



Helping people take the next step toward Jesus

# Welcome

GATHERED WORSHIP BOOKLET

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

9nd April 2023



"I Believe in the Resurrection of the Body,  
and the Life Everlasting

John 19:30 & John 20

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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.

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 -**

**Song -**

**Church strategy update–Pastor Chris Pretorius**

**Children’s Talk - Sarah Pretorius**

**Children’s song**

**Offerings– Neil Bester**

**Reflection Song during offerings -**

**Prayer over Offerings- Neil Bester**

**Announcements– Neil Bester**

**Congregational Prayer– Neil Bester**

**Song -**

**Song -**

**Scripture Reading - Peter Williams**

**Scripture: John 19:30 and John 20 (CSB)**

**Sermon - “I Believe in the Resurrection of the Body, and the Life Everlasting”**

**Sermon Discussion / Reflection time**

**Song -**

**Close of service – Invitation**

**Benediction**

**Closing Song -**

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

**Duty Elder : Neil Bester**

**Sermon Title : "I Believe in the Resurrection of the Body,  
and the Life Everlasting"**

**Readings : John 19:30 & John 20 (CSB)**

**Sermon Notes -**

## **Discussion Questions**

1. Why is the resurrection of Jesus Christ considered to be the cornerstone of Christian faith?
2. How does the resurrection of Jesus Christ offer hope to those who are struggling with despair, sickness or hopelessness?
3. How can the resurrection of Jesus Christ transform our lives and relationships with others?
4. How can we share the message of the resurrection with others in a way that is meaningful and impactful?
5. What does the resurrection of Jesus Christ teach us about the power of God?
6. How does the resurrection of Jesus Christ reveal God's love for humanity?
7. In what ways does the resurrection of Jesus Christ provide comfort to those who have lost loved ones? When does it not provide comfort?
8. How does the resurrection of Jesus Christ inspire us to live a life of purpose and meaning?

**Often times God wants us to sit before Him in quietness. He doesn't want us to do all the talking.**

**As Is. 30:15 says, "In quiet and confidence will be your strength."  
Charles Stanley**

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

Thanking him that we are among those who, despite not seeing yet believe and have gone from death into life.

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (John 20:29 ESV)

Give praise and thanks to our dear Lord Jesus Christ for opening the way to salvation not counting the cost to himself.

Please continue to pray for Corrie van der Walt as she continues to recover from her operation, thanking God that it went well. Pray that she will recover quickly and soon be up and about.

Please pray for Herman Dyer and his family, especially his parents as Herman's sister passed away. Pray that during this time of deep mourning they may have the strength, comfort and peace that only our heavenly Father can give.

Please pray for Maria Knol's family as Maria's niece passed away from complications following child birth. Please bring this family before the Lord in prayer that he may surround them with his love.

Please pray for the Vanderjagt family as they mourn the passing of their mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Pray that the Lord will comfort them with the assurance of her salvation.

Please continue to pray for those of us battling the ravages of cancer, Martie Schachtner and Heather Linde. Pray that the Lord will be gracious and grant them both complete healing.

Please continue to pray for those we have committed to pray for that they may come to a saving knowledge of Jesus.

Please pray for our communities that the Holy Spirit will do great things wherever we live so that God's name is glorified and the lost are saved.

Please remember our brothers and sisters all kinds of terrors for their Lord and ours.

Wuwih William Gemuh, a senior Bible translator in north-west Cameroon, was kidnapped and later killed by gunmen after facilitating a workshop on 17 March. Keyeh Emmanuel, General Director of the Cameroon Association for Bible Translation and Literacy, said, "We are working to bring comfort to the family and colleagues at this very difficult moment. We invite you to be in prayers for us and for Wuwih's family." Pray that Wuwih's wife and six children will be greatly comforted as they mourn. Ask that his colleagues will receive courage and wisdom as they adjust to the void left by Wuwih, and for their protection from harm.

