



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 or send us 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 believe that prayer is vitally important to our faith lives, and that God powerfully answers our prayer. If you have a specific prayer request, please let us know. We would love to pray with you.

Community: We are committed to our church community, even though we can't physically meet at this point in time due to COVID-19. However, many of our church growth groups continue to meet together online. If you would like to join in an online growth group, please contact admin@wpcrc.org.au and we can get you connected.

SERMON: THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

John 16:1-15 (CSB)

"I have told you these things to keep you from stumbling.

2 They will ban you from the synagogues. In fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering service to God. 3 They will do these things because they haven't known the Father or me. 4 But I have told you these things so that when their time comes you will remember I told them to you. I didn't tell you these things from the beginning, because I was with you. 5 But now I am going away to him who sent me, and not one of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' 6 Yet, because I have spoken these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

7 Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth. It is for your benefit that I go away, because if I don't go away the Counselor will not come to you. If I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment: 9 About sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; 11 and about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

12 "I still have many things to tell you, but you can't bear them now.

13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth. For he will not speak on his own, but he will speak whatever he hears. He will also declare to you what is to come. 14 He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. 15 Everything the Father has is mine. This is why I told you that he takes from what is mine and will declare it to you.



**Join us for a virtual tea / coffee via Zoom
after the service this Sunday**

Meeting ID: 895 0931 0935

if prompted, the passcode is KINGDOM
or use this link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89509310935?
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SERMON NOTES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why did Jesus have to leave earth before the Holy Spirit could come?
2. How does the Holy Spirit convict us of sin?
3. How does the Holy Spirit convict us of righteousness?
4. How does the Holy Spirit convict us of judgement?
5. What is the biggest sign of sinfulness according to Jesus?
6. Why is this so important?
7. In what way does the Holy Spirit glorify Jesus?
8. What does Jesus mean with v15?
9. What difference does the Holy Spirit make to your life?

DISCIPLESHIP DIGEST

This week I would like to ask a question from those of you who are currently reading the discipleship digests. I would like to ask some feedback on these articles.

Our aim with the Discipleship Digests have been to help encourage our members to start seeing themselves as active partners in the gospel, as active disciple-makers themselves, and as people who are consciously taking steps toward Jesus. So we have run article series on the 4 E's of discipleship (engaging our community, evangelising those we engage with, establishing new believers in the faith and equipping the saints for works of service), to help people see how discipleship works.

We have published some skills based articles on practical Christian skills, like how to share the gospel, and how to read scripture well. We have also been publishing a series on helpful books, TV shows, etc. for people to consume as they "own their input".

What I would like to know is how useful people have found these articles during the lockdown period.

We know that when we were meeting in person, many people found these articles to be of great benefit, and I suspect that is because people would often read them during the "down" times in the church services themselves.

This is one of the main reasons we decided to physically publish our church newsletters, to encourage this kind of reading (the other reason was so people always had space to take sermon notes).

We would like to know if people are actually currently reading our discipleship digests, or whether we should put these on pause until we meet back in person again, and if you are reading them, what kinds of articles do you find most useful?

So if you would be willing to reach out and give your feedback to me I would appreciate it. Please email me (pastor@wpcrc.org.au).



Diary

Sunday 22nd November

9:40 am Online Children's talk and Sunday school

10:00 am Online Worship Service

happy
birthday



Alex	Aitken	6 November	Andrew	Remminga	9 November
Mila Carien	Van Wyk	7 November	Esmeralda	Bakkes	13 November
Peter	Day	7 November	Izelle	Steenkamp	14 November
Eveline	Van Dortland	8 November	Will	Roodt	20 November
James	Van Veen	8 November	Hendrika	Jooste	24 November
Will	Oppermann	9 November	Cailynn	van der Merwe	29 November

CRCA Women's Convention Queensland 2021



The Convention Planning Committee has discovered that there seems to be some confusion about whether the Women's Convention in Queensland will go ahead in May 2021.

