



Helping people take the next step toward Jesus

Welcome

What changes at the crucifixion?



Reading : John 19 : 17-30

GATHERED WORSHIP BOOKLET

LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE

SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2022

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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.

New here?

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.

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 would love to pray with you after the service . If you would like someone to pray with you, please remain in the main auditorium and a member of our prayer team will come and pray with you.

Community

We encourage you to stay after the service for coffee and fellowship. We would love to meet you and get to know you more. We have a cry room off to the side of the church for parents with infants. During School term we also run a Sunday School for primary school aged children.

Order of service

Call to Worship - Welcome

Song - I stand in awe

Lord's Supper

Song - Behold the lamb

Children's Talk - Sarah Pretorius

Children's Song

Offerings - Neil Bester

Reflection song during Offering– How deep the Father's love

Prayer over Offerings - Neil Bester

Announcements - Neil Bester

Congregational Prayer - Neil Bester

Song - When I survey the wonderous cross

Scripture reading - Salme van Staden

Scripture - John 19 : 17-30 (CSB)

Sermon - What changes at the crucifixion?

Sermon Discussion

Song - I will sing of my redeemer

Close of service – Invitation

Benediction

Song - The power of your love

Today Pastor Chris Pretorius will be preaching.

Duty Elder : Neil Bester

Sermon Title : What changes at the crucifixion?

Reading : John 19 : 17-30

The Crucifixion

17 Carrying the cross by himself, He went out to what is called Place of the Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. **18** There they crucified him and two others with him, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle. **19** Pilate also had a sign made and put on the cross. It said: Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. **20** Many of the Jews read this sign, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek. **21** So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Don't write, 'The king of the Jews,' but that he said, 'I am the king of the Jews.' "

22 Pilate replied, "What I have written, I have written."

23 When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, a part for each soldier. They also took the tunic, which was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. **24** So they said to one another, "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it, to see who gets it." This happened that the Scripture might be fulfilled that says: **They divided my clothes among themselves, and they cast lots for my clothing.** This is what the soldiers did.

JESUS'S PROVISION FOR HIS MOTHER

25 Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. **26** When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he

loved standing there, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." **27** Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

The Finished work of Jesus

28 After this, when Jesus knew that everything was now finished that the Scripture might be fulfilled, he said, "I'm thirsty". **29** A jar full of sour wine was sitting there; so they fixed a sponge full of sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it up to his mouth.

30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished." Then bowing his head, he gave up his spirit.

Sermon Notes

Discussion Questions

1. What stood out for you today? What was new or challenging?
2. When Jesus said "it is finished", what did he refer to?
3. How does the fact that "it is finished" impact the way you live your life?
4. What is one thing from today's message that someone else must hear? Commit to sharing that with them.
5. How does the crucifixion fit into the overall biblical story?
6. Why was it important that the crucifixion happened during the Passover feast?
7. When the Passover was instituted the Israelites had to put blood on the doorposts of their houses. How does this physical reality find its spiritual fulfillment in Christ?
8. Why do you think the curtain in the temple tore when Jesus died? What does this signify?

Sermon Notes continued

Please Pray

We can be tired, weary and emotionally distraught, but after spending time alone with God, we find that He injects into our bodies energy, power and strength.

Charles Stanley

As we go into the coming week let us daily pray; Knowing that we call upon the eternal one, the only wise God we who hears our prayers and who fulfills his promises.

From ancient times no one has heard, no one has listened, no eye has seen any God except You, who acts on behalf of the one who waits for Him. (Isaiah 64:4 HCSB)

Give praise and thanks to our heavenly Father who is always ready to answer the prayers of his people.

Please continue to pray for Martie Schachtner as she battles with cancer and with Johann and the family as they walk this journey with her.

Please pray for Lydia Oppermann who is in hospital suffering from pneumonia, pray that she may experience the loving arms of her heavenly Father comforting her and healing her.

Give thanks and praise to our God for the great church camp we could all enjoy, thank him for watching over us and keeping us safe from all harm as we enjoyed each other's company and rejoiced together before him.

Please pray for God's church throughout our land, pray that he will watch over it, protect it both from without and within, that the evil one will not gain a foothold.

Pray for those within our nation who are struggling economically, who are homeless or face the prospect of being homeless or are finding their businesses under extreme pressure.

