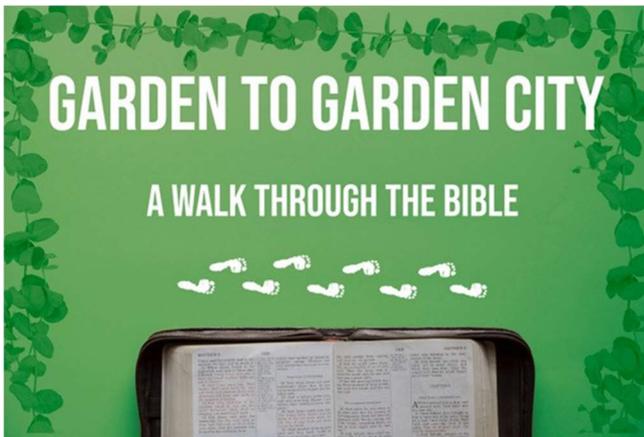




Helping people take the next step toward Jesus

# Welcome

Radical Service



Reading : John 13 : 1-20

GATHERED WORSHIP BOOKLET

SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST 2022

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## ***We're so glad you are with us today!***

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 booklet , place it in the offering bag and one of our team will contact 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 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 term we also run a Sunday School for primary school aged children.

## ***Order of service***

**Call to Worship - Welcome**

**Song - Mighty to Save**

**Song - How Great is our God**

**Children's Talk - Roger Fernando**

**Children's Song**

**Offerings–Neil Bester**

**Reflection song during Offerings**

**Prayer over Offerings–Neil Bester**

**Announcements–Neil Bester**

**Congregational Prayer–Neil Bester**

**Song– It's Your Blood**

**Song– The Servant King**

**Bible reading– Peter Williams**

**Scripture– John 13 : 1-20**

**Sermon - Radical Service**

**Sermon Discussion**

**Song - The Servant Song**

**Close of service – Invitation**

**Benediction**

**Song - Lord Reign in me**



***Today Pastor Chris Pretorius will be preaching.***

***Duty Elder : Neil Bester***

**Sermon Title : Radical Service**

**Reading : John 13 : 1-20 CSB**

**Jesus Washes His Disciples' feet**

**13** Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

<sup>2</sup> Now when it was time for supper, the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, to betray him. <sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had given everything into his hands, that he had come from God, and that he was going back to God. <sup>4</sup> So he got up from supper, laid aside his outer clothing, took a towel, and tied it around himself. <sup>5</sup> Next, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet and to dry them with the towel tied around him.

<sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who asked him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "What I'm doing you don't realize now, but afterward you will understand."

<sup>8</sup> "You will never wash my feet," Peter said.

Jesus replied, "If I don't wash you, you have no part with me."

<sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not only my feet, but also my hands and my head."<sup>10</sup> "One who has bathed," Jesus told him, "doesn't need to wash anything except his feet, but he is completely clean. You are clean, but not all of you."<sup>11</sup> For he knew who would betray him. This is why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

## **The Meaning of Foot Washing**

<sup>12</sup>When Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer clothing, he reclined again and said to them, “Do you know what I have done for you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are speaking rightly, since that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done for you.

<sup>16</sup>“Truly I tell you, a servant is not greater than his master, and a messenger is not greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

<sup>18</sup>“I’m not speaking about all of you; I know those I have chosen. But the Scripture must be fulfilled: **The one who eats my bread<sup>[c]</sup> has raised his heel against me.** <sup>19</sup>I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am he. <sup>20</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever receives anyone I send receives me, and the one who receives me receives him who sent me.”

## **Sermon Notes**

## ***Discussion Questions***

1. What stood out for you from our passage today? What new insight did you get?
2. If Jesus stood before you today and wanted to wash your feet, how would you respond?
3. Jesus washed the feet of all 12 his disciples. How does this encourage you? How does it challenge you?
4. How is serving like this tied into your identity?
5. In what way is it significant that this happened during the Passover feast?
6. Whose feet would you be willing to wash? Whose would you struggle to wash?
7. Reflecting on your answer in 6, how is Jesus challenging you today?
8. What had to happen for Peter to allow himself to be washed by Jesus? In what ways are we the same as Peter? How are we different?  
What is one step that you can take today to serve like Jesus did here?