The answer is yes. We were required to confirm our booking prior to the COVID lockdown in March this year, which means that we are unable to cancel our booking without paying the full cost, we can however alter the numbers. Therefore the convention will go ahead, God willing, next year. We expect to have a

smaller number of women attending than in previous years, but the Committee is still very excited and passionate about Convention.

Ladies from Queensland will have no problem coming and we hope those coming from across the borders will be able to come by then also. The Convention Centre has a COVID safe plan and has been open throughout the pandemic. The Committee needs to advise the Convention Centre of our expected numbers of overnight attendees towards the end of this year. If you intend to come (even if you are not 100% sure and your answer is, yes I will come if I can get there), could you please give us a verbal intention to come via email or phone by the end of November to wendyjoyvowles@gmail.com or 0408 073 680. This will allow us to decide whether we should book the whole site, half the site or perhaps a quarter of the site. For more information please go to www.tivolicrc.org.au, home page then quick links.

Many thanks for your ongoing prayers and support.

Annandra Kock, Church Administrator



The Annual General Meeting will be held on
Sunday 29 November 2020 straight after the Sunday Service via Zoom.

Zoom link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89509310935?pwd=b01FV01sbEtTZIBFeUJHOGRaNHpnQT09>

Looking for Work

We would like to provide an opportunity for fellow congregation members to notify us if you are seeking employment so we could try and support you in the process.

Please send a confidential email to admin@wpcrc.org.au. If possible please attach your resume and give us an indication of what kind of work you are looking for and your availability. As part of this we would also like potential employers or people who are aware of vacancies within their businesses to please let us know of these opportunities by using the same email address.



JOB VACANCY

Keep on eye on these job sites:

Christian Jobs: <https://www.christianjobs.com.au>

Ethical Jobs: <https://www.ethicaljobs.com.au>

Yarra Valley Water: <https://yvw.csod.com/ats/careersite/search.aspx?site=1&c=yvw>

Australia Post: <https://auspost.com.au/jobs>

Community Connections Worker (2 days per week)

One Hope Community Church (part of the CRCA), is a local church based in Scoresby in the City of Knox, Melbourne Victoria. Its mission is to “move people in following Christ” by developing and sending each person to; grow disciples, care for people and to reach the world.

We are seeking to engage a passionate, suitably qualified and experienced person as our Community Connections Worker. Primary responsibilities are to work from our Community@Cavell hub, and to build strong relationships with local council, other organisations and the community, in identifying local needs that will be met through engagement with the church’s discipleship process. The successful candidate will work with our Community Connections Team and Church Leadership to empower the church through this process in planning, implementing and evaluating programs and outreach services to the Scoresby community and surroundings areas.

As this organisation is a faith based not for profit, we are seeking to employ a Christian in this role as the successful candidate will need to develop policies that reflect our Christian mission.

Please contact admin@ohcc.com.au for a full job description. Applications close 30th November.



One Hope Community Church

Can you lend us a hand? There is work to be done to make our lovely church look its best again.

We have 2 Working Bees scheduled.

- Saturday 21 November
- Saturday 28 November

Please let us know if you are able to come along by emailing Peter Day on pandmday@gmail.com

