



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. 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).

CAROL SERVICE

GENESIS 3:8-15

SIN'S CONSEQUENCES

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 So the Lord God called out to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

10 And he said, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid."

11 Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

12 The man replied, "The woman you gave to be with me — she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate."

13 So the Lord God asked the woman, "What have you done?"

And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

14 So the Lord God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this,

you are cursed more than any livestock

and more than any wild animal.

You will move on your belly
and eat dust all the days of your life.
15 I will put hostility between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring.
He will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel. -- Genesis 3:8-15 (CSB)

ISAIAH 9:2, 6 & 7

2 The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
a light has dawned
on those living in the land of darkness. -- Isaiah 9:2 (CSB)
6 For a child will be born for us,
a son will be given to us,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
He will be named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.
7 The dominion will be vast,
and its prosperity will never end.
He will reign on the throne of David
and over his kingdom,
to establish and sustain it
with justice and righteousness from now on and forever.
The zeal of the Lord of Armies will accomplish this. -- Isaiah 9:6-7 (CSB)

LUKE 1:26-38

GABRIEL PREDICTS JESUS'S BIRTH

26 In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And the angel came to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you." 29 But she was deeply troubled by this statement, wondering what kind of greeting this could be. 30 Then the angel told her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 Now listen: You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will have no end."
34 Mary asked the angel, "How can this be, since I have not had sexual relations with a man?"
35 The angel replied to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 And consider your relative Elizabeth — even she has conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called childless. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God."
38 "See, I am the Lord's servant," said Mary. "May it happen to me as you have said." Then the angel left her. -- Luke 1:26-38 (CSB)

LUKE 2:1-7

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole empire should be registered.

2 This first registration took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. 3 So everyone went to be registered, each to his own town.

4 Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David, 5 to be registered along with Mary, who was engaged to him and was pregnant. 6 While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7 Then she gave birth to her firstborn son, and she wrapped him tightly in cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. -- Luke 2:1-7 (CSB)

MATTHEW 1:18-23

THE NATIVITY OF THE MESSIAH

18 The birth of Jesus Christ came about this way: After his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, it was discovered before they came together that she was pregnant from the Holy Spirit. 19 So her husband, Joseph, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her publicly, decided to divorce her secretly.

20 But after he had considered these things, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

22 Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

23 See, the virgin will become pregnant
and give birth to a son,
and they will name him Immanuel,
which is translated "God is with us." -- Matthew 1:18-23 (CSB)

LUKE 2:8-16

THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS

8 In the same region, shepherds were staying out in the fields and keeping watch at night over their flock. 9 Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: 11 Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped tightly in cloth and lying in a manger."

13 Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

14 Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and peace on earth to people he favors!

15 When the angels had left them and returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go straight to Bethlehem and see what has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

16 They hurried off and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby who was lying in the manger. 17 After seeing them, they reported the message they were told about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary was treasuring up all these things in her heart and meditating on them. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had seen and heard, which were just as they had been told. -- Luke 2:8-20 (CSB)

MATTHEW 2:1-11

WISE MEN VISIT THE KING

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod, wise men from the east arrived in Jerusalem,

2 saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star at its rising and have come to worship him."

3 When King Herod heard this, he was deeply disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 So he assembled all the chief priests and scribes of the people and asked them where the Messiah would be born.

5 "In Bethlehem of Judea," they told him, "because this is what was written by the prophet:

6 And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah:

Because out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."

7 Then Herod secretly summoned the wise men and asked them the exact time the star appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you find him, report back to me so that I too can go and worship him."

9 After hearing the king, they went on their way. And there it was — the star they had seen at its rising. It led them until it came and stopped above the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11 Entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and falling to their knees, they worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. -- Matthew 2:1-11 (CSB)

JOHN 1:1-14

PROLOGUE

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men. 5 That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify about the light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but he came to testify about the light. 9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was created through him, and yet the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, he gave them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in his name, 13 who were born, not of natural descent, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God.

14 The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. -- John 1:1-14 (CSB)



WHAT'S HAPPENING



DIARY



Sunday 28 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 Solomon Islands Work Group. 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—5/12/21— OPEN DOORS

Our Mission Statement

Strengthening the Body of Christ living under restriction or persecution by providing and delivering Bibles, materials, training and other helps, and encouraging the Body to become involved in world evangelism.

Training and encouraging the Body of Christ in threatened or unstable areas, preparing believers to face persecution and suffering, and equipping them to maintain a witness to the Gospel of Christ.

Motivating, mobilising and educating the Church in the free world to identify with and become more involved in assisting the Persecuted Church, with the belief that "when one member suffers, all members suffer with it" (1 Corinthians 12:26).

Our Vision

TAKING THE WORD

Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth - John 17:17. Many Christians living in restricted and unstable areas of the world have never owned a personal copy of the Bible. We believe in the life-changing character of the word, and seek to meet this need.