## ***Sermon Notes Continued***



# ANNUAL AGM

SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>  
AUGUST  
STRAIGHT AFTER  
CHURCH

## ***What's happening this week at WPCRC***

Sunday 14th August -Worship Service 10 am (in person and online)

AGM—Straight after Church

Setting up your home for spiritual success—7.30 pm

Thursday 18th August - Wise Women of Wonga Bible Study at Church

10am for 10.30 am

Growth Group Leaders training 8pm at Church

Friday 19th August - Super Dash Youth and Parents group

7.30pm—9.30 pm at church

Sunday 21st August—Worship Service 10am (in person and online)

Setting up your home for spiritual success—7.30 pm

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## ***Please pray***

**A man may study because his brain is hungry for knowledge, even Bible knowledge. But he prays because his soul is hungry for God. Leonard Ravenhill**

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

That instead of continually seeking to fight our battles on our own we run to the One who is our safe haven, our strong tower and seek his help.

*The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run into it and are safe. (Proverbs 18:10)*

Give praise and thanks to the Lord our God for being our ever present help no matter what our troubles.

Please continue to pray for Chris and Gretchen Fourie, give thanks that Gretchen has employment and pray that Chris' health will improve.

Please pray for those among us who are struggling with depression and anxiety, pray that they will experience the comfort of our Lord's arm around them and the peace that only he can bring.

Please pray for our session that the Lord will grant wisdom as they seek to do his will in all things regarding our church.

Please pray for our nation that the Lord will open the eyes of the people so that they will understand the truth of the gospel and the need for a Saviour.

Please continue to pray for our world as we seem to be edging ever closer to a worldwide conflict, pray that God will grant us peace.

Next Prayer Meeting

Tuesday 23rd August–7.30pm at Church

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in the Middle East. Through its proxy militias, Iran is carrying out an “invisible jihad” against Christians in the Middle East with the aim of creating a Muslim demographic purity by producing conditions that would force Christians out of the region, according to a new report. “Iran’s proxy militias in Lebanon, Iraq, Syria and Yemen have played a significant, though largely unrecognized, role in the dramatic decline of Christians in the region,” says the report, titled “The Invisible Jihad: the Treatment of Christians by Iran Proxies,” by the Philos Project. The non-profit, which promotes Christian engagement in the region, further explains that the militias backed by the Shia Muslim country are guided by the “theocratic regime’s vision of Muslim demographic purity” and “they laboured to create conditions that forced the Christians out.” Defining invisible jihad as “demographic reduction through coerced emigration,” the report adds that “these militias use conflicts to manufacture conditions behind the massive exodus.” While Islamic countries, both Shia and Sunni, had historically protected Christians, though as second-class citizens, it’s “neo-Shiism,” introduced by Ayatollah Khomeini, the first supreme leader of Iran from 1979 until his death in 1989, is behind the exodus of Christians from the Middle East, the report said.

The report further explains, “In this novel reading of the Quran, non-Muslims were not clean enough to live with Muslims because of spiritual pollution. Khomeinism called upon the faithful to cleanse Islam and Iran of Judeo-Christian impurity, a stand common to revivalist ideologies.” As Iran realized that Christians could not be killed en masse, the regime opted for the “alternative policy of eliminationism through coercive immigration.”

The report adds that in Lebanon, the pro-Iran Hezbollah has “targeted missionaries, impeded conversions all while imposing strict dress codes, alcohol bans and limiting of mixed sexes in public.” From about 54% in the 1950s, the percentage of Christians went down to 33.7 in 2020. It noted ownership of Christian land also came down. “While some of the lands were legally sold by emigrants, a sizable part was lost through eviction and expulsion coordinated by Hezbollah.” Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah took orders from the arch-conservative Ayatollah Mesbah Yazdi, who travelled to Lebanon several times, the report added. Mesbah Yazdi was a former student of Ayatollah Khomeini. “Targeting the new wave of Protestant Evangelicals in Lebanon, a product of the resurgence of an American-based missionary wave in the 1990s, was a high priority for Hezbollah from 2000 onwards.

