



SERMON TOPIC:	Christmas Carol Service
BIBLE TEXT:	Luke 2:8-15
PREACHER:	Chris Pretorius
ELDER ON DUTY:	Kasha Schubert
OFFERINGS:	
1st Collection:	The work of the Church
2nd Collection:	Missionaries 1: van der Wels

The Dark Shadow of the cross ~ Herman Linde

A stable there in silence stood where Jesus Christ was born.
On a starlit night when peace did reign before the crack of dawn.
Though all seemed right, and angels sang their song that early morn.
Yet above that stable their loomed large the dark shadow of the cross.

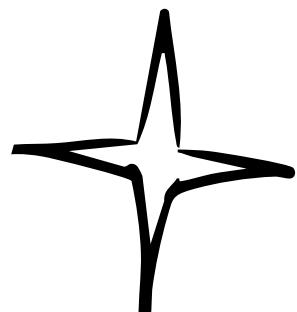
But Satan sought him to destroy so to Egypt he did flee.
Returning when the danger passed to Nazareth in Galilee.
There, mission divine for which he came, he was prepared to be.
But o'er him always there loomed large the dark shadow of the cross.

In full obedience, he God's word extolled throughout the land.
Proclaiming news of his salvation with wonders from God's hand.
He healed the sick, he raised the dead, the evil spirits banned.
Yet all the while there loomed large the dark shadow of the cross.

Then there it stood, that rough-hewn cross, no longer now in shadow.
Where for mankind's souls, would God's dear Son to final battle go.
Would evil triumph over good or receive its final blow?
Would we be doomed to dwell beneath the dark shadow of the cross?

While on that hill the cross wept blood for death of Lord of all,
And shout rang out throughout the earth that God himself did fall.
There from the grave pure light shone forth, and God the Son strode tall.
Death now conquered to light transformed that dark shadow of the cross.

It has become the light of life to those that cross embrace.
For our conquering Lord with loving arms reaches out with grace.
Crowned King of all enthroned on high now in his rightful place.
For through his victory, he dispelled the dark shadow of the cross.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Dining Room Mission **DECEMBER REQUEST**

16 December is the last serving opportunity for 2025. As it is the season of giving, Joy have asked for some Christmas cheer that can be added to the usual serving.

If you would like to share the Joy of Christmas with the Dining Room Mission one last time please contact Joy van Veen.

Wanted **VOLUNTEERS FOR RTC WORKING BEE**

Reformed Theological College is on the move!

Next week RTC will be setting up new offices in part of Level 2, 221 Queen Street, Melbourne. We need a few able-bodied helpers to re-assemble flat-packed furniture and arrange the offices for use, and install frosted coatings to some glass partitions.

Tuesday 9/12 and Wednesday 10/12 approx.

6:00pm-9:00pm on each of the two evenings. Let Daniel Combridge (RTC Relocation Project Manager - 0402 096 249) or Kenrick van Kerkhof (RTC Business Manager - 0451 609 856) know if you are able-bodied. And willing. And available on either or both of those evenings.

WPCRC-YA TERM 4

A look at Luke

15
Oct

Biblestudy

 70-72 Ennismore Crescent,
Park Orchards

7:30-9:30PM

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Park Orchards

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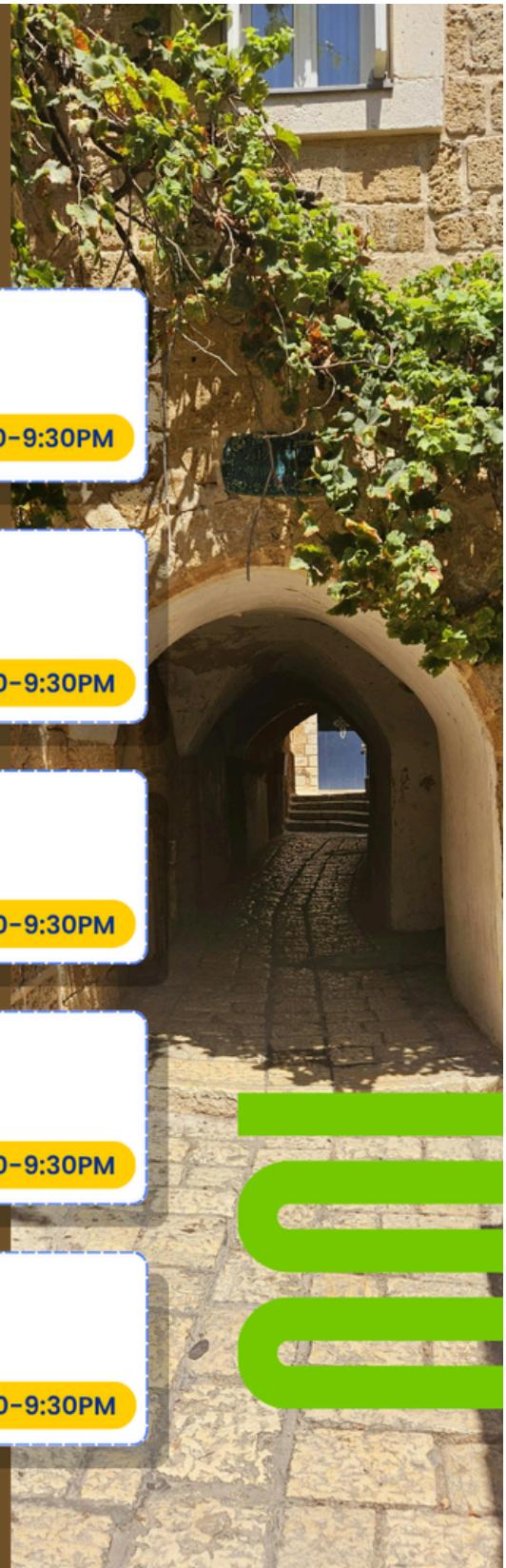
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TERM 4 **2025**

