

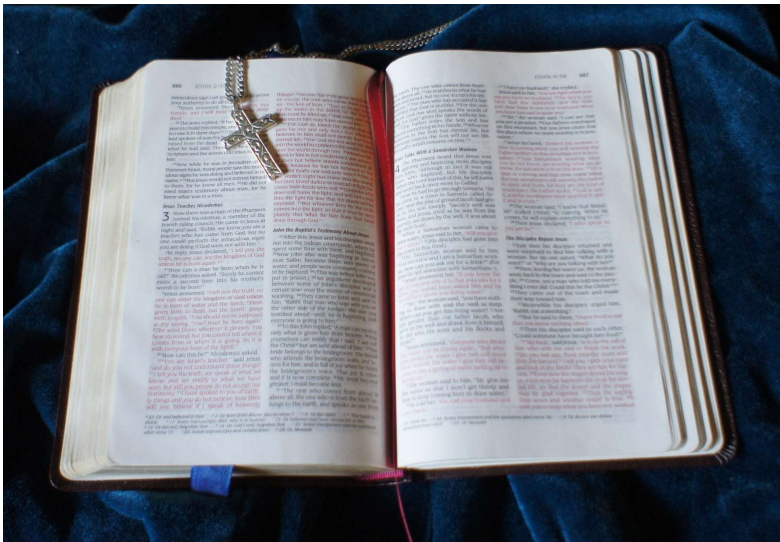


Helping people take the next step toward Jesus

# Welcome

GATHERED WORSHIP BOOKLET

Sunday 12th March 2023



The Gospel—no strings attached

[wpcrc.org.au](http://wpcrc.org.au)

## **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.

During our service, most weeks, we share in a discussion time after the Sermon. This is one way we can allow the message to penetrate our hearts and encourage one another with what we have heard. Please feel free to just listen to the discussion in your group should you feel uncomfortable to share.

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.

We have a cry room off to the side of the church for parents with infants and a designated colouring-in space for young children at the rear of the auditorium. During School term we also run a Sunday School for primary school aged children.

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.

Please stay after the service and join us for coffee and fellowship.

## **Prayer**

We have several places in our worship service where we pray. If you have a prayer request, please fill in your request with your details (if you would like us to contact you) on the last page of this booklet, and place it in the offering bag. Our prayer team will pray for your request.

## **Order of service**

**Call to Worship - Welcome**

**Song - Oh how good it is**

**Song– In Christ alone**

**Children’s Talk - Lauren Devenish**

**Offerings–Herman Linde**

**Reflection Song during offerings– Grace and Peace**

**Prayer over Offerings- Herman Linde**

**Children go to Sunday School**

**Announcements– Herman Linde**

**Congregational Prayer– Herman Linde**

**Song - By faith**

**Song– Amazing Grace**

**Scripture Reading– Salme van Staden**

**Scripture: Galatians 3: 1-14 (CSB)**

**Sermon - The Gospel–no strings attached**

**Sermon Discussion**

**Song - Turn your eyes upon Jesus**

**Close of service – Invitation**

**Benediction**

**Closing Song– The creed**



**Today Josh Dubbeld will be preaching.**

**Duty Elder : Herman Linde**

**Sermon Title : The Gospel—no strings attached**

**Readings : Galatians 3 : 1 -14 (CSB)**

**Discussion Questions**

1. What do you rely on for your salvation?
2. What 'laws' did you think determined one's salvation when you were younger?
3. Do you resonate with Galatians 3:3 at times?
4. Why do you think we sometimes struggle to view Christ's work as sufficient?
5. Do you sometimes struggle to believe in the promises of God just as Abraham did (Gen 15: 2- 6)?
6. Why do you think this passage uses such strong language (bewitched, cursed)?
7. Are there 'laws' in your life that you still rely on at times for your salvation?
8. What place do you think good deeds have in our Christian walk?
9. After reflecting on Galatians 3:1-14, what is something you have learnt or remembered?