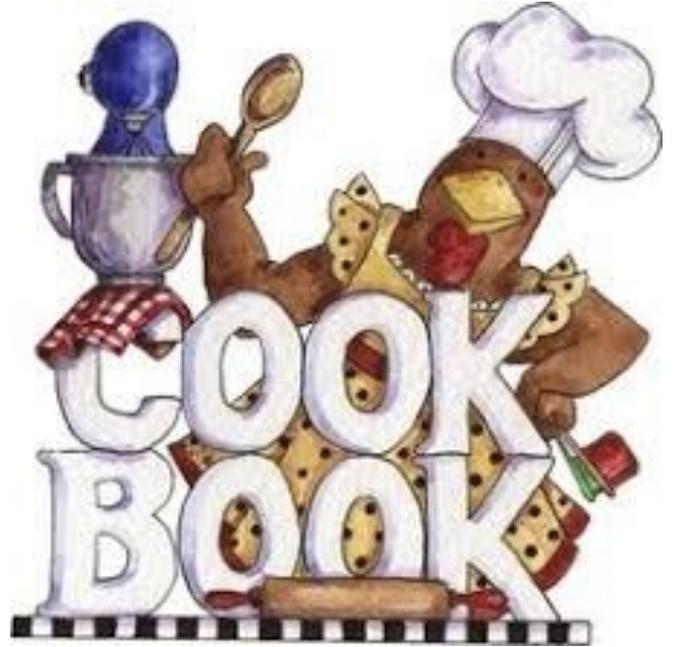
Looking forward to seeing you there!



During the last few years we have been able to share many divine meals and treats served at church. After some conversation around yummy things to eat during the Virtual Tea/Coffee there has been some key interest in sharing some of those lovely recipes, hence the suggestion of our own Wonga Park CRC Cookbook.

We would love it if every family could share one of their favourite recipes by emailing it to admin@wpcrc.org.au by the end of November 2020 so we could compile something that would be just in time for the Christmas baking and cooking.

Looking forward to seeing those recipes



Oasis **Traineeships** CAMP 2021

Oasis Camp is a not-for-profit organisation situated in Mount Evelyn on the picturesque foothills of Mount Dandenong. As a Christian campsite our mission is to provide life-enriching camping experiences to schools, corporate and community groups. We are looking for up and coming young leaders who want to develop their career in outdoor recreation and hospitality to serve in an energetic Christian work environment. Our trainees will embark on a year long adventure providing activities and hospitality to a diverse range of groups. They will be provided on an off-site training and will finish with a nationally accredited qualification (cert III in Outdoor Leadership through OETI).

Do you want to develop exciting new skills or begin a career in outdoor recreation in 2021? If you are between 17-21 this traineeship may be for you!



Please send expressions of interest to the assistant manager, Josh Chesterman:

0433061206 | josh@oasis.asn.au

Do you seek to engage
OLDER ADULTS in new ways?
FACE to FACE
is for you.

YOU'RE INVITED TO...

PREPARE

Talk with older adults *before* and *after* their Face to Face Encounter and help them discover their continued ministry.



PRAY

Pray with participants of Face to Face, and invite the entire community to pray, as well.



LISTEN

Listen to older adults' stories and to their reasons for attending a Face to Face Encounter. Invite participants to share their stories in weekly worship or at a midweek community gathering.



ENGAGE

After a Face to Face Encounter, help older adults in your community identify ministries where they can best engage their passion for God and the world.



FACE to FACE
THE UPPER ROOM®



Inspire, challenge, and equip older adults for Christian action in their churches, homes, places of work, and communities.

“Face to Face is the best tool available for building church leadership.”

- Dennis Reese, Pastor, Lakeside Community Chapel United Methodist Church (Lakeside, MT)

“Since introducing Face to Face to my small, rural church, it has been transformed. Those who have gone on an Encounter return energized and searching for how to make a difference in our community and in our church.”

- Donna Hinkle, Chesapeake Walk to Emmaus



Thank you for helping older adults reengage their desire for Christian discipleship. We pray that as more and more people participate in Face to Face they will be renewed in their faith and on fire for the Lord.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Wednesdays (1:00pm to 4:00pm) 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th of November 2020.

Saturdays (9:00am to 12:00pm) 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th of November 2020

Cost: \$40 per Pilgrim (\$70 per couple)

Contact the **Melbourne Emmaus Community** at:
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melbourne@emmaus.org.au
<https://melbourne.emmaus.org.au/ministries/face-to-face>
Phone 0417 398 278

The ANGEL TREE

Thank you church family for your generosity in supporting the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree.

