

WONGA PARK & MERNDA REFORMED CHURCH NEWSLETTER

3 & 5 April 2026



ANNOUNCEMENTS

3 April: Good Friday Service 10:00am
Lord's Supper

5 April: Easter Sunday service 10:00am

7 April: Prayer meeting 7:30pm

2 May: Working Bee

20 June: State conference Fundraiser: Movie night



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dates for upcoming services:

12 April 4:00pm

26 April 4:00pm

10 May 4:00pm

24 May: NO SERVICE

7 June: 4:00pm

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE MERNDA CONGREGATION THAT THE LORD WILL DO MIGHTY THINGS THROUGH THEM IN THAT REGION.

VISITING OR NEW TO WONGA PARK OR MERENDA REFORMED CHURCH?

Jenna, our community engagement worker, would love to meet you and answer any questions you have about our Wonga Park church community.

Feel free to contact her on 0403650398.

Growth Groups

If you would like to join one of these groups or find out more, please see either Jenna or Chris.

Rob and Jenna - Tuesday nights 8pm online

Wendy ladies group Thursdays 10am @ church

Chris and Sarah Wednesday fortnightly 8pm

Adri and Alister: Wednesday nights 7:30pm. in person

Herman Linde: Monday nights, 8pm online.



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Young Adults

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EVENT SCHEDULE

<p>Date & Time: 25 January, 2026 AT 1:00PM</p> <p>SOCIAL</p> <p>MEET AT WONGA PARK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH</p>	<p>Date & Time: 4 February, 2026 AT 7:30PM</p> <p>BIBLESTUDY</p> <p>70-72 ENNISMORE CRESCENT, PARK ORHCARDS</p>	<p>Date & Time: 18 February, 2026 AT 7:30PM</p> <p>BIBLESTUDY</p> <p>70-72 ENNISMORE CRESCENT, PARK ORHCARDS</p>	<p>Date & Time: 4 March, 2026 AT 7:30PM</p> <p>BIBLESTUDY</p> <p>70-72 ENNISMORE CRESCENT, PARK ORHCARDS</p>
<p>Date & Time: 18 March, 2026 AT 7:30PM</p> <p>BIBLESTUDY</p> <p>70-72 ENNISMORE CRESCENT, PARK ORHCARDS</p>	<p>Date & Time: 1 April, 2026 AT 7:30PM</p> <p>BIBLESTUDY</p> <p>70-72 ENNISMORE CRESCENT, PARK ORHCARDS</p>	<p>Date & Time: 15 April, 2026 AT 7:30PM</p> <p>BIBLESTUDY</p> <p>70-72 ENNISMORE CRESCENT, PARK ORHCARDS</p>	<p>Date & Time: 24 April, 2026 AT 7:30PM</p> <p>SOCIAL</p> <p>OZ TENPIN CHIRNSIDE PARK</p>

IF YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN OUR YOUNG ADULTS GROUP OR COME ALONG TO ONE OF OUR SOCIAL EVENTS, WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU! SIMPLY CHAT TO INGE, MICHAEL, OR CASSIE AT CHURCH, OR SEND US A DM VIA OUR INSTAGRAM PAGE.