**Sermon Notes**

## **Sermon Notes continued**

**When I pray for another person, I am praying for God to open my eyes so that I can see that person as God does, and then enter into the stream of love that God already directs toward that person.**

**Philip Yancey**

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

That we will walk in love as Jesus demonstrated so that the people we reach out to may be moved to want what we have.

Therefore, be imitators of God, as dearly loved children. And walk in love, as the Messiah also loved us and gave Himself for us, a sacrificial and fragrant offering to God. (Ephesians 5:1-2 HCSB)

Give praise and thanks to God for his constant love unstintingly poured out on us in many and varied ways day after day.

Please pray for Thinus and Ina du Plessis, pray that they will be healed of their infirmities.

Please pray for Phillip and Suzanne Nel, pray that Suzanne will know the peace of God in her vulnerable mental state and that Phillip will be comforted with God's peace and patience.

Please pray for our church that the Lord will bless our endeavours regarding the Great Commission as given us by our Lord Jesus.

Please pray for our nation that the Lord will forgive us our sins and bring about a great turning back to him.

Please continue to pray for all those caught up in the war in Ukraine, pray especially that the Lord will use this terrible situation to bring people into his kingdom.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters facing persecution especially when they are faced with choosing between following Jesus and peace and prosperity.

"If anything happens to my pastor, I will not fear. I will take charge of pastor's work and serve the Lord!" declared 14-year-old Samaru Madkami. It was no idle comment, for Samaru's pastor was in real danger and Samaru was already active in ministry, sharing the Gospel with other young people and children in his village in Odisha state, India. He and his family had taken the decision to follow Christ about three years earlier and Samaru was, in the words of his pastor, "a passionate Christian".

At one time there had been 13 Christian families in Kenduguda village. But persecution had driven most of them away so that by June 2020 there were only four Christian families left. Samaru's father, a church elder, had received death threats, and Samaru's older cousin, Unga, had twice experienced God's deliverance when attacked: the first time, extremists had tried to tie him up in a jute bag and throw him in the river, and the second time a knife-wielding gang had abducted him and threatened to kill him. Pastor Bijay, however, as the leader of the little group of believers, was clearly the main target. But in the end neither his pastor, nor his father, nor his older cousin had the honour of dying for Christ. That great privilege was granted to Samaru himself.

Soon after he had made his brave declaration about carrying on the Kingdom work if his pastor were to be martyred, Samaru went missing. After two days, on 6 June 2020, his horribly mutilated body was found by the police. A gang had persuaded Samaru to come to a meeting in the jungle. There they had tortured him before slitting his throat, smashing his head with a rock and burying his body.



**Next Prayer Meeting**  
**Tuesday 28th March**  
**7.30pm**  
**At Church**



**CHURCH WORKING BEE**  
**25TH MARCH 2023**  
**FROM 8AM**

**What to bring?**– Wheel barrows, Spades, Shovels, Gardening gloves and a willingness to enjoy great company while we work to tidy our Church

**What's to eat?** - Morning tea and Sausage sizzle lunch provided.

**How to get involved?** - Come along, and bring your enthusiasm

**Sign up sheet is in the foyer**



14th March–Monique Trigg



**Coffee Roster**

Today : Pieter & Rachel Viljoen

12th March : JD & Izelle Steenkamp



*Ministry of the Word is a training course equipping people to give Bible talks in a variety of contexts. Using the latest module from The Way (produced by the Reformed Theological College) these 10 monthly training sessions will provide some of the core skills in studying the Word, crafting a message, and delivering a talk. Training will take place online in the evening and the cost for the full course is \$50 per participant.*

*Each month participants will prepare for the training session by watching some online videos, presented by men experienced in preparing and delivering messages from God's Word. This preparation will take about 60 mins. During the training sessions we will further discussing what we have learned through these videos and begin putting this into practise. Each training session will go for about 90 mins.*

*Ministry of the Word is designed for everyone who is currently engaged in this work and wants to grow their skills, those who want to be equipped to use their gifts in the future, and those considering full time ministry of the Word.*

