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

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

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Wonthaggi Baptist Church

October 2025

Service Time: Sunday 10am

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. (Colossians 3:1-4)

Consider the following points which these important verses bring out.

1. Identity Reorientation

- You're not defined by your past, your career, your sins, or even your human successes.
- You are united with Christ. That's your real identity.

2. Mental Reset

- Actively seek and habitually set your mind on Christ's rule, His values, His purposes.
- This includes spending time in prayer, Scripture, and spiritual disciplines—not out of duty, but to align your mind with Christ.

3. Deprioritize Earthly Things

- *Not on earthly things.* It doesn't mean ignoring your job or family.
- It means these don't define your worth, direction, or goals.

4. Embrace Hiddenness

- Your life might not look successful or glorious to the world.
- But in God's eyes it's safe, purposeful and eternal

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

THANK YOU!

Jennifa Morgan sends her thanks to everyone for their well wishes, cards and gifts when she moved recently to the Western Suburbs.

Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

Operation Christmas Child - Boxes Due Now!

By the 12th October to be sent to the collection point on time.



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 August were a total of \$15,444 with a weekly average of \$3,088

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

Mowing Roster October 2025

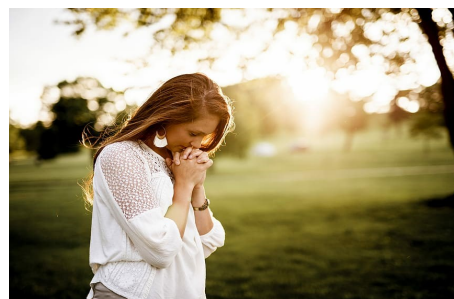
A big thank you to Mighty Mower Men this month.

Oct 4th	Luke Webb
Oct 13 - 18	Peter Clark
Oct 27th - Nov 1st	Richard Koch



Alterations Available

Fran Carroll is available to make clothing alterations upon request. She charges a small fee per item which goes to WBC. Please give her a call to organize an appointment on 0402 227 480



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

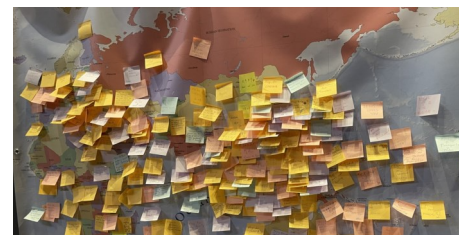
Answered Prayer

I'm happy to share the many answers to prayer Hilary & John Searle experienced regarding John's surgery recently. The detection of a need was a miracle itself as John presented to the Doctor. with a painful hip. The Xray revealed a mass on the surface of his kidney that needed removal even though there were no symptoms. John was in hospital in Melbourne so travelling long distances and parking were an issue. However, a close friend provided nearby accommodation and God provided parking at the hospital just as we needed it. Praise God for His blessing and protection!

24/7 Prayer News

Being able to participate in the 24/7 Prayer Room Global week has been exciting for the Prayer Team. As we spent time alone with God without distractions God's peace and presence were experienced and in some cases His words have been heard.

Many churches and prayer rooms throughout the world were participating in this time. Among Churches in Melbourne St Pauls Cathedral had a series of prayer stations where prayers could be posted on Prayers for the world, for refugees and those displaced and prayers praising God.



Thanksgiving Service

& SPECIAL OFFERING



TO HELP REDUCE OUR
CHURCH BUILDING
LOAN (\$83,889)

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 26
WONTHAGGI BAPTIST CHURCH

As part of this service, we will be taking up a Thanksgiving Offering, which will go directly towards reducing our current Church Building Loan. You can find marked 'Thanksgiving Offering' envelopes in the Church Foyer. Alternatively, you are welcome to use your own envelope—just clearly label it 'Thanksgiving Offering'.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) and General Meeting

Sunday October 26th, following the service. Your presence and participation are encouraged as we review the past year and look ahead to what God has in store for our church.

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

Leadership Update October 2025

What a Joy to be a member of our WBC Church Family! We've been encouraged and inspired by the Annual Reports from our various ministries — it's wonderful to see all that God has been doing among us over the past year!

The AGM Reports will be made available to our members by mid-October, so you'll have time to read through them ahead of our upcoming Annual General Meeting ON October 26th.

Let's continue to give thanks for all that's been, and look ahead with faith and expectation for what's to come!

We celebrate with Cameron and Jacob on their baptism! It's always a special moment to witness their declaration of faith and commitment to following Jesus.

Let's continue to pray for them as they take this exciting step in their journey with Christ.

Letitia, On behalf of Leadership Team

Memory Cafe Inverloch Uniting Church

Inverloch Uniting is launching a monthly Memory Cafe: Cuppa, Chat & Music

10.30-11.30 am (3rd Wednesday of the month)

The cafe is a Dementia friendly and safe space. All are welcome. Let your friends and family know about this new supportive environment.

Enjoy a delicious morning tea -
Gold coin donation

Enquiries: Janet 0455 028 949

NURTURE
Women's Conference

With Guest Speaker - Glenda Holbrook



Sat 11th October 2025
10:30am-3pm
Phillip Island Baptist Church
Tickets \$40 or \$20 for teens
Morning Tea and Lunch Provided
To Book Scan QR or go to link.

www.trybooking.com/DCVNM