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DEADLINE to place articles in the newsletter for December 2025 is 15th November.

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

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Wonthaggi Baptist Church

November 2025

Service Time: Sunday 10am

Isaiah 30:15

"For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: 'In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength.'"

This verse beautifully reminds us that true strength and salvation are found not in striving or anxiety, but in turning back to God with a trusting heart. The word *"returning"* speaks of repentance—a humble turning away from self-reliance and back to the Lord. *"Rest"* points to the peace that comes when we trust His promises rather than our own efforts. *"Quietness"* is the calm of a heart anchored in God's presence, and *"confidence"* is the steady faith that He is in control.

In a world that values busyness and self-sufficiency, God calls His people to find life, peace, and power in Him alone. When we pause, pray, and place our confidence in His Word, we are strengthened from within. Our salvation and strength do not come from what we do, but from who we rest in — the Holy One of Israel.

Pastor Sandro Schietroma

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 except Melbourne Cup week. 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 Verity Nicholson, our Connect Group Coordinator on 0474 873 787.

When/Where	Contact
Tuesdays 10am Wonthaggi	Dianne Sampson 0409 196 521
Tuesday 7pm Wonthaggi/Dalyston	Hannah Thomas 0466 092 758
Tuesday 7pm Glen Alvie	David Preston 0410 347 245/5674 6419
Tuesday 7pm Inverloch	John & Hilary Searle 0408 388 854
Tuesday 7pm <u>Fortnightly</u> San Remo	Verity Nicholson 0474 873 787
Wednesday 11.30am <u>Fortnightly</u> Wonthaggi	Wendy Thomas 0422 427 572
Thursday 1- 3pm Wonthaggi	Hettie Liet (New Leaders welcome!) 0448 553 500

Mowing Roster November 2025

A big thank you to Mighty Mower Men this month.

Nov 10 - 15th
Nov 24 - 29th

Frank Fokkens
Chris Stull



Leadership Update November 2025

With our AGM on Sunday, October 26th, all of our ministry leaders have written reports reflecting on the life of our church over the past year. Printed copies are available in the church foyer, whether you are a member or new to our congregation - please feel free to take one. If you'd prefer a digital copy, you can email the leadership team and we will send one to you.

Our Eldership Committee has also been working hard on a draft of the new church constitution. There will be an opportunity for you to read through the proposed updates and provide feedback.

Looking ahead to next year, we're planning a **Church camp!** If you have ideas or suggestions, please speak with Letitia or send an email—we'd love your input.

Letitia Condron on Behalf of the 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 \$19,004 with a weekly average of \$4,751.

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

God is always doing something different and there are no set ways answers come. This month we have His immediate intervention and a gradual increase showing His abundant answer. Someone contacted the Prayer Team on Thursday when they knew we would be praying. A close friend of relatives was deteriorating rapidly in hospital and being transferred to ICU. There was no diagnosis to guide treatment. We prayed for medical staff to have treatment revealed. A few hours later we learned that the antibiotics had been changed with immediate improvement. It was Typhoid Fever probably acquired during a recent trip overseas. Praise God that when all is hidden God knows it all.

When the Prayer Team heard Cameron Alder was going to be baptised the team prayed for any others who might also believe this was the time for them to declare publicly their desire to follow Jesus and live for Him. As we prayed, we heard of two more who were ready to take this step. During the service Sandro asked if anyone else wanted to take this step then and there following the Biblical example repent, believe and be baptised. We had the joy of seeing three more baptised - A total of 6! We thanked God for His generous, abundant answers to our prayers.

Further Prayer News

This month the Canberra Declaration are providing on line daily devotions to support their prayer points for the month. Please add these points to your prayer list as you feel led.

1. For God to pour out His blessing and Spirit on every church in Australia.
2. For all churches to grow in Christlikeness and win people to Christ.
3. To activate every believer in personal evangelism.
4. Revival for Australia, for millions to come to Christ.

If you would like more information, please contact Hilary Searle.
0408 388 854

The Heritage Chapel is available every Saturday

(Room to the left in the foyer when entering church)

Spend an hour with God. The sign up sheet is on the table in the foyer. If you don't have access to the church, contact Hilary Searle on 0408 388 854 or a member of the Prayer team and they will assist you.

WBC Country Fair

Saturday, 15th November at 21 Coastview Lane, Glen Alvie.

10am – 3pm. Entry \$10 includes Devonshire Tea

Open Garden, Devonshire Tea and Stalls.

We need people to take a stall – grow plants, bake or sew.

Sell whatever you wish. All proceeds to Church funds.

A great opportunity to get to know Church attendees in a social atmosphere. Bring family and friends, Open to all.

Contact Jeanette Clark for details and stall bookings:
0427 749 225 or pdjclark@bigpond.com



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.



BHC Summer CONVENTION



SPEAKERS:
Stephen Gaukroger (UK)
& **Ian Powell**

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

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 Stopley 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

Please book accommodation or camping sites via www.bhc.org.au



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



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