Give thanks for the life of Queen Elizabeth II and the witness she was for our Lord Jesus through the great faith she displayed for all the world to see.

Next Prayer Meeting Tuesday 27th September 7.30pm

Please pray for and give thanks for God's people in Zimbabwe. Craig Deall's family farm was seized by the government of Zimbabwe 20 years ago without any compensation. Rather than fight or flee, Deall's faith compelled him to forgive - a decision that has reaped a great harvest in more ways than one. Deall was raising his family on the same farm he grew up on when in 2003, the unthinkable happened. "The government forced Deall, his wife, and children to leave their home and farm that had been in his family since 1948 as part of the government's land reform program. An effort to more equitably distribute land between black subsistence farmers and white Zimbabweans of European ancestry. He had three choices. "We could fight, flee, or forgive. Some of my friends fought for their land and ended up getting killed for it," Deall said. "Most of my friends left the country, and no answer is wrong. But we as a family decided to pursue the third option which was to forgive." "We felt that if we chose bitterness instead of forgiveness, there's no country far enough away where it doesn't smell" Deall said. Deall kept going back to one scripture. "That scripture where Jesus says, 'If a man steals your coat, give him your tunic as well.' (Matthew 5:40) For us, that meant, if a man steals your farm, teach him how to farm.

And that's what we did. And with that, the pressure lifted, and we knew that God had opened up an avenue for us to serve the least of these and to bring them the Gospel," he recalled.

Deall moved his family to Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe, while about a dozen other families took over his house and land. He then joined a group called Foundations for Farming. There, he began to teach the new owners, a unique way of farming that God revealed to the group's founder, Brian Oldreive.

"He went into virgin bush, sat there and asked God, 'Teach me how to farm', and the two things that he saw was that there is no inversion tillage in nature, and that there is this beautiful mulch cover that covers the forest floor, and that's actually God's mechanism for feeding the soil and protecting the soil," Deall explained. "So he went back to his farm and he tried it. Without any tillage and no burning, which is contrary to the conventional way of farming, he immediately got outstanding results like 10-time increment in yield," he continued. "And so, he knew that it worked and he started to grow it bigger and bigger but he knew that God had given him this revelation, not for himself but to extrapolate across the continent of Africa to the rural farmers, the hurting, and the poor around the continent." The success of the technique caught the attention of the Zimbabwe government which endorsed the method.

And in 2020, the country experienced its first food surplus in two decades. "In fact, food production jumped almost four times, in the year 2020," Deall said. The country's main crop, corn, tripled with the method and now Foundations for Farming teaches the technique all over the world with the main goal of sharing the Gospel. "But 80% of what we teach is the heart. It's using agriculture as an entry point for the gospel," Deall said. Even with all their success, the Zimbabwean government never offered Deall any compensation for his home, land, or time teaching, but he says the way God has provided, he wouldn't change a thing. "We have a saying in Foundations of Farming: 'I used to own a farm in Africa, now Africa is my farm,'" he said.



SAFE CHURCH UNIT FACILITATOR

The Synod of the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia is committed to facilitating the safety of all children and vulnerable people in their congregations and other activities conducted on its behalf. A **Safe Church Unit** has been created to endeavour to ensure that commitment. A **Facilitator** is required to conduct the work of the new unit. The newly established position requires:

- A mature Christian who has a passion for such a ministry.
- Tertiary qualifications in either health, social work, counselling, law and/or administration.
- Provision of a criminal history check (Working with Children Check and National Police Certificate).
- Outstanding communication and inter-personal skills, both oral and written, including the capacity to listen deeply to another.

Desirable:

- Minimum four years' experience in office management or as an administrator in a related field.
- Ability to gain a comprehensive knowledge of and explain the CRCA church structure and Church Order.
- Ability to interpret and explain the CRCA Safe Church policies, including all relevant legislation to CRC ministers, elders, church councils and classes.

The position is a nominal two day a week (.4 FT) role. Provision has been made for a third day if required.

The **Job Description** and remuneration details are available for anyone interested in the position. Please contact:

John Van Dijk

CRCA - Safe Church Advisory Committee

childsafe@crca.org.au T: 0419 330 003

The Safe Church Advisory Committee at its meeting on 1 September 2022 has appointed John Van Dijk as the interim Safe Church Facilitator in addition to his role as National ChildSafe Administrator, until a formal appointment has been made. This appointment will be reaffirmed at each SCAC-meeting.