WONGA PARK CRC PRESENTS

MOVIE NIGHT

FUNDRAISER



SATURDAY
20 JUNE

6 PM

AT WONGA PARK CRC

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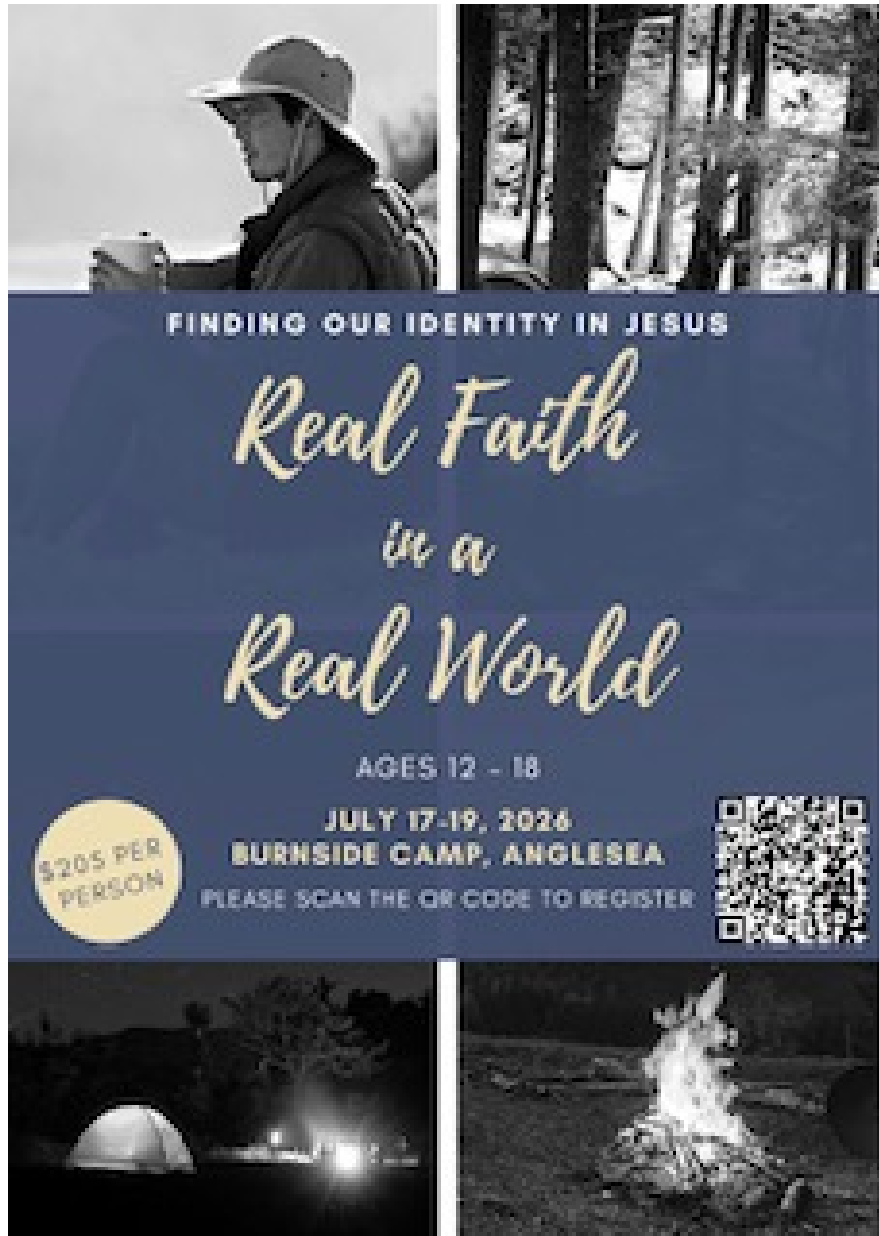


PURPOSE

All funds raised will help support our youth and young adults attending the upcoming CRCA Convention in WA (Jan 2027).



STATE YOUTH CAMP



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in a
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If you have any queries or questions, please reach out to Kasha.

PRAYER POINTS

Personal prayer points

Dear Lord, please hear our prayers through the filter of the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus.
As we go into the coming week let us daily pray;

Giving glory to God for redeeming us through the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.
(Matthew 28:5-6a ESV)

Give thanks and praise to the triune God for bringing to fruition the plan to save mankind through Jesus so that all who humbly accept him as Lord will be saved.

Congregational prayer points

Please pray for Annemarie van Zyl as she goes in for open heart surgery on Tuesday the 7th of April, pray for God's blessing on all involved and that she will have a full and speedy recovery.

Please pray for Betsy de Bruin who has had knee surgery this past week. Pray that she too will know the healing hand of our Lord upon her and that her recovery will be swift and complete.

Please pray for Ben and Lauren as they are travelling to Canberra, the first major journey after Ben's operation. Pray that Ben will not suffer from anxiety and that everything will go smoothly.

Local & International prayer points

Please pray that the message of Easter will penetrate hard hearts and that many will acknowledge the sacrifice made by Jesus on their behalf and accept him as their Lord and Saviour.

Please pray that the Lord our God will look upon this earth with pity and mercifully grant us peace by moving the hearts of world leaders to bring this about.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria. It is especially during these Christian holy days that persecution increases.

Several people were killed in Jos, Plateau State on Palm Sunday, 29 March 2026, when unidentified gunmen opened fire on people in the streets of Jos North Local Government Area (LGA).

The Daily Post reports the attack happened around 8pm in the Angwan Rukuba community on Sunday. Local partners share that the affected community is Christian majority, and the street where the attack happened is a popular gathering place for locals. The gunmen shot indiscriminately into the busy but dark street. Not all the deceased are Christians. The death toll after the attack in Anguwan Rukuba is unconfirmed. Initial media reports estimated the deaths between 6 and 10 people. The exact figures remain unverified. However, local contacts confirmed 27 bodies were returned to the community. Of these, 14 died on the scene and 13 died in hospital.

