

Wonthaggi Baptist Church

NEWSLETTER

SERVICE TIME: Sundays 10am

MARCH 2026

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Wildfire (kids church)	Jenny Alder	To contact the Leaders
Youth Connect	Emma Burfitt	
Newsletter	Sue Williams	

DEADLINE to place articles in the newsletter for April 2026
is 15th March.

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

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It has been a wonderful blessing to be welcomed into the Wonthaggi Baptist Church family. If you haven't worked this out already, I'm a bit different from Sandro. I don't play the guitar, drink coffee and I support Essendon in the AFL. Often as followers of Jesus, God can and will substantially disrupt our lives. It seems that whenever we have the habit of getting comfortable with our Christian life, the things we do, the way we do them, it is usually at those times, that God comes along and says relying on yourself again; Well, let me show you who's the boss!

You see that is probably our number one issue. We tend to think that we are in charge of everything in regards to our lives. Isn't that what Adam thought in the garden. I'm in charge of my life; I can do what I want. Let's understand this; God is sovereign. He knows what is to come and he knows what is best. Did God know that Sandro and Susan were going to move on from WBC? Yes. He called them to WBC and he called them out of WBC. Does God know what lies ahead for WBC? Yes! Our task is to seek His will and do things His way, at His time.

I'm excited for the journey that we are now all travelling together as I really believe that the best for Wonthaggi Baptist Church, is still to come. PS If you would love to catch up, please let us know and we will arrange a time.

Blessings, Andrew

Our Mission

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

Regular Church Activities

Prayer Meetings

Saturdays - the 24/7 Prayer in the Heritage Chapel.

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

Tuesday 7pm
Inverloch

Tuesday 7pm Fortnightly
San Remo

Wednesday 11.30am
Fortnightly Wonthaggi

Thursday 1- 3pm
Wonthaggi



Join us!
FOR TEA OR COFFEE IN THE
HALL AFTER THE SERVICE



Leadership Update March 2026

Welcome to our new Interim Pastor Andrew, his wife, Julie, and son Luke. We are thankful for God's provision and pray a blessing over their ministry with us.

There are some exciting things coming up in the life of our church as you will see through the bulletin - please check out especially the details for the Men's Regional Event and the Church Family Camp - bookings are now open.

As our ministries and outreach groups are now in full swing - we would love you to take the opportunity to look at ways you can be a part of the Church body in serving. Here are some key people to contact for various areas, feel free to chat with them further about how you can be involved:

Playgroup, Wildfire (Children's programs): Jenny Alder

Hospitality/ Welcome Team: Jeanette Clark

Connect Groups (Bible study): Verity Nicholson

Inter Church Council events: John Searle

Worship/ Music & Tech team: Phil Alder & Emma Burfitt

Youth Group: Emma Burfitt.

Welcome In: Hetty Liet

Gardening/Maintenance: Russell Harbour

Mowing Roster February 2026

A big thank you to Mighty Mower Men this month.

March 9 - 14th Rodney Jones

March 23 - 28th Frank Fokkens



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

Prayer Activities

By now all who have the 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World will be learning a lot about Muslims who are spread throughout the world, their needs specially their need for Jesus. May many come to faith as we pray at this time. Keep praying until 20th of March when Ramadan ends.

If this Newsletter reaches you before the 28th of February plan to support the BUV 24Hours of Prayer on the Saturday 28th Ask Hilary Searle 0408 388 854 for details if you need them.

We are looking forward to the National Day of Prayer on 23rd May. Theme this year is "Consecration" from Joshus 3:5. Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you".

Answered Prayer

It is always exciting to see God work in peoples lives and we praise Him for the blessings from Coral Fokkens Mission trip. She speaks of every being a miracle. Other wonderful answers are two people involved with the Church family that we have been praying for some weeks are healed of their conditions.

God is interested in all aspects of our lives and has answered a long-term housing need. Anne Chaban had tried to sell her house over some time last year with no success. Another attempt earlier this year also failed until it was taken off the market again. She was then approached by an Agent, and the interested person took half an hour to decide to buy. Looking for what they wanted had also been fruitless and they were deciding they would need some bridging accommodation, but they were led to the perfect home. Praise Gpd who knows our needs and can supply everything at the right time. All thanks and praise to Him.

From Vision Media quoting Austin Applebee, the 14yr old who rescued his family "I don't think it was actually me swimming, it was God the whole time. I kept on praying. I kept on praying. And I said to God, I'll get baptised and all that.

That was not on the news!

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 December were a total of \$16,610 with a weekly average of \$4,152

Budgeted weekly average: \$4,615

Actual Dec weekly average: \$4,152 Deficit: (\$463)

Direct Deposits can be made to the WBC General account.
BSB 033 265 Account number 287 757



MEN'S EVENT @ WBC 19TH March 2026

The Man We Need
- in a world where something is missing

Come and listen to **Al Stewart** explain why Jesus as the greatest man who ever lived - makes sense of our lives today.

6pm Food - 7pm Start
\$20 = Burger, slice & drink.

Booking Close Thursday 12th March.

Register: <https://bhc-local-events---wonthaggi-2026.square.site/>

For More Info: www.bhc.org.au



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MISSIONS TRIP

Coral Fokkens and her friend Annie recently went to Cambodia and Vietnam on a missions trip praying for people to receive Christ and also purchasing essentials and other goodies for an orphanage in Vietnam. Looks like it was great fun!