A worshipper was killed and a pastor was kidnapped along with three members of his congregation during an attack on a church in Benue State, Nigeria, in the early hours of Palm Sunday, 2 April. Five people were wounded in the assault by suspected Fulani Muslim extremists who stormed into the church while a prayer vigil was taking place. Pray that our Saviour will be close to the bereaved and to the families of the Christians kidnapped during the attack. Ask for healing for the wounded.

At least ten people were killed and 20 injured in Myanmar military (Tatmadaw) air strikes on the village of Khuabung, Thantlang township, in Christian-majority Chin State on 30 March. Local sources said that there was no military action in the vicinity, and the military were clearly targeting the civilian population. Ask that God will give His peace to those who lost loved ones in the assault, and that those injured will recover fully. Ask that He will restrain those intent on attacking Myanmar's Christians and bring about lasting peace.

## **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 G.O.S.P.E.L.

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**

Since 2002, G.O.S.P.E.L. has been working in a global partnership where over 75 evangelists are resourced to engage in planting indigenous churches amongst unreached tribal populations in Central / Western India. The work has born abundant fruit . CRCA congregations and individual sponsors are linked with a specific evangelist so that prayer can be more targeted. GOSPEL works closely with World Transform so that “Word and Deed” are aligned.





**Please join us for our next  
Prayer Meeting  
Thursday 13th April  
7.30pm at Church**



**CRCY**  
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH YOUTH  
VICTORIA

**STATE YOUTH  
GAMES**

**RISE**  
2023

**LAUNCH  
NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 28TH OF APRIL  
7PM - 9PM @ SCORESBY SECONDARY COLLEGE**



## CHURCH CAMP OCTOBER 20TH–22ND

Save the date

Church camp is incredibly important for our Church community in building our relationships with each other and we are hoping to make it as affordable as possible. We want to ensure that everyone who wants to come does not miss out so we will be holding a Church Camp fundraising event.

A successful Camp means great organisation, so we are asking for volunteers and hoping that we can put together a small team. This team will manage the sign up process, organise a fundraising event and liaise with the camp regarding all our requirements. This will include bed allocations, duty roster and also a few activities and games for us to enjoy. If you think that you would like to be part of the organising committee then please let Pastor Chris or Michelle know.

As always if you have any questions, please let Michelle know either by phoning 0488 777 517 or via email [admin@wpcrc.org.au](mailto:admin@wpcrc.org.au)



CRCA Mission Prayer  
Network on  
WhatsApp

The CRCA GROW workgroup coordinates the mission committees of the CRCA:

World Transform

G.O.S.P.E.L.

Church Planting Taskforce

Local Outreach

Solomon Islands Workgroup

These workgroups are often faced with situations that would benefit from the concerted prayers of the people of God. To this end, urgent and immediate prayer requests will be sent to the new CRCA Mission Prayer Network on WhatsApp. You're invited to be part of this network.

Generally, the network moderator will send one or two requests per week to everyone on the network, who will be asked to pray for those needs as soon as they can - preferably right then and there. Updates will be sent as needs change. These updates will provide powerful encouragement from the God who hears prayer. Feedback on the Network is welcome as it evolves.

To join the CRCA Mission Prayer Network, email your details to David Groenenboom, [djgroenenboom@gmail.com](mailto:djgroenenboom@gmail.com) or text them to 0418 383 055.

First Name:

Last Name:

Mobile number:

Church you attend:

You will need to have WhatsApp installed on your device to participate.



## APRIL

1<sup>st</sup> April Joy van Veen

4<sup>th</sup> April–Harry Berends

14<sup>th</sup> April Lynette Pretorius

16<sup>th</sup> April–Nina Theron

16<sup>th</sup> April Lydia Oppermann

23<sup>rd</sup> April–Leon de Beer

29<sup>th</sup> April Ilze Kellerman



### **Coffee Roster**

Today : van Staden family

16th April : Van der Merwe family

### **Contact**

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

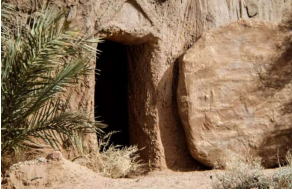
Pastor Chris Pretorius 0423 889 913 or our

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.