SUPERDASH

17
OCT

Q&A NIGHT
7: 30 PM @ PRETORIUS HOME

26
OCT

STATE YOUTH SERVICE
5 PM @ ONE HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

31
OCT

NO SUPERDASH
DUE TO MELBOURNE CUP HOLIDAY (4TH OF NOV)

7
NOV

BIBLE STUDY: MARK
7: 30 PM @ WONGA PARK CRC

21
NOV

BIBLE STUDY: MARK
7: 30 PM @ WONGA PARK CRC

5
DEC

SOCIAL: CHURCH SLEEPOVER
7: 30 PM @ WONGA PARK CRC TIL 6TH 12 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION SPEAK TO YOUR YOUTH LEADERS



ROGER &
JANETTE
FERNANDO

invite you to join them in
celebrating their
70TH BIRTHDAYS
and their
50TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY

on

Sunday, December 28th, 2025

from 12 noon till 2.30 pm

(speeches at 12.45 pm)

WONGA PARK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

251 Yarra Rd (enter from Gatters Rd) Wonga Park

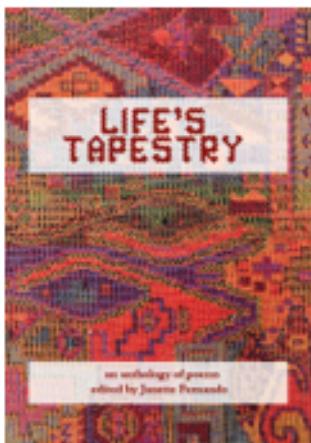
Please don't give us presents –we're already so blessed!

If you're desperate to give something, consider giving a
donation to TEAR Fund.

RSVP by December 18th to: 0422 887 228 or by email to
janettefernando@iprimus.com.au



POETICA CHRISTI PRESS
invites you to the launch of



LIFE'S TAPESTRY

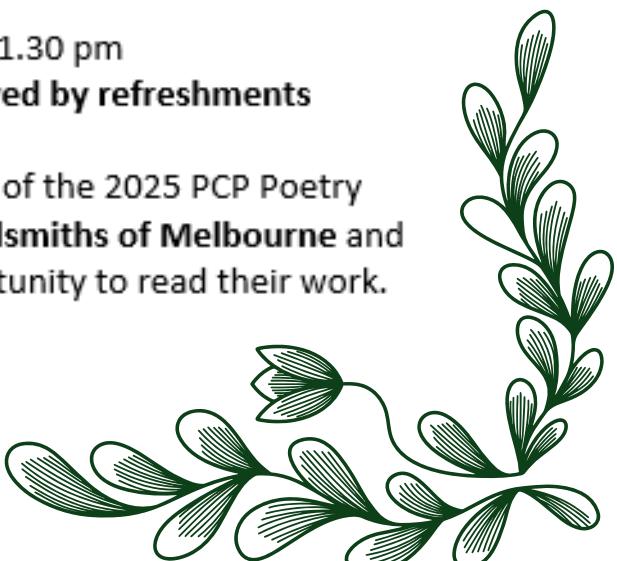
an anthology of poetry
edited by Janette Fernando

to be launched
on Saturday, December 6th
at Ashburton Baptist Church

Enter through rear entrance – see Melway map 60 D9 – via the car park located off Marquis St, which has a ramp access and no steps.

Books available from 1.30 pm
Official launch at 2.00 pm, followed by refreshments

Life's Tapestry includes poems by the winners of the 2025 PCP Poetry competition with contributions from the **Wordsmiths of Melbourne** and others. A number of poets will have the opportunity to read their work.