The Plateau state government ordered a 48-hour curfew "following the tragic incident" that resulted in the loss of lives. Several others were injured. The curfew is from midnight of 29 March until the 1st of April 2026. According to a statement from the government Governor Caleb Manasseh Mutfwang "strongly condemns this barbaric and unprovoked attack on innocent citizens and assures the public that all necessary measures are being taken to apprehend the perpetrators and bring them to justice."

At this stage, nobody has claimed responsibility for the attack. Contacts on the ground are still gathering information. There is a lot of speculation right now about who is responsible, but until we have clarity from our local contacts, we will not add to speculation.

A local, Janet Pam, said her neighbour was returning from the evening service on Palm Sunday when he was also shot dead.

Stay updated with the latest prayer requests from the persecuted church. Pray that all who are affected by this tragedy will draw comfort from the presence of Jesus, 'a man of suffering and familiar with pain'. (Isaiah 53:3)

Pray that the security forces and government will deal effectively with the insecurity plaguing many parts of Nigeria, with all perpetrators brought to justice. Pray for the protection of gathers and believers over Easter in Nigeria and worldwide, and for God's peace to overcome all fear. Open Doors

The next prayer meeting will be held on Tuesday the 7th of April at 7.30pm.

OUR GIVING, 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 is for the World Transform on Friday Service and Solomons Island Workgroup on Sunday.

If you would like to support the work of you can do so by in Church giving - simply add your offering to the bag at the back of Church or by bank transfer -

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If using bank transfer please indicate whether it is for the first offering "Sun1" or second offering "Sun 2" in the reference line. Or you can give online via our Church app

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

SERMON DETAIL

3 April 2026

5 April 2026

SERMON TOPIC:	Romans 4:25 & 5:6-11	Romans 5:12-21
BIBLE TEXT:	The weight and the verdict (1)	The weight and the verdict (2)
PREACHER:	Chris Pretorius	Chris Pretorius
ELDER ON DUTY:	Martin van der Merwe	Peter Williams
OFFERINGS:		
1ST COLLECTION:	No Collection	The work of the Church
2ND COLLECTION:	World Transform	Solomon Island workgroup

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR OUR SUNDAY SERVICE

- How does the analogy of a Prime Minister declaring war help you better understand the concept of "Federal Headship" and how Adam's choice impacts us today?
- The sermon mentioned that we often wake up and live like we are "still on trial" based on our good or bad days. Why do you think it is so easy for us to slip back into that works-based mindset?
- What is the practical difference between merely having our sin debt paid (a zero balance) and actually being clothed in Jesus' perfect obedience (the royal wedding garments)?
- Read Romans 5:12. Why does our highly individualized, modern culture instinctively push back against the idea that we inherited a guilty verdict from Adam?
- How does understanding that we "sin because we are born sinners" (rather than becoming sinners because we sin) change the way we view our own daily struggles and need for grace?
- Paul uses the phrase "how much more" repeatedly in Romans 5:15-19. In what ways does the grace of Jesus not just reset the clock, but entirely eclipse the ruin of Adam's sin?
- The sermon highlighted that Jesus didn't just die for us on Friday; He lived perfectly for us for 33 years before that. Why is Jesus' flawless life just as important to our justification as His sacrificial death?
- Read Romans 5:20-21. How would you biblically answer someone who asks, "If my rap sheet is permanently cleared, why not just live however I want?"
- How does trading the "fear of condemnation" for the "pure love of God" completely alter our motivation for doing good works?
- On a practical level, what does it look like for you to fight your sin and raise your family this week from a "place of absolute victory" rather than striving to earn God's acceptance?

HELPING HANDS

	3 April	5 April	12 April
Preacher	Chris Pretorius	Chris Pretorius	Chris Pretorius
Elder on Duty	Martin	Peter W	Kasha
Prayer Leader	Martin	Janette	Kasha
Music Leader	Mia	Nelleke	Neil
Children's Talk	Joseph	Roger	Nicky
Bible Reader	Stephen	Mila	Mari
Welcoming	Marlene	Jenna	tbc
Sound	James	Nicolas	Nicolas
Visuals	Salme	Ene	Isaac
Broadcasting	Christo	James	James
Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday School
Coffee	Herman & Lynette Dyer	Michelle & Charnise Horn	Herman & Heather Linde



BIRTHDAYS

Harry Berends	4 April
Lynette Pretorius	14 April
Alyssa Ting	16 April
Nina Theron	16 April
Lydia Opperman	17 April
Braam vd Jagt	21 April
Leon de Beer	23 April
Colin Pretorius	28 April
Ilze Kellerman	29 April



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