## **Giving– Our giving is an act of Worship**

*“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich” 2 Cor 8:9*

In our church we have two offerings every Sunday. The first goes toward the ministry of this congregation.

The second offering goes toward various Christian causes. This week our second offering will go towards the work of Kid’s Hope.

If you would like to support this work you can do so in several ways.

In Church giving–Simply add your offering to the bag

Or bank transfer BSB 063 167 ACC 1015 8356

If using bank transfer please indicate whether it is for the first offering “Sun 1” or second offering “Sun 2” in the reference line.

Or you can give online via our Church app:

<https://wpcrc.org.au/give>



### **Coffee Roster**

Today : Neil & Nicky Bester

Next week : Roger & Janette Fernando

## **Second Offering**

### **Kid's Hope**

Kids Hope is Australia's largest early intervention, school-based mentoring program for children experiencing vulnerability. Since 2004, Kids Hope has impacted thousands of children who, through care and support, have seen their lives transformed and now experience increased confidence, resilience, and joy.

The powerful one-to-one model positively impacts children as emotional and social development needs are met and learning capacity enhanced. High-quality training, structures and child-safe processes have flow-on benefits to mentors, classrooms, schools, families, and communities. How do we know this? We evaluate our program every year. But not only that, we have had both Griffith and Monash Universities provide extensive feedback on our model. And they have shown... it works!

The model is simple... One Child, One Mentor, One Hour a week.

The impact... Immeasurable!



14th August -Mari Van Staden



Welcome to our New  
Church Member

Anke Van Pinxteren

Please say Hi to Anke  
and make her feel at  
home.

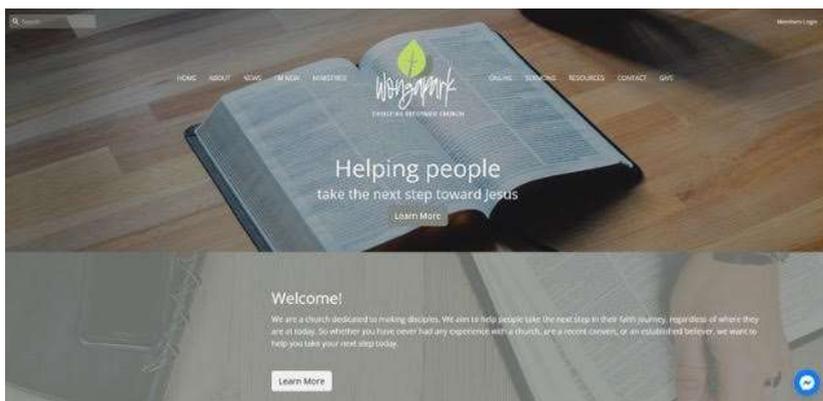
## CHURCH WEBSITE

Have you visited our website lately?

Kasha has been doing a great job in keeping our website up to date and making it easy to get all the information you need about everything concerning Church.

The Home page has links to News, About (everything you need to know about us),

Ministries, Sermons, Resources (like children at the Lord's supper information) I'm new (information about what we believe, how we do Church and contact details), Contact, and a link for Giving. It is where we Welcome everyone who visits our website.



Our focus is Helping People take the next step toward Jesus and if you scroll down the page we explain how we do that with the help of the four E's model (Engaging, Evangelising, Establishing and Equipping).

Scroll down a little further and you will find a link to our Growth Group Discussion questions that Kasha updates each week. So, if you miss out on getting a Gathered Worship Booklet (whether by email or a hard copy) you can find them here.

Following the Discussion questions there is links to all the apps that can keep you connected to our Church via different social media platforms such as Facebook, YouTube and Instagram



Links to both our Monthly Newsletter and Weekly Gathered Worship Booklet can be found at the end of our Home page.

Using the Website makes getting information so easy. As an example, if you click on "Sermons" you will find a choice of 3 extra podcast services (Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts and Spotify) that you can visit to listen to our sermons.



