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DEADLINE to place articles in the newsletter for January 2026 is 15th December.

Send all items for inclusion to office@wonthaggibaptist.org.au

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Wonthaggi Baptist Church

December 2025

NEWSLETTER



Service Times

Christmas Day 9.30am

Sunday 30th December 10am

Our Mission

To connect the unconnected to Christ and together grow in full devotion to Him.

Regular Church Activities

Prayer Meetings

Sunday 9.30 - 9.45 before the Sunday Morning Service.

Thursday 7.30am - 8.15am at the church.

The WBC MONTHLY prayer meeting at the church occurs each Third Sunday 2.30 - 3.30pm.

Wildfire Kids Church

Fortnightly during school terms. Children can be dropped off at the rear hall from 10am and must be signed in and out by a parent or guardian. Contact Jenny Alder 0491 101 474.

Playgroups

Wonthaggi - Monday and Wednesday mornings 9:30am - 11am

Inverloch - Tuesday morning 9.30 - 11am.

Youth Connect

Emma Burfitt: 0432 688 153

Men's Lunch

1pm on the first Tuesday each month. Corner Store in Inverloch.
(Cnr Cuttriss St and The Esplanade—Near Big 4)

Welcome-In Seniors Social Group

Meets every Thursday 1pm to 3pm except for the 1st Thursday of the month which is at 12.30pm for a BYO lunch. Contact Hettie Liet for more information 0448 553 500.

Live For Christ, Love Like Christ, Lead to Christ

Connect Groups are the Heartbeat of Church Life



Connect groups are a great way for you to meet others, grow in God's word and build authentic relationships.

If you would like to join a Connect Group or would consider facilitating in some way, please contact the church office on 1300 175 816 or office@wonthaggiabaptist.org.au

Connect Groups

Tuesdays 10am
Wonthaggi

Tuesday 7pm
Wonthaggi/Dalyston

Tuesday 7pm
Glen Alvie

Tuesday 7pm
Inverloch

Tuesday 7pm Fortnightly
San Remo

Wednesday 11.30am
Fortnightly Wonthaggi

Thursday 1 - 3pm
Wonthaggi

Mowing Roster December 2025

A big thank you to Mighty Mower Men this month.

Dec 8 - 13th Stuart Chance
Dec 22 - 27th Russell Harbour



Leadership Update December 2025

Thank you to everyone who attended the Thanksgiving Service and AGM last month. Our Thanksgiving Offering was over \$20,000 which has substantially reduced our Church building loan. We are grateful for the partnership of our church family on this special day.

We welcome our new members of the Leadership Team: Cathy Lazarus, Kim Cadman and Burt Leonen; and returning members Ross Bramley, Russell Harbour and Letitia Condron. Verity Nicholson, and Peter Clarke continue their term. Please uphold Pastor Sandro, Jenny, and the Leadership in prayer as we seek God's wisdom and guidance in the year ahead.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their part in the body of Christ at Wonthaggi Baptist Church this year. We have celebrated stories of God's faithfulness, baptisms, journeys through challenges, and shared in life and fellowship. May we continue to grow in faith, unity, and love as we follow Christ together.

WBC Leadership Team

Church Finances

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9 v 7 (NIV)

Offerings for September were a total of \$13,905 with a weekly average of \$3,476

Budgeted weekly average: \$4,615

Actual Oct weekly average: \$3,476

Deficit: (\$1,139)

Direct Deposits can be made to the WBC General account.

BSB 033 265 Account number 287 757



If you would like prayer anonymously please put your request in the box in the foyer and the Team will pray for your request confidentially.

Answered Prayer

We continue to be encouraged by answered prayer!

Peter, brother of Stuart Chance received prayer during the Church service several weeks ago. He had cancer in many areas of his body and was deteriorating. A scan shortly after showed only one cancer remaining and that had shrunk. Since then, blood results have returned to normal, and he is putting on weight. All praise and thanks to the Healer.

