



5 September 2010

**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: Who's Your Father? (Romans 8:12-17)  
Reading: Luke 11:1-13

6:00 PM Rev. Keith Vethaak  
Message: The Parable of the Virgins  
Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte  
6:00 PM Rev. La'Mont Ferreira  
(Afrikaans Service)

### OFFERINGS

#### THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Solomon Islands

#### NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Lord's Supper - Diaconate

#### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,539.00
J Team	\$442.50
WDR Pakistan Flood Appeal	\$842.85
Jubilate Choir Donation	\$500.00



### ROSTERS

#### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: J. Nicholson, M van Rossen,  
J. van Breen

Next Week: G. Huinink, F & H. Piening.

#### PA & VIDEO :

Today: Matthew Noorbergen, Dave Barrot

Next Week: Jennifer van Neutegem,  
David Cameron

#### GREETERS

Today: Rita Piening

Next week: Peter & Atie Buinewoud.

### From the Pastor's Desk

A special welcome all fathers today, being that day when we remember the work of fathers in raising their children, whether good or bad. While doing some reading about fathers I came across a quote from a man named Harold Hulbert that I thought was really appropriate for all fathers (all parents), "Children need love, especially when they don't deserve it." We nod our heads in agreement with this quote, but how much more true is that quote of our Father God. He showed his love for us when we certainly didn't deserve it. Paul writes, 'God demonstrated his love for us in this: while we were still sinners Christ died for us.' (Romans 6:8).

This afternoon we also have Rev. Keith Vethaak lead

our service. We pray that God will be praised in our gathering together.

### Lord's Supper

Next Sunday we plan to celebrate the Lord's Supper in both services. God's Word calls us to examine ourselves before we eat of the bread and drink of the cup (1 Corinthians 11:28). In the light of that we are called to ask ourselves these questions:

1. Do I believe that my sins are forgiven only because my Lord sacrificed himself for me on the cross?
2. Is it my sincere desire to love God and my neighbour, and to serve them according to God's Word?

You could pray: "Almighty God, we pray for Your grace that in the coming days we might rightly examine ourselves. Comfort us as repentant sinners and give us assurance that we may look forward to a blessed celebration. And if any of us are not right with

You, give us grace and mercy, Lord, that in repentance

we may change our way of life, and join this coming Sunday in the celebration of this most glorious feast. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

### Pastoral Ministry

As a Church Council we have shared with you on a number of occasions the difficulties we face with a small team of Elders meeting the pastoral visitation expectations of many in the congregation. We are well aware of the problem and we are wrestling with ways to best meet the needs of the congregation with the available people. We are working on a strategy to provide pastoral oversight, meeting needs as they

arise, while we plan the best way to move forward. We ask for the understanding and patience of the congregation. We also want to acknowledge and say we deeply appreciate the many ways in which the pastoral needs of the congregation are being attended to through the wider body of Christ. We are thankful for the tireless work of the Care and Share volunteers and our Pastoral Care Worker, Henni, who regularly visit people. We are thankful for the Bible Study/Fellowship groups, the Take 5 groups and the other ministries of the church that connects with people with one another. We also greatly appreciate the friendship and family networks that are vital to the life and health of the church community. We pray that you continue to support and encourage one another as you spur each other on in the faith.

Please remember, though, that if you would value a visit, or you know someone that would, then please do not hesitate to contact an Elder, Pastoral Care Worker or Pastor.

### Pastoral and Prayer Points

- There have been a number of regular visitors to our services lately. We want to welcome **Wilma Tiley** (Unit 27 O.G) also **Kerry Battersby**, with **Emma** and **Ryan** and **Dahneale Moore** with **Brooke** and **Jay**, and **Owain Shebbeare**. We trust that you will soon get to know us and feel at home among us as you worship. We also welcome **Truus Wylie** who will be visiting with **Jos Berends** for quite some time. It's good to see you here again Truus.
- Pray for safe travels and for the ministry of the **Jubilate Choir** as they tour in New Zealand for 3 weeks. It reduces our 'church family' for a few weeks!
- Our condolences to **Maureen Koch**, whose

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mother passed away recently. Darryl and Maureen have just returned from being with the family in Sri Lanka.

- Pray for **John and Heather Nicholson** who are struggling with health issues and limits at this present time.
- Pray for, and encourage, those who are coping with long term illnesses and diseases. It is good when they can make it to church and join us in worship but we also realize that this can require a huge effort. Encourage them by letting them know that it is good to have them among us.
- There are many who are struggling with coughs, colds and 'flu type symptoms at this time of the year. Pray for the wellness and recovery that people need

### 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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> to Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Jan, or the week after.



### Ladies Day

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010

10am – 3pm

Langwarrin Christian Reformed Church

Speaker - **Michelle Dempsey**



### Volunteers needed at Outlook Gardens

Outlook Gardens is currently in need of volunteers to assist our activity and nursing staff with our residents' social and medical appointments.

Please call 9795-7566 and speak to Hilda or Maggie if you could possibly help us.