You will find all of our Sermons here and you can search for your favourite sermon using the By Topic, By Speaker/Preacher, or By Year filters.

We are so grateful for all the work that Kasha has done to not only create our wonderful website but also keeping it up to date.

So, if you haven't visited our website recently, please do so, you will be pleasantly surprised.

## **Growth Groups**

We believe that Growth Groups are the lifeblood of a disciple growing church community. We have several growth groups that meet during various times throughout the week. Each Growth Group is similar in that we meet together to pray for non believers and for each other, we study scripture and we support one another. We would love each of our members to be a part of a growth group. If you would like to join please contact our administrator by emailing [admin@wpcrc.org.au](mailto:admin@wpcrc.org.au)

### **Monday night** (online)

Contact :Herman Linde  
0411 069 808

### **Monday night** (online)

Contact :Lynette Pretorius  
0423 889 912

### **Wednesday night**

Young Adults  
Contact: Kasha Schubert  
0450 012 177

### **Wednesday night** (online)

Contact: Chris Pretorius  
0423 889 913

### **Wednesday night**

Contact: Adri Bennie  
0425 727 949

### **Thursday mornings**

Contact: Wendy Harrison  
0407 801 630

### **Friday night Parent Group**

Contact : Neil Bester  
0425 569 149

Contact: Martin van der Merwe  
0458 908 148

## **Contact**

If you would like further information about anything you have heard today please contact

Pastor Chris Pretorius 0423 889 913

or our

Church Administrator–Michelle 0488 777 517

Or we have a full list of Contacts on the Bulletin Board in our Church Foyer.

## **Deacons**

Our Deacons help to serve our church and the wider community both practically and financially. Financial gifts for the Deacons are always appreciated and will go towards supporting people in and outside of our congregation.

To make an offering to the Deacons account details are as follows

BSB: 063-167 Acc. 1015 8372

Joy van Veen

Dale Reed

0409 199 840

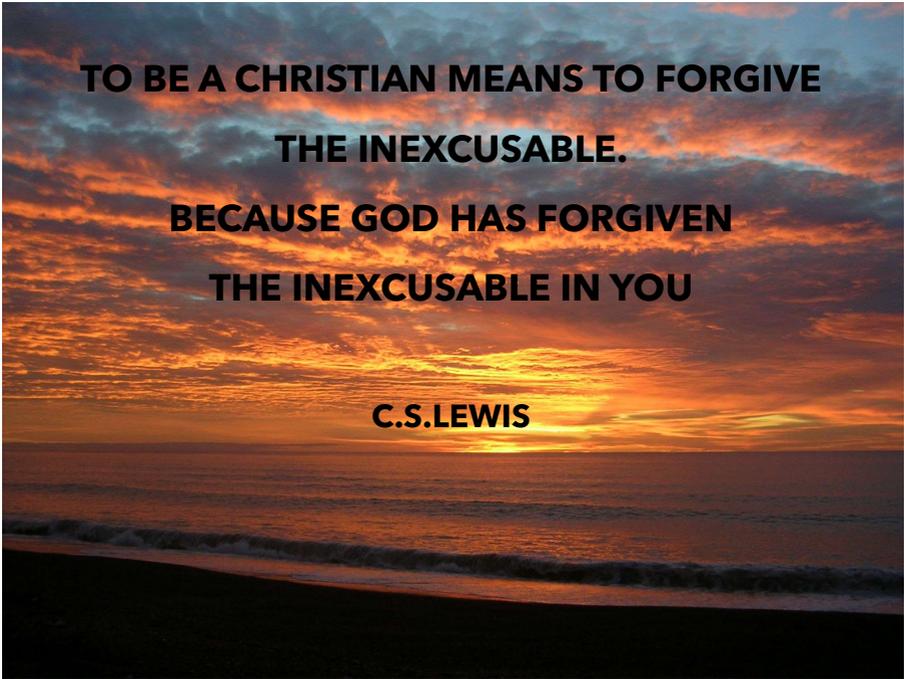
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Sandra Stork

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Thank you for joining us today



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