*More information can be found at the Ministry Formation web-site: <https://ministryformation.com.au/blogs/entry/2-the-four-fold-task/315-ministry-of-the-word-training-course>*

*Registering is available online: <https://forms.gle/DcFxDyA2ktAW-bigE9>*

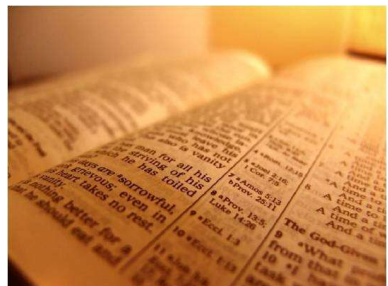
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## **Giving– Our giving is an act of Worship**

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 the RTC

If you would like to support this work you can do so by in Church giving–Simply add your offering to the bag or bank transfer

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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>

## **Second Offering–Reformed Theological College**

RTC is a reformed, evangelical theological college based in Melbourne, Australia. They offer flexible study options across a broad range of courses, providing high quality training for Christian life and ministry. RTC is committed to theological education that is biblically grounded, theologically robust, gospel-hearted, culturally relevant, spiritually rich and engaging and have students from many different denominations, studying for many different reasons.

# Easter Biscuit Bake

2023



**THE CHALLENGE:** To bake 79,000 homemade biscuits

**THE CAUSE:** To share God's love with every inmate in Victoria this Easter

**THE CALL:** To bake and deliver nut-free biscuits to the locations below

## BISCUITS MUST BE:

1. **Homemade**
2. **Crisp, not moist or crumbly**
3. **Nut free (no peanut butter, almond meal, etc.)**
4. **In sealed, disposable containers**
5. **Clearly labelled with ingredients**
6. **Labelled with the number of biscuits in each container**
7. **Delivered to one of the delivery points listed in attachments.**

Our Youth will be baking biscuits for this worthy cause so we are asking our Church family to contribute as well. You can do this by baking biscuits and returning them to Church in a disposable container on Sunday 26th March. What a great opportunity to get your friends involved.

For more details—please see Anne Keegel.



# World Transform

Christian development for the needy

## **PLEASE GIVE IN CHRIST'S NAME.**

Some 50,000 people have perished in the 6 Feb. Türkiye and Syria massive Earthquake. Thousands are still missing and millions of people are homeless in the bitter cold of winter. The need is overwhelming. Yet we can give help to some.

World Transform would like to suggest to all our churches to encourage their members to consider directing their giving towards a great diaconal response that is being focused on Syria.

We chose Syria because resources are going to Türkiye, but not as much in Syria where the economic conditions are even more severe.

We chose Syria because there has already been 12 years of fighting there. Their suffering is intense.

Through the work of the Middle East Reformed Fellowship (MERF) we know that wonderful diaconal assistance will be given in Jesus' name.

MERF have brothers and sisters in Christ on the ground in Aleppo and Latakia and are providing: blankets, warm clothing, nappies, hygiene products, powdered milk and tins of food.

While we know that MERF is not a relief organization, yet we chose MERF because: there are local churches who are providing diaconal assistance in Christ's name. No staff are being "hired" to do this ministry

They participate

in the distribution on a voluntary and sacrificial basis. 100% of all donations designated as "Syria EQ" will go earthquake victims.

Please forward your gifts to: **MERF Australia** BSB 182512  
ACC 963156864

In the reference, please write **Syria EQ.**

Yours in Christ, *Bert Kuipers*, World Transform Publicity Officer.

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

### Sunday 12th March

Worship Service 10am (in person and online)

### Tuesday 14th March

Pastoral Care meeting–7pm at Church

Session meeting–8 pm at Church

### Thursday 16th March

WWOW Women's Bible Study 10 am at Church

### Friday 17th March

Super Dash Youth and Parents Group–7.30 pm

### Sunday 19th March

Worship Service 10 am (in person & online)

## **Contact**

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

Pastor Chris Pretorius 0423 889 913 or our

Youth Worker (Intern) - Lauren Devenish 0488 453 834 or our

Church Administrator–Michelle 0488 777 517

You can find a full list of Contacts , Growth Group information as well as news and information about what's happening in our Church community posted on our Bulletin Board in the Church Foyer.