SHARING THE WORD

In addition to the shortage of Bibles, there is also a lack of knowledge about biblical teaching and principles. We believe in leadership training from Christ-centred study material to equip leaders and provide biblical solutions to everyday needs.

<https://www.opendoors.org.au/about-us/what-we-do/>



Ene	Crous	4 December	Mariaane	Van der Merwe	15 December
Gretchen	Fourie	4 December	Ken	Vanderjagt	17 December
Jo	Reed	5 December	Sarah	Pretorius	22 December
James	Blashki	14 December	Colin	Arnold	29 December

BAVINCK CENTENARY CONFERENCE

2021 marks the centenary of the death of the great Dutch Reformed theologian and statesman, Herman Bavinck (1854-1921). To commemorate this occasion, the Brisbane School of Theology is hosting a Bavinck Centenary Conference on 6 and 7 December. There will be 25 presentations from scholars from UK, North America, Europe, East Asia, and Australasia and attendance can be either on site or via Zoom. Further details can be found at <https://bst.qld.edu.au/bavinck-conference>



WORSHIP TEAM are looking for **Singers and Instrumentalists to contribute to worship**

If this is something you feel you would like to become involved in, please give Mia or Hennie van Wyk a call to discuss to see how you can become involved. Phone: Hennie 0420204538



Mike and Joy van Veen, as part of their gardening business, trimmed a significant amount of bay tree branches this week. If any one is interested in some bay leaves for cooking or drying, please give Joy a call.

BUDGET UPDATE

AS AT END OF OCTOBER 2021

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
FUNDS IN	\$19,417	\$16,616
EXPENSES	\$18,914	\$12,442

YOUNG ADULTS END OF YEAR GET TOGETHER





PRAYER MEETING

Prayer meeting to be held on Thursday 9th of December 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;

Praise and thanksgiving

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 whatever 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.

PRAYER POINTS

It's so easy to get discouraged when we don't see our prayers being answered. However, persevere in prayer. Although God may seem silent, remember that God is always working. Jacob wrestled with God and I encourage you to do the same. Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." Wrestle with God until the battle is won. – Fritz Chery

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

That what comes from our mouths may bring glory to our God and blessing to those who hear.

Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips. (Psalm 141:3 NRSV)

- ◆ Give praise and thanks to the Lord our God for the example set for us by our Lord Jesus from whose lips came grace and love, encouragement and hope as he bore witness to the Father.
- ◆ Please pray for Chris Fourie as he continues to struggle with health issues, pray that the Lord will grant him healing.
- ◆ Please pray for Johann and Hanna van der Walt, pray that the Lord will uphold them and be their comfort and peace as they deal with their health issues.
- ◆ Please pray for the children in our church community as they have also had a very disruptive couple of years, pray that they also may know God's peace as they get back to something near normal.
- ◆ Please give thanks and pray for our teachers as many of them have had a difficult couple of years with extra work and responsibilities working online as well as in the classroom.
- ◆ Also continue to pray for all those working in our medical institutions who are still facing very difficult and dangerous situations and abnormally long working hours.
- ◆ Continue to pray for our governments, state and federal, that they may be given wisdom to govern for the benefit of all.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Myanmar. Increasing violence in Myanmar has displaced thousands of local Christians over the last few weeks. "The situation is difficult to describe," said Brother Lwin*, a local Open Doors partner. "Wherever the military goes, they burn the houses, kill the pigs, and occupy churches. "The fighting is intense in Christian areas... It's alarming because believers' families there are forced to hide in the forest. There is nowhere to hide but in the jungle. "The military says they will kill all the men who stand in their way. There is a shoot to kill order, so there is a climate of fear and anxiety. Believers have become internally displaced people and are in truly awful conditions. "Winter is coming, and they don't have proper clothing. We are being pressed from all sides. In some villages, the military doesn't even allow goods coming in. Basic needs and basic medicines are out of reach. The people are feeling a sense of helplessness." Another local partner, Daisy Htun*, added, "The church has been through so much and believers are traumatised. Church buildings and church properties have been attacked, vandalised, robbed, and even burned. When the bombings started and the violent crackdowns followed, the people had no choice but to flee. According to our field reports, 30 churches have been attacked by the military since the coup." The situation in Myanmar right now is serious. But your support and prayers are making a difference in the lives of the most vulnerable. As of September, our local partners reached over 17,000 believers with emergency relief and biblical training. On top of that, Brother Lwin tells us that 544 new believers have recently come to Christ. "Praise God, even if there is helplessness, we are seeing a lot of people coming to Christ at this time. God is still bringing people unto Himself." Will you take a moment to pray over Myanmar right now? *Names changed for security purposes.

- Pray for safety and provision over displaced believers.

- Pray for peace over Myanmar.

- Praise God for the faith of new Christians in Myanmar. Pray they will continue to follow Jesus with perseverance and wisdom, no matter the cost. - Written by Emily Watt, for Open Doors, 15 Nov 2021

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)

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Wednesday Nights (Online)

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Wednesday Nights

(Young Adults, hybrid in person and online)

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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.

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Notes: