

Wonthaggi Baptist Church

NEWSLETTER

July 2026

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DEADLINE to place articles in the newsletter for August 2026
is 15th July.

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

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Last week we started a new series through the books of 1-2 Samuel, following the life of *David, Israel's greatest king*.

To say that David is important in the Bible would be a massive understatement. We have more biographical material on David than any other person in the Bible except Jesus. Outside the narratives of his life in 1-2 Samuel, David gets brought up 241 more times in the Bible. 182 times in the Old Testament and 59 times in the New. To the Jewish people, David was more than just a historical figure, he was an icon, a symbol of Israel's past greatness and future hope.

His story has all the elements of an epic drama: he begins his life as an obscure shepherd boy, the last of Jesse's seven sons; and yet, through a stunning act of courage he becomes a warrior who defeats the massive giant Goliath. He goes on from there to become the most popular person in Israel and then Israel's greatest king. In addition to being Israel's greatest statesman, and warrior, he was also her most prolific songwriter. David the King is described as "a man after God's own heart," but also, a king whose personal sins devastated not only his own family, but the nation. In triumph and in tragedy, this king points forward to a greater king to come.

My prayer is you will be challenged, inspired and convicted as we dive into the life of David over the coming months.

Pastor Andrew Fisher

What's On At WBC

Prayer Meetings

Sunday 9.30am - 9.45am before the Sunday Morning Service.
Thursday 7.30am - 8.15am at the church.
3rd Sunday each month at the church @ 2.30pm

Wildfire Kids Church

Weekly during school term. Children will join us for the first part of the service then leave for Kids Church. A guardian or parent must sign their children in and out. Contact Jenny Alder 0491 101 474.

Playgroups

Wonthaggi - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 9.30am -11am

Connected Youth

Activities run once a month. Please contact Emma Burfitt on 0432 688 153 for more details.

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 the Church Office on 1300 175 816 for more details.

Men's Lunch

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

Next lunch Tuesday 7th July!

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 July 2026

A big thank you to Mighty Mower Men this month.
July 20th - 25th Richard Koch



JOIN US in the Hall
For Tea or Coffee
after the Service

Volunteer @ WBC!

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers here at WBC, the church services and our Ministries couldn't function without you!

We appreciate all of you!

Just an update for those who did the Creating Safe Spaces workshop here at WBC in February 2023, you will have to update this certificate next year.

The BUW will be running another [Creating Safe Spaces workshop](#) here on Sunday the 14th March 2027 in the afternoon. So, if you do have do this workshop again, I encourage you to put this date in your diary and plan to attend.

For any of our other volunteers who need to do the Creating Safe Spaces workshop the Baptist Union is running two [online sessions on:](#)

Saturday 18th July 2026 in the morning and Tuesday 15th September 2026 in the evening.

If you have any questions please email me at the church office.

Looking for some warm fellowship this winter?

Our WBC Connect Groups would love to welcome you! Meeting on Tuesday evenings, we currently have places available in both our weekly and fortnightly Connect Groups across the Wonthaggi, Inverloch, and San Remo areas.

Connect Groups are a wonderful opportunity to build friendships, grow in faith, and feel connected within the WBC family. Many of our groups also stay connected through WhatsApp and enjoy occasional social gatherings together. Everyone is welcome — whether you've been attending WBC for years, are completely new, know your Bible well, or are simply curious and wanting to learn more. Feeling a little shy? No problem — bring a friend along with you!

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me on 0474 873 787.

"It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings."

— Proverbs 25:2

Many blessings, Verity

PASTORAL PROFILE WORKSHOP

Sunday 26th of July @ 2pm at the Church. ALL WELCOME! - Members, non-members, those attending WBC.

Find out more about our Pastoral Search process from our Moderator, Darryl Kilker. Have the opportunity to input into the type of Pastor we would like at WBC.

Prayer

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

Prayer matters

Last month we started to have our pre-service prayer time in the Parents Room. You may have noticed us there. Feel free to join us anytime. It's wonderful that so many of you are praying for each other at the end of the service, however, if you would like a member of the Prayer team to pray for you we are now coming to the front of the Church at the end of the service so we can join our prayers with yours. The Team is Marg Cooper, Sheryl Nitschke, Hilary Searle, Ross Cadman, Joe Ventra, Lawrie Alexander and Stuart Chance. Blessings Hilary.

Year 11 and 12

Please pray for our Year 11 and 12 students who are currently facing exams. Pray they will know God's love and peace as they prepare for them and while they are participating in them. May God bless them all as they continue to work hard for their futures.

Answered Prayer

As a Church we continue to rejoice in the way God answers our prayers. This month we are so blessed to know that the Pastoral Search Committee now have a Moderator. In this there is added blessing that Darryl Kilker who was Moderator for our last search has agreed to help us again, so he comes with knowledge of WBC. God has answered our many prayers abundantly. We continue to pray for the Committee as they follow God's leading to one He has chosen for WBC.



July 19th Soup Sunday after church

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MAKE A POT OF SOUP. Contact Jeanette on 0427 749 225

THANK YOU

The McBride Ave. Anglican Church wants to thank all of you who have contributed to their food rescue program. Your donations of longer life products have enabled them to help people in need with useful items. The WBC person who took our contributions over the road was surprised by the number of people coming for help. There is a need in our community. Thank you for your contributions that are helping to meet that need.

Condolences

Our Deepest sympathy to Greg Jones on the passing of his lovely wife, Jill on June 18th. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.



If you have old stamps they can help raise money for Missions! Please put them in the box in the hall.



Thank you once again for WBC's generous support through this year's May Missions Appeal. We are truly grateful for the partnership, and for your support to Mother's Heart.

Your donation will be directed to our Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE) Program, which supports vulnerable mothers and young women in the following ways:

- A Return to formal education
- Vocational skills training
- Business startup or livelihood development
- Employment support and placement
- Food assistance
- Housing support
- Infant formula
- Childcare or kinship care arrangements
- Transportation (bicycle)

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 May were a total of \$20,933 with a weekly average of \$4,186

Budgeted weekly average: \$4,615

Actual March weekly average: \$4,186 Deficit \$429

Direct Deposits can be made to the WBC General account.

BSB 033 265 Account number 287 757