A big thank you to all members of the congregation for their continued support and hard work.

### 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

Eric Spangenberg	September 7
Janny de Groot	September 8
Anita de Witte	September 8
Julie de Jong	September 10
Gavin Koch	September 11

To feel joy deeply, to live love daily, to forever know God's presence in your life... these are our wishes for you.

**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.

## 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

### **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

### **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.

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesday Night Bible Study is not on this week. For further information about our group contact Mark Meenks on 97045516.



Wantirna Christian Community Church is a vibrant family oriented church of around 200 people meeting in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne where we are endeavouring to reach the lost, grow disciples and care for the hurting. We are currently seeking two people to fill the following positions.

**Youth Co-ordinator** – 3 days per week

**Missions Co-ordinator** – 3 days per week

These roles are a combination of coordination of ministry teams and hands on involvement in ministry. We seek people who have experience in leading teams, a passion for kingdom work in and outside the church, a love for people, vision development and growing leaders.

The Youth Co-ordinator role will include working with local state schools.

The Missions Co-ordinator will have emphasis on local, national and international missions.

Applications close on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 2010. More information or full Position Descriptions are available on request by emailing [admin@wccc.net.au](mailto:admin@wccc.net.au)

### **What Would I Do Without My Music**

The Melbourne Male choir with the Japanese male voice Choir (Chor Farmer) along with others present their 20<sup>th</sup> night of music and song.

*Date:* Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.

*Where:* Luther College Chapel (Cnr Yarra & Plymouth Rd, Croydon)

*Cost:* Adult- \$25; Concession- \$20; Children under 16 free. Booking: Kerrie Stock (Ticket Secretary) 9753 3331

### **Church Council**

The Church Council meets this coming Thursday (9<sup>th</sup> September) at 7.30pm in the church.

## **Afrikaans Service**

Next Sunday evening (12<sup>th</sup> September) at 6pm we will be holding our next Afrikaans Service. Through this service we are extending an invitation to South African families to attend a special worship service in the Afrikaans language. It will be a Lord's Supper Service conducted by Rev. LaMont Ferreira. Our other Afrikaans services have been quite well attended and we look forward to the response to be the same, or better, this time. We value your continued prayers for this missional activity that gives us the wonderful opportunity to reach a section of our community with the gospel so they might say 'we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' (Acts 2:11)

We hope that you can be in prayer for this service that those who attend will hear the gospel and will consider making Dandenong their spiritual home.

## **Change of Address**

Joshua and Karissa Esselbrugge have moved. Please note their change of address and phone number. 3 Sonia St Ringwood, VIC, 3134. Phone: 9879 1063.

## **Thank You**

'To the Dandenong Christian Reformed Church. Thank you so much for thinking and praying for us and Arke during his illness. We were overwhelmed to hear of your compassion and support. Thanks for your prayers. Arke is now home and very healthy.'

Love Cory, Katie & Arke van der Jagt

## **Profession of Faith**

The Profession of Faith Class continues today in the lounge area after the morning service. We will be looking together at The Gospel, the Sovereignty of God and Lord's days 1-14.

## **A peaceful witness to life**

For those who may be interested on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm there will be a March for Babies held in the city in remembrance of the day the Victorian government passed the Abortion Law Reform Act in 2008. It is for the more than 20,000 babies aborted each year in Victoria (1 in 3).

The march will gather at Treasury Gardens and move

peacefully to Parliament house, where there will be singing, speeches and prayer. For more information visit their website: [www.marchforbabies.org.au](http://www.marchforbabies.org.au)

## **DEACONS CORNER: Please give generously next Sunday for the deacons.**

It is exciting to be the hands and feet of a caring congregation. We feel privileged to be able to assist a number of local folk in various ways. This year we have moved into the area of small loans to people to enable them to get their head above water and to be able to make changes in their lives that allows for a better quality of life. While we support them in this way there is also the spiritual support that grows out of a continuing relationship with people as we encourage them to live with God. It is rewarding work. At present we are looking to provide a larger loan so that some single mothers can buy a car and get their children to school and also to attend church and J Team. We want to ask the congregation if they will give generously next Sunday when we have the collection for the deacons. We need to raise \$3500 for this project.

As deacons we also want to acknowledge the financial support that has been given to us from the Op-Shop ministry. Thank you all for enabling us to work in this way on your behalf. Kevin, Vera, Aafke, Gerry and Henni

## **Youth Alive, 2010!**

For all those interested, this year youth alive is on September 11 (in two weeks!) at Hisense Arena. We were hoping to organise a group together, so if you have friends who are interested, invite them too! Tickets cost \$25 per person. Please talk to Belinda as soon as possible so tickets can be organised.

## **CAR BOOT SALE**

Set aside Saturday **23rd October** in your diaries for our annual Car Boot Sale. Please think about how you can help out this year. We need people to man the BBQs from 7.30am for bacon and eggs until about 1.30pm for the sausage sizzle. If you can help with advertising please let us know. Any enquiries to Nel Steunenberg or Anita de Witte.