Our Giving, an Act of Worship

In our Church we have two offerings every Sunday. The first goes toward the ministry of this congregation. The second offering goes toward various Christian causes. This week our second offering is for the Missionaries: van der Wels.

If you would like to support the work of you can do so by in Church giving - simply add your offering to the bag at the back of Church or by bank transfer -

BSB 063-167. A/C 1015-8356

If using bank transfer please indicate whether it is for the first offering "Sun1" or second offering "Sun 2" in the reference line. Or you can give online via our Church app

<https://wpcrc.org.au/give>

This week's **PRAYER POINTS**

The more you pray, the less you'll panic. The more you worship, the less you worry. You'll feel more patient and less pressured.

Rick Warren

Personal **PRAYER POINTS**

As we go into the coming week let us daily pray;

Giving thanks to the Lord our God for the incredible gift given us through the birth of his dear Son our Lord Jesus.

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.
(Micah 5:2 NRSV)

Give praise and thanks, honour and worship to the one and only Almighty God for his great love for us demonstrated through the coming of Jesus.

Congregational **PRAYER POINTS**

Please continue to pray for Ben and Lauren Palmer, pray that the Lord will hear our petitions on their behalf and grant healing to Ben.

Please pray for our children as the school year draws to a close, pray that they and their teachers will have a safe and refreshing break before the next year begins.

Please pray for Suzanne and Phillip Nel, pray that the Lord will uphold them and that Suzanne's health will improve and Phillip will have the peace and comfort of his Lord.

Local & Global **PRAYER POINTS**

Pray for our nation as we draw closer to Christmas day, pray that through all the noise the message of the gospel will come through loud and clear.

Please continue to pray for all those caught up in conflict situations such as Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan among others, pray that there will be peace.

Worshippers kidnapped during a deadly attack on a church in Kwara State, western Nigeria, have been rescued.

Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria.

Thirty-eight Christians were abducted by Fulani Islamist extremists who attacked Christ Apostolic Church, Eruku, on 18 November, killing three of the congregation. Nigeria's President Bola Tinubu confirmed the rescue of the worshippers in a message posted on X (formerly Twitter) on Sunday 23 November.

"Thanks to the efforts of our security forces over the last few days, all the 38 worshippers abducted in Eruku, Kwara State have been rescued," he stated. Tinubu also expressed his joy that 51 of the more than 300 pupils abducted from a Christian school in Niger State on 23 November have been recovered.

The President, who has faced rising criticism over deteriorating security in Nigeria following the attack on St Mary's Papiri Private Secondary School, said he was closely monitoring the situation.

How you can pray

Give thanks for the rescue of the 38 worshippers and ask that they will recover swiftly from the trauma of their ordeal. Pray that the abducted Christian schoolchildren will also be reunited with their families soon.

Jubilaté Choir presents

**An evening of singing & celebrating
Christmas**



**Sunday 14th December
6pm**

Dandenong Christian Reformed Church

**Cnr Outlook Dve & Gladstone Road
Dandenong North**



**STRUGGLING
WITH
DARKNESS IN
YOUR LIFE?**

**COME AND HEAR
HOW JESUS
BRINGS LIGHT TO
THE WORLD**

**CHRISTMAS
SERVICE**

**10 AM
25 DECEMBER**

**WONGA PARK CHRISTIAN
REFORMED CHURCH
251-253 YARRA RD WONGA PARK**

Please take flyers for our Christmas service to share with your family, friends and neighbours.

Flyers are on the table in the Foyer

Sermon NOTES

Bible passage: _____

Date: _____



Something that shines from the passage



Anything hard to understand or any questions



Personal application for your life



Theme of passage



How does it fit with other passages in the Bible



Who will you tell about what you have learnt?

Helping HANDS

	7 December	14 December	21 December
Preacher	Chris Pretorius	Chris Pretorius	Chris Pretorius
Elder on Duty	Kasha Schubert	Jacob du Toit	Jacob du Toit
Prayer Leader	Kasha Schubert	Jacob du Toit	Jacob du Toit
Music Leader	Mia	Mia	Inge
Children's Talk	-	Lize	Roger
Bible Reader	Steve	Janette	Brady
Sound	Nina	Cassie	Nic
Visuals	Salme	Isaac	Ene
Broadcasting	Christo	James	Pieter
Sunday School	Sunday School Presentation	No Sunday School	No Sunday school
Coffee	Ilze & Peter Kellerman	JD & Izelle Steenkamp	van Staden Family

Upcoming **BIRTHDAYS**



Jo Reed 5 December
Ludvik Kellerman 10 December
Mariaane van der Merwe 15 December
Hannah Lao 16 December
Josiah Lao 19 December
Sarah Pretorius 22 December
Conrad du Toit 26 December

Who Should I Contact?

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