Peter Abetz

Vice Chairman SCAC



Coffee Roster

Today : Nelleke Arnold & Joy Van Veen

Sunday 25th : Herman & Heather Linde

Finance Update

INCOME

In August, our income was slightly (\$882) above expenses. This assisted in us improving our budget deficit slightly, however, we remain below our income budget.

EXPENSES

Our expenses were just over \$1,000 higher than forecasted, however, this was due to deferred payments from July which was around \$1000 lower, therefore, balancing out to our expected budget year -to -date.

GENERAL

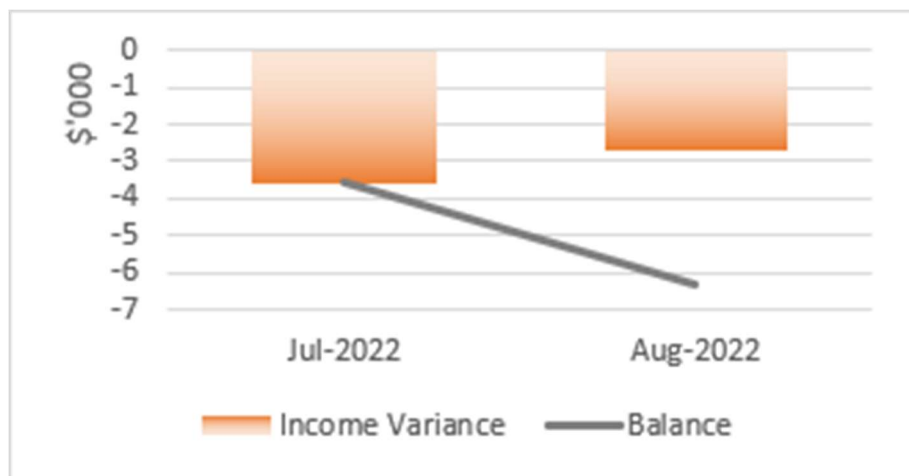
Our FY20 and FY21 audits were completed in July. We shared the preliminary findings at the last AGM, and will be sharing the reports as soon as the final versions are released by the auditors.

We have also been able to renegotiate our energy contracts which will improve our energy cost by over \$1000 over the full financial year. It is a good time to review your own energy contracts too!

We will continue to review other operating costs to negotiate savings wherever possible to lower our ongoing operating expenses.

Martin Van der Merwe

Elder for Finance



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 our Diaconate.

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 BSB 063 167 ACC 1015 8356

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>



From your Deacons

The Dining Room Mission

The Dining Room Mission is a local service that provides hot meals as well as other foods for people who are homeless, disadvantaged or just lonely. It is a place that aims to show Christ's love by making people feel special, loved and wanted through a community meal and time to chat.

It is run on Tuesday nights at the St John The Divine Church in Toorak Ave, Croydon at 5 pm. Because of Covid, it has been basically providing take away meals for the last two years.

As of next week, however, they hope to start returning to sit down dining, which they did pre-covid at 5.30pm.

Our congregation provides a meal for the 4th Tuesday of each month. So your Deacons would like some volunteers to cook a hearty main meal for the 27th of this month. We also require volunteers to help with setting up, the serving of the meals and chatting to guests, and of course cleaning. If you can offer some time between 3.30 and 6.00 pm, whether it be half an hour or the whole two and half hours, we would love to hear from you. If you are able to cook a meal for about 25 people or more, please chat with us too. Reimbursement is available for your ingredients for the meal.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Your Deacons

Joy van Veen, Sandra Stork and Dale Reed



It is with great pleasure we
welcome a new member
to our Church family

Betsy de Bruin

Please make Betsy feel
welcome

Nominations Wanted

**Our Session and Deaconate are looking for nominations
for the Ministry position of 2 Elders and a Deacon.**

**Please prayerfully consider nominating those in our con-
gregation who you know fit the Biblical requirements to
hold these important Ministry positions.**

Nominations will be open for 2 weeks.

Please email your nominations to admin@wpcrc.org.