Daniela Hobbs was filled with the Lord's peace at her appointment at the Alfred last week and the result of her consultation was a small operation later this month to completely remove the lesion, 6 monthly checks and no further treatment needed. Pray for complete healing.

Prayer Meetings

- **Thursdays 7.30am at WBC**
 - **Saturdays - the 24/7 Prayer in the Heritage Chapel** with times hourly from 6am-6pm. Book in on the sheet in the Foyer , ((if you come and someone else is there sit in the other end of the Chapel or use another room.))
- If you are unable to access the Church speak to a member of the Prayer team who will be able to help you.
- **Sundays before the service** - prayer in the right side back of the hall 9.30am-9.45am.
 - **Third Sunday of every month** 2.30pm-3.30pm at WBC in the Hall.

God is answering many prayers in this season but if we don't seek Him in praise, worship and petition we may not see all He has for us. Jesus said " ...always pray and never give up" Luke 18:1 If you would like more information, please contact Hilary Searle on 0408 388 854.



Inverloch & Wonthaggi Carols

Inverloch Carols are on Saturday December 13th in The Glade.

Wonthaggi Carols are on Sunday December 14th in Wishart Reserve.

We would love some helpers to load and unload the truck for both Carols. Wonthaggi Toyota give us a three tonne truck with which we transport all sorts of goodies to Inverloch and Wonthaggi for the Carols. Things like tables, chairs, our popcorn machine, the fairy floss machine, gazebos – the list goes on. None of them are heavy but they do need people to load and unload them. Anyone who can help, please speak with John Searle on 0423 709 295.



BEACH
MISSIONS

INVERLOCH



29th December
2025 - 6th
January 2026

STROLLING CAROLERS INVERLOCH



THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2025

If you like to have fun and sing carols you are warmly invited to join the strolling carolers who, once again, will be visiting various venues in Inverloch. It really is a fun evening and an opportunity to meet new friends and catch up with some old ones.

All the carols are well-known, firm favourites and song books will be provided, courtesy of the Uniting Church, Inverloch.

Meeting point: Uniting Church, 3 Williams St. Inverloch

Time: 6.30pm until 8.00pm

Enquiries: Jessikah King 0400 241 353
Connections Church Inverloch & Foster
Bev. Phillips 0408502707

BHC Summer CONVENTION

FOLLOWING THE LION AND THE LAMB
Wednesday 31 Dec 2025 – Sunday 4 Jan 2026

SPEAKERS:
Stephen Gaukroger (UK)
& Ian Powell

SPEAKERS

Stephen Gaukroger (UK)
Over his 40 years in Christian leadership, Stephen has had opportunities to preach, teach and consult in more than 50 different countries across the world. His ministry began as Senior Pastor of Stosley Baptist Church, Luton, before spending 12 years as Senior Minister of Gold Hill Baptist Church in Buckinghamshire – one of the largest Baptist churches in England.

Stephen is also hugely involved in a wide variety of Christian initiatives, both in the UK and internationally. He is a Vice-President of the Bible Society and holds positions on a number of Councils of Reference, both as a member and as Chair, including Open Doors, Jews For Jesus and The Rooftop International Ministries. A prolific author, Stephen has written more than 20 books, edited a variety of Bible study series and small group resources and authored numerous articles and blogs. He enjoys spending time with his family – his wife Janet, their three adult children and their five grandchildren.

Ian Powell
Ian was an arrogant happy atheist until he was shocked and a bit annoyed to be convinced that the whole Jesus resurrection thing was true, and he knew he had to face the facts and become a Christian. He studied at Moore College. He has worked in a variety of jobs then as chaplain at Shore school, then at St Barnabas Broadway which burnt down (but he has an alibi), then in the CBD of Sydney for 4 years and now with a church in Wanniasa, Canberra.

He loves being with his wife and children, is a keen though below par fisherman, is addicted to music of many types. He loves helping people see and feel how brilliant it really is to know and follow Jesus – even though it's pretty tough sometimes.

- Crèche available
- Primary Kids program
- Teens Program

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For more info or to volunteer, scan the QR code.

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