



# Newsletter

## September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

9:30am Online — Rev David O'Brien: **Full of Grace** — Colossians 4:2-6  
Evening Service suspended due to Coronavirus

### His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works!

You know I can hardly believe that 15 years ago, when I was inducted as Pastor here at Waverley, I was 'only' 50 years of age! My hair was pretty well its normal dark brown (there were few enough greys to pluck them out!). I wasn't yet officially a diabetic - that was to come a few years later. I think I did have a bit more weight on than I do now. I still had both my parents and I guess it was the prime of life.

15 years on and I've reached the age of 65 - for decades the pension age, although that is being moved to 67. My hair is almost completely grey. Last year when I met up with someone in Perth I hadn't seen in 35 years they were shocked and blurted out "but you used to be very dark (haired, she meant). When I had known her I also had a dark beard. But all that has changed and as I look back it seems to have changed in an instant.

In Ecclesiastes 1:2, the teacher says:

*"Life is fleeting, like a passing mist. It is like trying to catch hold of a breath; all vanishes like a vapour, everything is great vanity."*

The psalmist likewise reflects on the shortness of life in Psalm 89:47: *"O remember how short my time is and what a mere fleet-*



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*ing life mine is. For what emptiness, falsity, futility, and frailty You have created all men!"*

The apostle Paul tells us though what life is for. In Ephesians 2:10 he says, *"We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works."*

I certainly still want to be serving God, performing those good works he created me for, however the changes of aging do require changes in service. The Church Council has recommended we search for a new Pastor who can serve with me with the express intention that this will be our next Senior Pastor when I step back. It is time to share the load, to pass the baton of leadership and I'm really looking forward to helping the next leader of

our Church serve God and His Church into the future.

Yes I am ageing, we all are, but God is among us and with us and we continue to trust Him and serve Him.

Pastor David O'Brien

Remember to Check  
[www.waverleybaptist.org.au](http://www.waverleybaptist.org.au)  
for links, updates & changes.

## TODAY

These are unprecedented times! Today we are streaming our service live on the Internet and welcome you to join us <http://livestream.waverleybaptist.org.au>

Though we cannot meet together face to face we can still talk by phone or facetime, we can correspond by email or other social media.

Please send your prayer points in and keep in contact, using the details in the Church Directory to minister to one another.

May you know the peace of our Lord during this time.

### AGM in November Are you available?

- ▶ This year Rod Knight reaches his 6 year limit and needs to take a year off! We will need a new Secretary!
- ▶ Roger and Jeremy both complete 2 year terms and will need re-election.
- ▶ Next year Paul and Don will need to step down..
- ▶ Continuity is very important and we need to be filling positions now to have experienced people to cover the changes that will occur.
- ▶ Please pray and consider your willingness to serve in this way.

## Dates for Diaries

### September / October

30 Pastoral Team Zoom Mtg 4.30pm  
7 Healing Service Zoom Mtg 7.00pm

## Services

### 27<sup>th</sup> September

9:30am — Rev David O'Brien:  
**Everyone is Important!**  
Colossians 4:7-18

## Rosters

### 27<sup>th</sup> September

Most Rosters are cancelled. Those still needed for the coming week are:

**Worship Leader — Andy Jarvis**  
**Bible Reading — Kathy Cosham**  
**Data & Sound — Livestream Team**

## Finance

Remember your Tithes and Offerings

Contact Roger Thorp (last page) if you have any questions.

Church Council decided a long time ago not to publish giving figures in the online Newsletter, but any member can receive a full report from Roger Thorp (last page).

### Welfare Offerings—by Direct Deposit

Thank you to all who are donating.  
Please contact David, Harold or Ashley if you are or know someone in need.

**Direct Deposit A/C for all Giving:**  
**A/C: Waverley Baptist Church**  
**BSB: 013 231 A/C No: 270412822**

**Our Vision: Prayer** — *We strive to be of a people whose intimate relationship with God expresses itself in persistent, faithful and continuous prayer, who seek both to talk to God, listen and hear from Him and engage with Him in His work in our church, our wider community and the world.*

## Waverley Baptist Church Our Wider Ministries

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### Dignity Freedom Network

#### Praise God ..

- ✠ For the telemedicine and food distribution by our staff in India as the Covid crisis heightens
- ✠ That 80% of our children are able to take lessons online
- ✠ For the 91% pass rate of our graduating students who can now move on to further studies

#### Prayer:

- ✠ For people to turn to God at this time of great crisis in India
- ✠ For the health, safety and effectiveness of our staff, especially medical workers
- ✠ For the pastors and churches in India – that God will provide for and protect them

Thank you, WBC church family, for your faithful prayer and support.