Because of your kindness and generous contributions, which raised approx. \$2300.00, we were able to purchase 41 toys and gifts for children of prisoners.

It was very humbling receiving your financial support and what a blessing that so many children will receive an expression of love this Christmas.

Reading the personal requests from the prisoner for their child/children was equally humbling and allowed us to really pray for these families.

“It is more blessed to give than receive”. Acts 20:35

Rob de Reus (on behalf of Prison Fellowship) and the Deacons Margreet, Joy and Gerry.



NEXT PRAYER MEETING

The next prayer meeting will be held on **Tuesday the 24th of November at 7.30pm.**

Join the Zoom Meeting via the link below
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84914251570>

Meeting ID: 849 1425 1570

BUDGET UPDATE

Finance Overview		
Jun-20	Budget	Actual
Funds in	29,190	21,680
Expenses	25,962	28,186
Year-to-date		
Funds in	240,255	240,780
Expenses	260,021	240,663

PRAYER POINTS

Prayer may not change things for you, but it for sure changes you for things.

Sam Shoemaker

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

With confidence that what God has promised he will do and that we will trust him to honour his word.

The Lord is near. Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:5b-7 HCSB)

- Give praise and thanks to God for taking away our anxiety when we learn to fully trust in him.
- Please continue to pray for those among us who are suffering with chronic illnesses, Lydia Oppermann, Suzanne Theron, Belinda Reeders, Brendan Meyerink, Johann van der Walt as well as others. Pray that the Lord will uphold them and grant them relief from their suffering.
- Please continue to pray for Phillip and Suzanne Nel, pray that Phillip will have wisdom and patience as he takes care of his wife and that Suzanne will experience the peace of God.
- Please pray for our church leadership as they make decisions regarding the commencement of services in our church building, pray that the Lord will be their guide.
- Pray for God's people in our nation especially those among the indigenous people in remote areas where many suffer greatly from alcohol and drug abuse. Pray that the light of the Holy Spirit will shine there so that many will come to know Jesus.
- Pray that the Lord will have mercy on the nations and bring about an end to the current corona virus epidemic.

Please pray for the people of Mozambique. Islamic militants turned a village football pitch in northern Mozambique into an execution ground where they beheaded more than 50 people during three days of savage violence between Friday, 6 November and Sunday, 8 November.

Villagers who tried to flee were caught and taken to the sports ground in Muatide village where they were decapitated and chopped to pieces in a series of ferocious attacks in Muslim-majority Cabo Delgado province.

In one attack, gunmen shouting "Allahu Akbar" stormed into Nanjaba village on 6 November, firing weapons and setting homes alight. Two villagers were beheaded and several women were abducted.

Barnabas Fund's contacts in the area report that anyone who refuses to support the jihadists and embrace their beliefs is attacked, and their property set on fire. Thus Christians who refuse to deny Christ are amongst the victims. The attacks are amongst the worst seen, in recent years, in the brutal campaign by militant Islamists to establish an Islamist caliphate in the oil and gas-rich Cabo Delgado province. Desperate people are flooding into the Christian mission stations for protection.

In an upsurge of violence in April, Islamic fundamentalists murdered at least 57 people and smashed their way into a church in Cabo Delgado. At least 52 people were massacred in Xitaxi village when they refused to join the Islamic terrorist group.

More than 2,000 people have been killed and about 430,000 left homeless in the region since 2017. The militant Islamist organisation called Ahlu Sunnah Wa-Jama, known locally as Al Shabaab (not the Somali-based group), is linked to Islamic State and has effectively gained control of an area of Cabo Delgado.

From Barnabas Fund contacts and other sources

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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. 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.

Bank Transfer: BSB: 063 167 **Acc:** 1015 8356. For the Deacons **BSB:** 063167 **Acc:** 1015 8372

Via Church App: Download it here <https://wpcrc.org.au/app/>