



22 August 2010

THE CHURCH UNDER THE CROSS

Welcome *A warm welcome to all who join us today in giving worship and praise to our great God and Saviour. May this be a time of growing in grace and strengthening our relationship with the Lord and with each other. Please join us for a cuppa after the service. If you are visiting today, please sign our visitor's Book. We have an information leaflet explaining our church's ministries and activities, feel free to take one or ask for one.*

WORSHIP TODAY

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte
Message: The Ultimate Ridicule
(Habakkuk 2:18-20)
Reading: Isaiah 44:6-23

6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte
Message: Love Your Neighbour (Lord's day 40)
Reading: 1 John 3:11-24

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte
6:00 PM Pastor Peter Mechielsen
(Jim in Leongatha)

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Christian Outreach Ministry
(COM India Children's Home)

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – J-Team

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,690.90
Ministry Formation Workgroup	\$499.40
Donation Hall	\$250.00



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: D,P&P. Ellings, J. Esselbrugge,
P. Kaka

Next Week: E.Oinonen, J. Gully, G. Heerdink

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Kevin de Jong, Paul Cholel

Next Week: Phillip & Paul Ellings

GREETERS

Today: Nan van der Kruk

Next week: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels

From the Pastor's Desk

We gather today in the aftermath of another Federal election. It will be a day of change whatever happens. It maybe that we have our first elected female Prime Minister, or we may have a change of government. Over the past weeks of campaigns there have been promises and counter promises, there have been put downs and talking up of various people and parties. It was interesting that as I sat in on class with my Kids Hope child they were talking about government and politics. The teacher had examples of political advertising that focused on very negative putdowns of the other party leader. Her comment was that right across the school they always talk about not putting other people down; to not speak poorly of other students and find something positive to say about others, yet in a Federal Election campaign they

are doing the very thing that they are trying to teach the students not to do. I totally agree with those sentiments coming from the teacher, but it made me think about how we as Christians should act and behave. Jesus says 'You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy'. But I tell you: love your enemy and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your father in heaven...if you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the Tax Collectors doing that? (Matt 5:43ff). How do you speak of others? How do you present other people to your friends? It is so easy to put people down. But why do we do that? I think it is often to raise ourselves, to lift ourselves. So it is a pride thing and God condemns that. I am glad that God demonstrates his love for us in this: while we were still sinners Christ died for us. I am glad in his grace God redeemed me through his Son. I am glad that God did not treat us as our sins deserve. May we think carefully how we live our lives in response to that grace? Am I building up, or putting down?

Warburton WA SWIM Team

Anyone interested in being part of the team to Warburton in Jan 2011, should contact Pastor Jim or Peter Abetz (pabetz@crca.org.au) to express your interest.

Peter has been in touch with Sue Clark in Warburton, and she suggests we come the week of Sunday 9th to Sat 15th Jan, or the week after.



Pastoral and Prayer Points

- **Jenny Piening** had a fall and was hospitalized with a cracked sternum, but was able to return to the hostel Friday.
- **Gwen Williams** is making slow progress in her ambulation at Rehab. (Angliss Hospital) and looks forward to being able to return to Tarralla Aged Care facility soon.
- **John Van Neutegem** will have five sessions of radiation therapy at the Alfred Hospital, to help provide some relief for his cough. This treatment commences on Monday through to Friday. Pray for God to grant the relief and quality of life John desires.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST

We have received an urgent prayer request from COM for all missionaries, their families, home, children and both Michael and Debra Cooke (who are living in Sambalpur to oversee a Dairy Farm Project). There has been a serious outbreak of Swine flu in Orissa, particularly in and around the Sambalpur region. Up to twenty people have died in Sambalpur district this week including five in Sambalpur itself. Please pray for God's divine protection against this illness.

We value your prayers

Thou art coming to a King
Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and power are such
None can ever ask too much
... John Newton



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Ladies Day
Saturday 9th October 2010
10am – 3pm
Langwarrin Christian Reformed Church
Speaker - **Michelle Dempsey**

Thank You

After a short stay in Outlook Gardens Retirement Village, our Mum, Tiny Teeuwen passed away recently. As she knew many people from the Village, the Hostel and this church, the Teeuwen family would like to thank you for your prayers, love and support during Mum's illness and at the time of her passing away. It was a great encouragement to us seeing so many of you at the Thanksgiving service. On behalf of Dad (Cor), Nelleke, Ineke, Cora, Magda and families.