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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WORKER (0.4FTE)

We are seeking a children's ministry worker to join our team!

One Hope Community Church is a Christian church passionate about moving people in following Christ located in Scoresby, Victoria. We aim to develop and send people to grow disciples, care for people and reach the world with the good news of redemption and restoration in Jesus Christ. One Hope Community Church is a member of the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia.

### Key Responsibilities

The role includes coordination and leadership of our weekly children's ministries and leaders, as well as our outreach ministry including Kids Hope (a mentoring program) and Mainly Music teams.

### Requirements

We are seeking someone who is able to:

- facilitate the growth and expansion of One Hope's ministries with children and families.
- see the development and implementation of our Children's Ministry Plan for children from birth through Grade 6 as it integrates with the Church's overall vision.
- see that the Children's Ministry Plan is owned and implemented, and support and inspire our ministry teams towards One Hope's vision to *Grow Disciples, Care for People and Reach the World*.

### Any offer of employment is subject to the applicant:

- agreeing to abide by, and uphold, the Code of Conduct;
- successfully completing the relevant screening process, along with:
  - o passing a National Police Criminal Record Check; and
  - o holding a current WWCC.

A more detailed position description is available on request to [admin@ohcc.com.au](mailto:admin@ohcc.com.au)

### Application

To apply, please send a copy of your resume and letter of application to [admin@ohcc.com.au](mailto:admin@ohcc.com.au). Applications close on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.



SAVE THE DATE!

CRCA  
WOMEN'S  
RETREAT

17-20 MARCH 2023

FOOTHILLS  
CONVENTION CENTRE  
VICTORIA

REALRETREAT2023@GMAIL.COM

*CRCA Women's REAL Retreat*

*The REAL Retreat is only two weeks away! There are 115 women attending from all over Australia.*

*Please pray; for our organising team as they pull together the final details of the retreat,*

*for our speaker, Suzie Smith as she prepares to share God's word from Isaiah with us,*

*for the women who will travel to be together for this weekend, that God would prepare their hearts to hear his word for them, and that the retreat would be a time of connection, relaxation, laughter and growth.*

*And, most importantly, that the Retreat would bring glory to our wonderful and good God.*

Thank you!

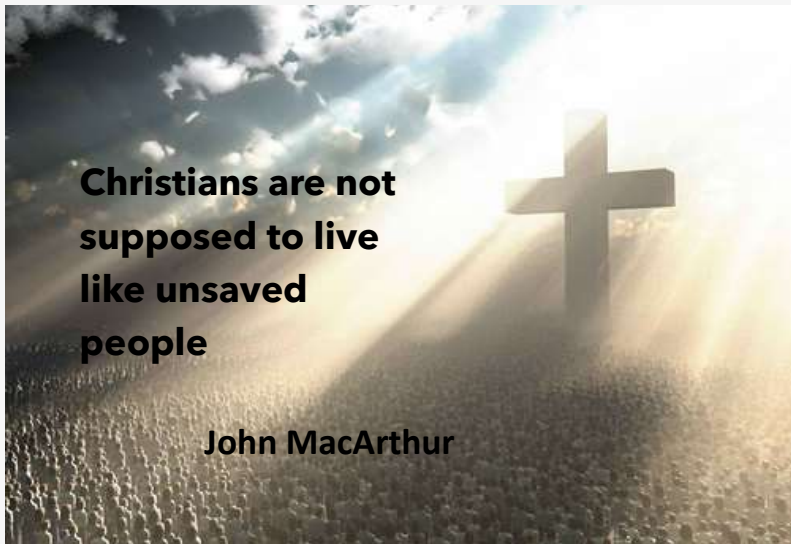
**Philippa deHaan**

Administration Support

**One Hope Community Church**



Thank you for joining us today



**Connect with us**

Your name :

Contact number :

Contact email :

Prayer Requests :