

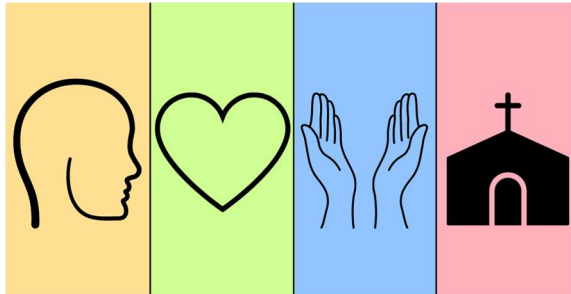


Helping people take the next step toward Jesus

# Welcome

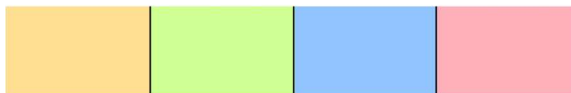
GATHERED WORSHIP BOOKLET

Sunday 4th June 2023



HEAD, HEART, HANDS &  
HOLY WORSHIP

2023



Remember : we are but dust—so invest in the  
one who made the dust

Psalm 90 & Matthew 6:19–24

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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 - I will sing of the mercies of the LORD - BOW89B**

**Song - O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder (How great Thou art) - BOW367**

**Church strategy update**

**Children's Talk - Nicky Bester**

**Offerings - Neil Bester**

**Reflection Song during offerings - Father I thank you**

**Prayer over Offerings - Neil Bester**

**Lauren's Announcement**

**Children go to Sunday School**

**Announcements - Neil Bester**

**Congregational Prayer - Neil Bester**

**Song - Have your own way, Lord–BOW210**

**Song - Give thanks–ccli20285**

**Scripture Reading - Conrad Du Toit**

**Scripture: Psalm 90 & Matthew 6:19-24 (CSB)**

**Sermon - Remember: we are but dust–so invest in the one who made the dust**

**Sermon Discussion / Reflection time**

**Song - When I survey the wondrous cross–BOW 301**

**Close of service – Invitation**

**Benediction**

**Song - I lift my hands–ccli159259**

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

**Duty Elder : Neil Bester**

**Sermon Title : Remember: we are but dust—so invest in the one who made the dust**

**Readings : Psalm 90 & Matthew 6:19-24 (CSB)**

**Sermon Notes -**

## **Discussion Questions**

1. Why is it important for us to remember that we are finite as Psalm 90 reminds us of?
2. Do you think there is value in sitting down, taking stock of how we spend our time and finances for the sake of the kingdom? Why or why not?
3. How does reflecting our mortality help put our finances in context?
4. What does it mean to store up treasures in heaven? How does this differ from storing up treasures on earth?
5. Reflecting on your own finances, time commitments and ministry gifts, what do you believe God is calling you into?
6. How can you cultivate a lifestyle of generosity?
7. What is one step you can take today to help you personally grow in spiritual generosity?

## **Sermon Notes continued**

**Prayer has mighty power to move mountains because the holy Spirit is ready both to encourage our praying and to remove the mountains hindering us. Wesley L Duetel.**

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

That the Holy Spirit will help us to understand the Word of God revealing its mysteries so that we can better worship God.

Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path. (Psalm 119:105 HCSB)

Give praise and thanks to our loving heavenly Father for giving us his Word so that we may know him and all he has done for us.

Please pray for Gretchen and Chris Fourie, give thanks that Gretchen is well again and has been able to resume her work.

Please continue to uphold Johann Schachtner and his family before God's throne of mercy that they may experience the loving arm of their heavenly Father around them in their sorrow.

Please pray for Ina de Graaf as she is struggling with her health, pray that the Lord will be her comfort and her strength.

Please pray that the Lord will provide our church with all the resources it needs so that we will bring glory to his holy Name as we do the works he has ordained for us.

Please pray for our nation that the Lord will not hold our sins against us but will bring about a mighty outpouring of his Holy Spirit that many may be saved from eternal destruction.

**Please Note :the next prayer meeting will be held on Thursday the 8th of June. This will not be held at the church due to road works being carried out closing Yarra Road during the evening but will instead be done via zoom. The details are as follows;**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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

**Meeting ID: 562 580 7703**

Please pray for Simon and Lydia van der Wel and their situation on the mission field. They are finding things challenging right now. Please ask the Lord of the harvest to bless their efforts, open doors that are closed and lead those who need to hear their message to them. Please remember believers in parts of the country where they work who have suffered greatly for their faith in recent times. Lives have been lost and many have lost everything they own and are now displaced refugees in their own country. Pray that God will watch over his people, protect them and provide for all their needs.



## **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 World Transform.

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

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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–WORLD TRANSFORM**

World Transform seeks to minister to the spiritual and physical needs of all those in distress, including through natural disasters, war and hostilities, irrespective of sex, race or creed. With God's blessing, World Transform aims to be an instrument to help to transform developing and needy communities through relief and very importantly through sustainable, holistic development programmes.





