeting to be held on Thursday 11th of November at 7.30pm at the church.

***'They all met together and were constantly united in prayer.'* (Acts 1:14)**

This prayer meeting, we will include bringing before the Lord;

Those struggling with illnesses.

Upcoming legislation before the state parliament.

The persecuted church.

Leadership of our nation

Revival.

If you are struggling with issues whether they be health, relationship, concerns regarding how to respond to matters in a God honouring way or what ever else let us come together as God's people and bring these matters before our God as was demonstrated by the early church according to the Scriptures.



Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 562 580 7703

PRAYER POINTS

Grant that I may not pray alone with the mouth; help me that I may pray from the depths of my heart. **Martin Luther**

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

Humbly giving thanks for all that Jesus has done for us.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5 NRSV)

- ⇒ Give praise and thanks to God our Father for sending us his dear Son so that the punishment we deserve was borne by him.
- ⇒ Please continue to pray for Phillip and Suzanne Nel as Suzanne still finds it hard to accept that she can no longer be looked after at home.
- ⇒ Please continue to pray for Suzanne Theron as she deals with the effects of MS, pray that the Lord will grant her healing.
- ⇒ Please continue to pray for Brendon Meyerink as he struggles with constant headaches and also for his mother Liz as she is afflicted with Alzheimer's disease.
- ⇒ Please pray that the legislation seeking to compel our Christian schools to employ people who do not share our Christian convictions will be defeated.
- ⇒ Pray for our governments that they will seek only to serve the people of our nation and not seek power for themselves.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in India. Christian teenager Nitish Kumar, 14, who suffered burns of up to 70 per cent of his body following an acid attack in Bihar state, India, died in hospital on Sunday 26 September. The family of the young church leader say the attack on 11 August was carried out by radical Hindutva nationalists in reprisal for his refusal to stop holding daily prayer meetings in his home. Police, however, claim the death was a suicide. (Prev Pub. Tel-India, 28 Sept.) Elsewhere in India, extremists are continuing to use anti-conversion laws as a means of harassing Church leaders and other Christians. On 28 September a pastor and two brothers were arrested after a group of extremists ordered them to stop distributing Bibles and leaflets in Rampur city, Himachal Pradesh. Pastor Charlie John denied attempting to gain converts to Christianity through force and inducement, explaining, "I only offered the Bible, and I gave it to those who freely accepted the Good News." The following day, in Madhya Pradesh, radical Hindutva nationalists disrupted a Christian wedding ceremony after falsely alleging that the bride had unlawfully converted from Hinduism. Police did not file charges. Sajan K. George, president of the Global Council of Indian Christians, described anti-conversion legislation as "a tool to persecute innocent Christians". Himachal Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh are two of nine Indian states that criminalise seeking converts through force, fraud or allurement. A tenth, Karnataka, is already treating conversion activities as illegal and plans to introduce legislation soon. Karnataka's chief minister, Basavaraj Bommai, a member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), claimed on 28 September that forceful conversions had "become rampant" in the state. Days earlier, a group of Karnataka Church leaders had met with Bommai to express their opposition to any anti-conversion law, arguing that accusations of forced conversions in the state were "malicious" and that an anti-conversion law would lead to "unnecessary communal issues and unrest". Thank the Lord for Nitish Kumar's brief but faithful life of service. Pray that his family will know the Lord's comfort as they come to terms with their loss. Call on God to bring about the repeal of anti-conversion laws in India and ask that He will prevail upon legislators in Karnataka to turn from such a harmful path. Pray that Christians facing false accusations will respond with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15) and will not be deterred from living and testifying faithfully for Him. - Source @ Barnabasfund.

They Prayed

They prayed for a King who would come on a steed
They received a King who came in a stable
They prayed for a Messiah who would save their nation
They received a Messiah who saved the world
They prayed for a Leader who would lead to green pastures
They received a Leader who led them to heaven
They prayed for a Master who would feed them with bread
They received a Master who fed them with life
They prayed for a Saviour who would free from oppression
They received a Saviour who freed from the evil one.
They prayed for an Emperor who would rule their land
They received an Emperor who rules the world
They prayed for a Conqueror who would bring in a golden age
They received a Conqueror who brought in a perfect eternity
They prayed for a General who would lead to war
They received a General who fought their war
They prayed for a Warrior who would spill the blood of their enemies
They received a Warrior who poured out his blood for his enemies.
The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.
Dare to pray for great things and see what God will do.

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.

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(Young Adults, hybrid in person and online)

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