## What's Happening at Church



Sunday 9th April

Resurrection Sunday

Lord's Supper Worship Service 10 am  
(in person & online)



Tuesday 11th April

Pastoral Care meeting 7pm

Session meeting 8pm



Thursday 13th April

Prayer Meeting 7.30 pm



When—Saturday 22nd April at 6.30 pm

Where—Hoyts Eastland

We have booked the whole cinema and have only 16 tickets left. You can get your tickets here

<https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/6995537>



**Please join us on Sunday 7th May at 7 pm.**

### **Children's letters to their Pastors**

Dear Pastor,

I know God loves everybody but He never met my sister.

Yours sincerely Arnold (Age 8)

Dear Pastor,

My mother is very religious. She goes to play bingo at church every week even if she has a cold.

Yours truly Anette (Age 9)

Dear Pastor,

I like your sermon on Sunday. Especially when it was finished.

Ralph (Age 11)

Dear Pastor,

I would like to go to heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there.

Stephen (Age 8)

## And.....

A man , his wife and his cranky mother-in-law went on a vacation to the Holy Land. While they were there, the mother-in-law passed away. The undertaker told them, 'You can have her shipped home for \$5000.00, or you can bury her here in the Holy Land for \$150.00"

The man thought about it for awhile and told the undertaker he would just have her shipped home. The undertaker asked "Why..... why would you spend \$5000.00 to ship her home when it would be wonderful to be buried here and spend only \$150.00?"

The man said " A man died here about 2000 years ago. He was buried here and three days later, he rose from the dead. " " I just can't take that chance."

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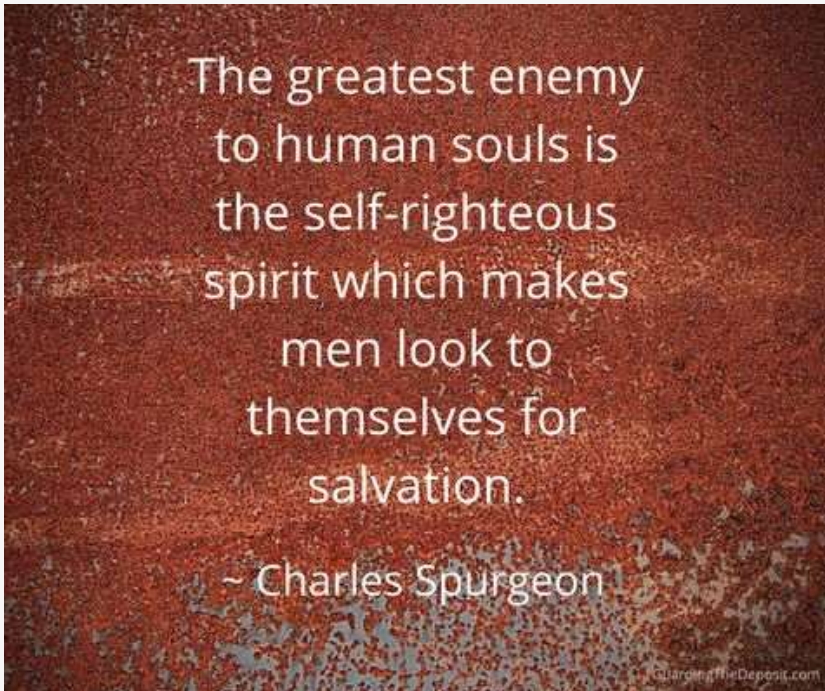
**LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS**

**07.05.23**  
MOUNT EVELYN & SOUTH BARWON  
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH  
45-47 BIRMINGHAM RD, MT. EVELYN

**4:00 PM**  
FOOD - FELLOWSHIP - FUN  
YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT WORSHIP & WORKSHOP



Thank you for joining us today



**Connect with us**

Your name :

Contact number :

Contact email :

Prayer Requests :