# Let's Dance!

## SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, 2 September 2023

19:30



## **Prayer and Praise Items for June '23.**

**This month's theme is: GROWTH. Growing (maturing) together in faith; Growing church leaders; Growing leaders in homes; Growing in dependence on God for daily needs.**

**Please pray for our growth!**

1. We give thanks to God for adding 116 new believers in our mission field. Please continue to pray for these "babes" in Christ. May they grow in love of Christ and mature in faith.

[New believers need to belong to a new community. That's not always possible. When they are the first in a village to believe in Jesus, there is no congregation or fellowship group formed. Slowly God opens more hearts to respond to the Gospel and a prayer cell can be formed. Then by God's grace more come to faith. Here they grow in knowledge, enjoy fellowship and deepen their faith. Here they learn to share the message of salvation with their community.]

2. As fellowships/congregations grow, leaders are given training so that they can know how to give wise oversight in the churches. This continues to be given. [25 elders from different congregations participated in this round of training and were blessed. Our leaders, shared the word of God on the biblical role of elders in the church.]

3. Spiritual Headship in the home has often never been considered. Parents may be illiterate; they also may have little concept of the Christian home

because there has never been any modelling in their lives.

[There will be a “Family Seminar” planned in one of our districts this month. This is a key matter for growth for our tribal people.]

4. Most of the people in our GOSPEL mission field are subsistence farmers and farm labourers. They depend on rainfall for good cultivation. We are now waiting for the rain to start so we can plant rice in our paddy fields and maize on higher ground. These are our staple crops. If they fail, there will be a lot of hunger for us.

[Please pray for good monsoon rains. They call on God’s name all the time for “our daily bread”. Unlike developed nations, there are no social welfare provisions to fall back on. There are no pensions. They expect sons to care for their parents in old age.]





## **Church Camp**

We are excited to confirm that our Church Camp this year will be held on the weekend of 20th-22nd October at Oasis Camp, Mt Evelyn. Please save this date in your calendar!

The camp will be another great opportunity for us to rejoice in our relationship with God and each other. Oasis Camp is a wonderful venue with great facilities, quality food and beautiful natural surroundings. You can find more information here <https://www.oaiscamp.org.au/>.

We are keen to understand how many members might attend, so please check your email inbox and leave your expression of interest by following the link provided in the email or let one of your Church Camp Organising team know.

Blessings

Your Church Camp Organising Team

Jo, Adri, Anjali and Lariza



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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Church Camp Fundraiser**

**Trivia Night**

**Friday 21st July**

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To minimise the cost of attendance to Church Camp and allow us to invite those from our wider community who are connected to our Church, we are planning a Church Camp Fundraiser Trivia Night on Friday 21st July.

Please save this date in your calendars and start thinking about who you can invite to this fun night of games and trivia rivalry!

To make it easy for everyone it will be bring your own snacks and drinks on the night.

Please see Jo, Adri, Anjali or Lariza to organise a table.



## JUNE

3rd June - Chris Fourie                      8th June - Rommie Chapman  
11th June - Thinus du Plessis    14th June - Pieter Viljoen  
15th June - Annemarie Van Zyl    16th June - Martin Van Zyl  
17th June - Rhoda Barnard            24th June -Tanya Organtzoglou  
25th June - Karien Bester              27th June - Christina Du Toit  
27th June - Lauren Devenish    28th June - Grietjie Uys  
29th June–Frikkie Kotze



### **Coffee Roster**

Today : Van Staden family

Sunday 11th June - Theron 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 4th June

Worship Service 10am (in person and online)



Deacon's Lunch–Today

Straight after Church–All Welcome



Thursday 8th June

Prayer Meeting – online via zoom



Friday 9th June

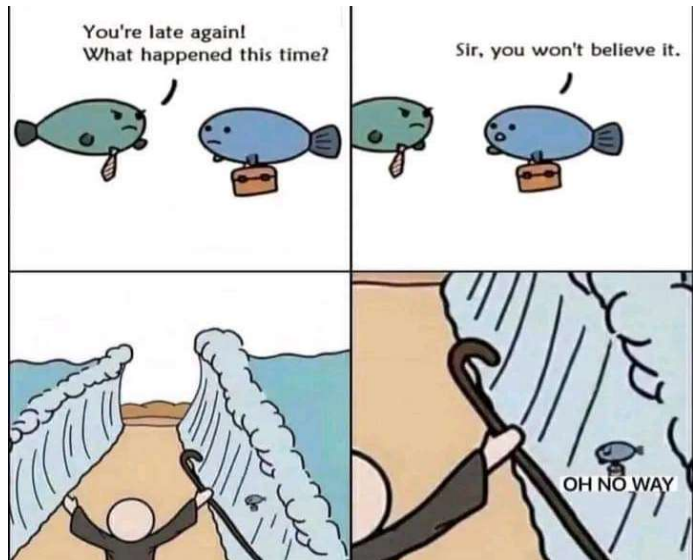
Super Dash Youth/Parents Group - 7.30pm



Sunday 11th June

Worship Service 10am (in person and online)

**FROM  
OUR  
MEMBERS**





Thank you for joining us today



**Connect with us**

Your name :

Contact number :

Contact email :

Prayer Requests :