20th September–Dale Reed
20th September–Abigail Viljoen
24th September–JD Steenkamp
24th September–Karin Witteveen
25th September–Mia Van Wyk

What's happening this week at WPCRC

School Holidays

Sunday 18th September -

Worship Service 10 am (in person and online)

Sunday 25th September -

Worship Service 10 am (in person and online)

A meme with white text on a dark green background. The text reads: "I was told I should get as excited about church as I do football. I did that and was asked to leave. It seems dumping a bottle of Gatorade over the pastor after that rousing sermon isn't what they had in mind."

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Growth Groups

We believe that Growth Groups are the lifeblood of a disciple growing church community. We have several growth groups that meet during various times throughout the week. Each Growth Group is similar in that we meet together to pray for non believers and for each other, we study scripture and we support one another. We would love each of our members to be a part of a growth group. If you would like to join please contact our administrator by emailing admin@wpcrc.org.au

Monday night (online)

Contact :Herman Linde
0411 069 808

Monday night (online)

Contact :Leon & Anjali de Beer
0474 335 446
0460 671 271

Wednesday night

Young Adults
Contact: Kasha Schubert
0450 012 177

Wednesday night (online)

Contact: Chris Pretorius
0423 889 913

Wednesday night

Contact: Adri Bennie
0425 727 949

Thursday mornings

Contact: Wendy Harrison
0407 801 630

Friday night Parent Group

Contact : Neil Bester
0425 569 149

Contact: Martin van der Merwe
0458 908 148

Contact

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

Pastor Chris Pretorius 0423 889 913

or our

Church Administrator–Michelle 0488 777 517

Or we have a full list of Contacts on the Bulletin Board in our Church Foyer.

Deacons

Our Deacons help to serve our church and the wider community both practically and financially. Financial gifts for the Deacons are always appreciated and will go towards supporting people in and outside of our congregation.

To make an offering to the Deacons account details are as follows

BSB: 063-167 Acc. 1015 8372

Joy van Veen

Dale Reed

0409 199 840

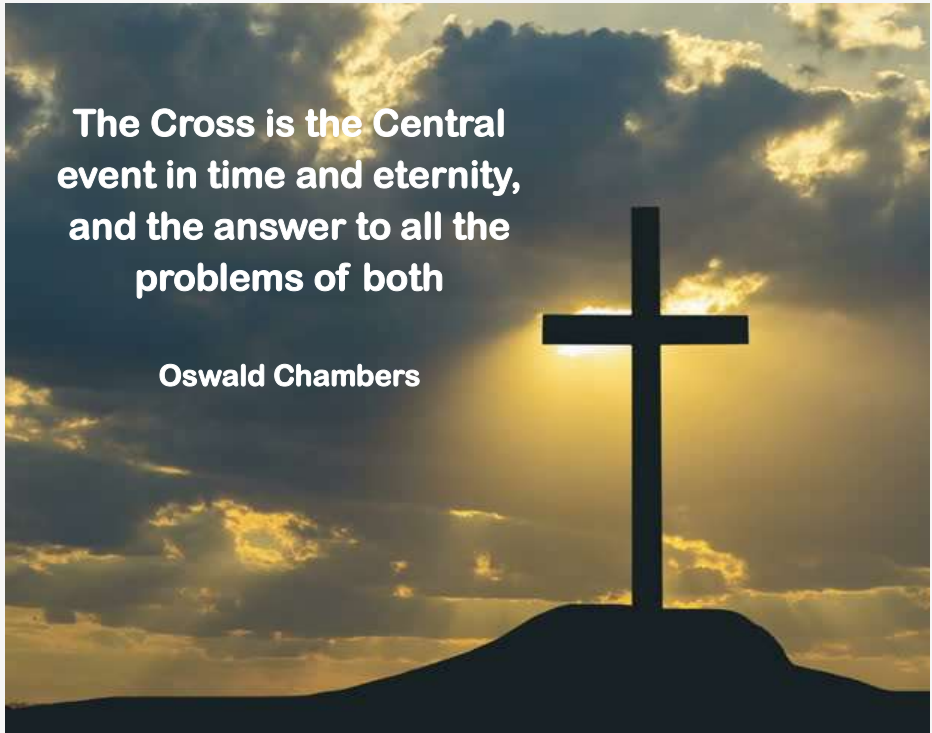
0412 216 300

Sandra Stork

0418 592 206



Thank you for joining us today



**The Cross is the Central
event in time and eternity,
and the answer to all the
problems of both**

Oswald Chambers

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