### Lockdown Implications

- ▶ Until changes in Lockdown occur, we are severely restricted in our operations.
- ▶ No more than 5 people can be in the building and must always be more than 1.5m apart, so only one person is allowed at our sound / data desk
- ▶ Pastor is not allowed to use his study and the office cannot be used, so the answering machine has been turned off. Please use the mobile numbers on the last page.
- ▶ Thanks again to all those who are enabling online streaming of services.
- ▶ Meetings are using online portals like Zoom. Ministry groups will still be online

### FOR PRAYER & PRAISE

- ✠ Praise God for his “Royal Telephone” with the line always open and our God always listening to our prayers.
- ✠ Praise God for the streaming team!
- ✠ Pray for those infected with CoVid, especially for the aged and infirm. Praise God the numbers are coming down in Vic. Pray for the nations of the world where numbers are rising.
- ✠ Pray for the health workers, for their safety. Praise God for their devotion.
- ✠ Pray for the lonely—maybe pray that you may be the answers to someone else’s prayer for contact.
- ✠ Pray for Sarah O who was made redundant this week. Pray for new employment opportunities.
- ✠ Pray for the Lord to indicate who He has chosen to be Elders and Deacons in our Church.

**Please send new Prayer or Praise points to the office each week by Thurs. night.**

**Prayer Chain Ph: Elaine 0421 311 987**

**Email: [petexx@optusnet.com.au](mailto:petexx@optusnet.com.au)**

### Happy Birthday — Sep

Karl Dries	21
Daphne Adams	21
Don McGilvery	22
Nathaniel Knight	23
Ryan Fernandez	24
Lynne Jones	25
Jan McLaren	25
Robert Brown	26
Jennie Demmert	26



**Wishing you Birthday Blessings from all at  
Waverley Baptist Church**

### CYCLE OF PRAYER

Congregations Praying Together  
As part of our local district Inter-Church  
*Cycle of Prayer* please pray for  
the following community and  
their needs:

**Rev David O'Brien  
Waverley Baptist Church**



If you are interested in joining or  
visiting a cell group, please contact

**Pastor David O'Brien**

**ADULT CELLS** meet  
Tuesday or Thursday at 7.30pm

**YOUNG ADULT CELLS** meet  
Thursday 7.30pm

## ***Bible Studies***

**Friday 10.30am** In recess until July 17

Studying: John's Gospel.

Leader: David O'Brien

**Sundays 11.00am** Via Zoom

Studying: Malachi

Leader: Rabi Gunaratnam 0407956223

## ***During the Term***

**Kids Church** 9.30am Sundays

Christina Kim 0403 510 323

kidschurch@waverleybaptist.org.au

**Re-WYRED – Youth** 9.30am Sundays

Deborah Chang 0435 259 580

**Boys Brigade** 6.15pm Mondays

Peter McGilvery 9763 2829

**Girls Brigade** 7pm Tuesdays

Elaine Waterworth 9887 6171

**Bibs Playgroup** 10am Fridays

Neil Mullucks 0411 464 411

Carol Mullucks 0433 322 979

**Live-WYRED** 7.30pm Fridays

Kirsty Agnew 0466 040 316

**Life Group – Youth** Sundays

Andy Agnew 0437 987 484

**Conversational English** 9:45am Saturdays

Lyndel Holt 03 9561 4618

**Ladies Morning Tea**

**1st Wed of the Month** 10.00am

Sharon Thorp 9802 3295

**Stitching Time 2nd Wed of the Month**

At various homes 7.30pm

Elaine Waterworth 9887 6171

**Kids Hope** Weekly Mentoring

Don Leigh 0413 272 612

Lynne Jones 0430 537 747

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BEEN AWAY**

## **SENIOR PASTOR**

**Better Viewed in colour on your  
Smartphone or Tablet!**

Rev. David O'Brien — 0425 876 536

(Rest Day — Monday)

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## **PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN & FAMILIES WORKERS**

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## **CHURCH SECRETARY**

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0400 311 215

## **CHURCH TREASURER**

Roger Thorp 9802 3295

## ***Prayer Ministry***

Our Elders are available for prayer ministry at  
your request. Call an Elder to arrange a time.

James 5:14—*Are any of you sick? You  
should call for the elders of the church to  
come and pray over you, anointing you  
with oil in the name of the Lord.*

**Healing Services** - Call Rabi: 0407 956 223