Shawlands Workgroup will meet on Monday 23rd August at Father Jim's place at 8.00 pm.

Deacons: The deacons will meet on Thursday 26th August, 8.00pm at Vera's place.

Care and Share there is a meeting on **Monday 30th August at 1.30pm in the Church Office meeting space** to discuss issues that arise out of the visiting and to debrief and encourage each other. Henni

Church Op Shop

We open Thursdays 11.30am-4.30pm and Fridays 10am- 4.30pm. Donations can be dropped off during these times. Please remember we cannot accept electrical items. If you would like to volunteer some time to help us either for set up on Thursdays at 10am, pack up on Fridays at 4.30pm, or general help sorting donations and sharing cuppas with customers, please speak to Anneke Laverman or Anita de Witte. We would love some extra help!

Eternity

The latest *Eternity* newspaper (August edition) is now

available in the church foyer. Pick it up and have a read. There are a number of articles in there dealing with the elections under the title 'Who Would Jesus Vote For', along with a range of other very interesting articles.

FREE DESKS!

We have 2 desks at the Op Shop we have not been able to sell. Would anyone like them? Please see Anita de Witte if you are interested. Also we are low on queen sized linen at the moment- donations are always welcome!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Pam Cox	Today	August 22
Marjke de Haan		August 24
Suzan Mut		August 24
Nan van der Kruk		August 25
Athang Arou		August 26

May the good Lord above send you abundant blessings on your special day...

Pakistan flooding - Emergency Collection

As we have been promoting, an emergency appeal is being organised by our World Development and Relief (WD&R) workgroup for the flood stricken people of Pakistan. You will have seen the images and cries for help from a nation that has been crippled by a national disaster. Through trusted Christian partners, WD&R are able to assist in our Lord's name with emergency relief, targeting some 8000 flood affected families.

Today we are holding a retiring offering today to support this appeal. If you are unprepared to assist today then there will be an opportunity to do so next week too. Please give generously to WD&R's appeal (WD&R is unable to provide receipts for tax deductible purposes.)

Please continue to pray for so many people - in such desperate situations. Please also pray that people may not succumb to diseases which often do follow

from such floods. Pray that God would be compassionate to the people of Pakistan.

Bert Kuipers

Care and Share is looking for **more** people who can participate in its visiting program. As some of our visitors grow older themselves we need younger people to replace them. If you have some free time to offer friendship and spiritual and emotional support to others in our church community please talk to Henni Burggraaf (ph. 9791 2601)

Care and Share is the visiting program that supports the elderly and the frail and those isolated in their own homes due to disability.

COFFEE BREAK LADIES BIBLE STUDY,
Meet at the church at 10am. All ladies are welcome we have fellowship and study God's Word every Tuesday morning.

VENTURE BIBLE STUDY

(young adults bible study)

Venture Bible Study meets this Sunday at 4 at Noorbergens and the following Sunday we will meet before the Youth Service at Casey at 4 then go on to the Youth Service, if everyone could bring a snack to share and drink to share it would be great- see you all then.

If you would like to come and join please see David Barrot or ring him on 0401 073 954.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

THE GRACE GROW GROUP (Triple G)

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 2.00-3.30 pm. Leader is John Nicholson. Everyone is welcome. Contact Regina Gnanathurai on 97956252
This week we meet at Heather and John Nicholson's Unit 56 Outlook Gardens

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Night Bible Study is at the home of Mark and Nyomie Meenks this week. Hope to see you all there. For further information about our group contact Mark Meenks on 97045516.

OASIS GROWTH GROUP:

meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month (but not during school holidays) at the Burggraaf's: 7:15 – 9:15 pm. New members welcome to attend.
Ph: 9791 2601



We need you here



Wantirna Christian Community Church continues its commitment to serving the Indigenous community of Yalata. We have a team planned to go in September and would love some others to join us. We will run a children's holiday program, participate in community events and learn much together.

**Want to be part of a great week?
Want to know more?**

Please give us a call