Westbury Baptist
Family Church

Newsletter
October 2026

Our Mission: To know Christ better and to make Him better known.

Romans 12:12 ‘Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.’

Philippians 4:6-7 ‘Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.’

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for your protection and guidance in our lives. We thank you for the miracle of prayer, that we can talk to you at any time, and anywhere.

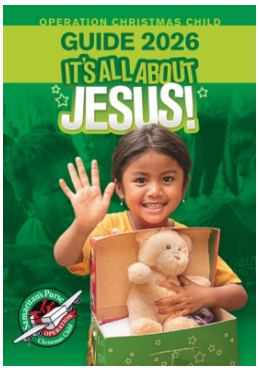
We ask for your peace and healing for those known to us who are not well, and we give you all the praise and thanks for your miracle healing that has been granted to many of us.

Thank you for our families and friends, help us to stay faithful and never give up praying for those not yet saved, that they may reach out to you.

We thank you for the millions of children who are saved each year through the shoe-box mission. We ask that you will bless and protect all who faithfully rake the message of salvation through Jesus out into the world.

Operation Christmas Child

Mark and Dorothy have been the local representatives of this mission for 17 years. The area takes in the Meander Valley and Northern Midlands, from Mole Creek to Campbell Town.



Operation Christmas Child isn’t a charity. It’s a gospel mission with a clear message…it’s all about Jesus. The shoe boxes are only distributed to the poorer regions of the world, not to affluent parts. Australia’s boxes go to Southeast Asian countries as they are closer. Most of the children who receive a shoe box have never had a gift in their lives, and they’ve never heard of Jesus’ love for them. The shoe boxes achieve both – with each box given out, a little book is given with it, explaining Jesus’ love for us all. It is printed in over 70 languages. Older children are offered a twelve-part Bible study course.

The drop-off location for shoeboxes in Westbury is the Baptist Church during Chat & Choose time (9:30 – 12:00) on Thursday 15th and 22nd October so there’s still time to fill some boxes.

Last year 12,205,900 shoeboxes were packed world-wide and distributed to over 100 countries. Australia provided 212,401 and Tasmania provided 12,432 which is a very good on a per capita basis.

Weekly events @ Westbury Baptist

Fellowship Groups

Mondays 6pm
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Tuesdays 11am

Mainly Music

Wednesdays
10-11:30am

Chat n Choose

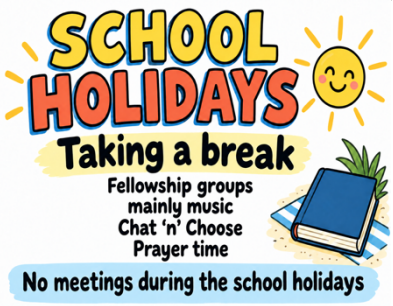
Thursdays
9:30am – 12pm

Prayer Time

Fridays 5pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Ongoing



Sat Oct 3rd – Sun Oct 18th

If you are visiting today, we would love you to join us for morning tea and a chat after the service.

October

3rd Terry Garratt

4th Terry Roach

9th Pat Poulton

15th Bruce Garratt

21st Don Byard

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Sat 17th Oct.
At the Showground.

This is being organised by the Health Centre and we have a site.

Our aim is to raise money for the Pastor fund.

Donations for our table would be greatly appreciated. Please bring to church prior to the event to allow time for sorting and pricing.

See Sandi for further information.

Save the Date: Show Day

Sat 7th November
We anticipate having a stall at the show again this year. Donations of items to put in the children's showbags would be greatly appreciated. There's a box under the information table in the foyer waiting to be filled. Please see Ken, David or Grace for further information.

Singalong

On Thursday 24th Sept, Mark & Dorothy led singalongs at Grenoch and Kanangra.

The residents thoroughly enjoy these sessions, and love meeting people from Westbury Baptist. Thanks to Syd for joining in, Lindsay who sang a solo at each home and Betty who was at Grenoch.

Combined Churches

Mark will be leading the church services, and Dorothy playing, at Kanangra (10:00am) and Grenoch (11:00am) on Thursday 29th October. You are welcome to come and join in.

Keep **Sunday 13 Dec** free so you can join in with the **Community Christmas Carols**.

Food for Thought

- Funny how simple it is for people to trash God and then wonder why the world seems to be falling apart.
- Funny how some people believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says.

and

Why was the chicken arrested? Because it was using fowl language.
Why do skunks argue? Because they like to kick up a stink.
What keeps the moon in place? It's beams.
What did the dog say when he sat on the sandpaper? Ruff! Ruff!

Thanks Allan

CHURCH SERVICE ROSTER

***Leaders** please contact the speaker, musician and sound person by Wednesday of the week. If **leaders** on the roster can't be available on the day, please contact Nancy. Others on the roster please arrange for someone to take your place. Thanks.*

Date	Speaker	Leader	Music	Meet & Greet
4th Oct	Lindsay Gillam	Mark Leonard	iSing	George Spencer
11th Oct	Ian Campbell	Lindsay & Lana Gillam	iSing	George Spencer
18th Oct	Laurie Rowston	Mark Barnett	iSing	Dallas Glasby
25th Oct	Brad Hafner	John Glasby	iSing	Dallas Glasby

Communion will be held on Sunday 4th October. Stewards are David Waterhouse and Jenny Dale.