



12 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: Spectators of Divine Majesty  
Reading: Habakkuk 3:1-19

6:00 PM Rev. La'Mont Ferreira  
(Afrikaans Service)  
Message: TBA  
Reading: TBA

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Rev. John Rietveld  
6:00 PM Br. Corey van Garderen

### OFFERINGS

#### THIS WEEK

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

#### NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – RTC

#### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,407.40
Solomon Islands Workgroup	\$570.05



### ROSTERS

#### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: G. Huinink, F & H. Piening.  
Next Week: J. Otto, R. Painter, D. Mekking

#### PA & VIDEO :

Today: Jennifer van Neutegem,  
David Cameron  
Next Week: Kevin de Jong, Paul Cholel

#### GREETERS

Today: Peter & Atie Buinewoud.  
Next week: Martin & Coby van Rossen

### From the Pastor's Desk

It is truly a blessing and privilege to gather as God's people for praise and preaching. We ask that God will be present in power through the Holy Spirit so that our worship might be in spirit and truth. This afternoon we have our next Afrikaans service and we know that these services are a strength and encouragement to the South Africans who attend.

Today we also join together as fellow believers around the Lord's Table, where we remember, and give thanks, for the death of Jesus on our behalf. If you are visiting with us today and would like to join us, then please talk to the welcomers on the door who will introduce you to an Elder or Pastor Jim.

Next weekend I will be in Sydney, having the wonderful privilege of participating in the wedding of Phil and Rowena. As a church we pray that God will bless their wedding day and their life together, lived before Him. The following week I will be taking a week's break, so any pastoral issues or concerns should be directed to Henni Burggraaf or an Elder.

### Samaritan's Purse

In this past term our J-Team children have been encouraged to fill a shoe box with appropriate gifts for children overseas who will never receive a Christmas gift. These boxes will be shipped to Vietnam and distributed to needy children. There are still a number of boxes we received that can be filled. If you are interested then see one of the de Wittes today. Also, a number of people took boxes already. If they could be returned soon that would be appreciated.

### Pastoral and Prayer Points

- On Wednesday morning **Mies Slagter** passed away peacefully. Our love and condolences go to Ted and the children with their families. She leaves an empty place in their lives, but we know she has gone to be in God's presence, and that is a comfort for them all. Funeral arrangements will be announced.
- Pray for good outcomes for **Ray Hamilton** who is undergoing tests for testicular cancer at this time.
- **Lynette Pretorius** has also been undergoing tests to try to find the cause for her fainting episodes.
- Pray for those who will travel this week:-
- **Maurice and Tuks Eleveld** travel to S.A to see the children and families there. May God grant you safe traveling.

- **John and Debbie Van Neutegem** and their extended family will travel to Sydney for **Phillip & Rowena's wedding** on the 18<sup>th</sup>. We trust that this will be a special family time and that John's health and strength will be sustained during the travel as well.
- **Bert Elfring** and his mother **Hillie Elfring** will travel to Qld to spend time with family there, staying about 2 months. We pray for safe travels and that the warmer climate will be a blessing.
- **Dahneale Moore** will need to go for surgery at Mitcham for a bone spur on her right shoulder on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Hopefully this will provide much needed relief. Kerry will be holding the fort with 4 children but would value a few hours baby-sit support so that she can visit Dahneale in hospital without taking the pre-school children. ( See Kerry or Henni if you can help for afternoon of 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>.)

### 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.

### Afrikaans Service

Tonight at 6pm we will be holding our next Afrikaans Service. Through this service we are extending an invitation to South African families

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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.



**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**

Maureen Koch	Today	September 12
Henk van der Kruk	Today	September 12
Klaas Appel		September 15
Wendy Joseph		September 15
Andrwe Berman		September 16
Teuntje (Tuks) Eleveld		September 16
Leonie Otto		September 17
Janny Appel		September 18
Vanessa Berman		September 18
Ingrid Scheepers		September 18

May your day dawn bright with beauty, rich in the promise of good things to come.

**INVITATION**

The Church Council and Congregation of the Christian Reformed Church of Geelong have pleasure in inviting you to the installation service of the Reverend Ron Nauta, minister of the Word and

Sacraments. The service will be led by Prof. Henk De Waard on October 3, 2010 at 3:00pm in the Hall at Covenant College, Creamery Road, Bell Post Hill, *Mellways Ref. Page 441, C1*. We are grateful to the Lord that He has provided a minister to serve in this congregation.

**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 will be on Ada's place this week- note new address: 5 Ben Court Endeavour Hills. 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)

### **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)

## **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.

## **DEACONS: Please give generously for the work of the deacons today.**

We want to ask the congregation if they will give generously when we have the collection for the deacons today. We need to raise \$3500 for a loan 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

## **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)

**What Cost:** Adult- \$25; Concession- \$20; Children under 16 free.

Booking: Kerrie Stock (Ticket Secretary) 9753 3331

## **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.

## **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.

## **PAKISTAN FLOOD RELIEF APPEAL**

An earthquake in NZ and floods in Vic. have reminded us all that natural disaster strike in our region also. Yet, there is a huge difference in the impact of these tragedies in developing countries. Their suffering is far greater than that suffered by the victims in Australia and NZ.

We are heartened by the good response that has come from the Churches. We thank and praise our God for your generosity.

Your WD&R committee is trying to process these gifts as quickly as we can. After sending \$20,000 last month, we forwarded another \$50,000 last week. Please continue to pray for the poorest of poor people who have lost everything in the Pakistan floods and have nowhere to go and nothing to eat.

**Bert Kuipers - W.D.&R. publicity.**

## **News from New Zealand**

You have probably all heard that a 7.0 magnitude earthquake hit near Christchurch, NZ early

yesterday morning. This earthquake is the same magnitude as the one that hit Haiti in January this year.

The CRCA has contacted one of the Reformed Church of New Zealand Christchurch pastors, Rev Andrew de Vries, and expressed our concern and solidarity with them in Christ. We have also indicated that we will be praying that God will continue to protect them and sustain them at this time. We are thankful that there has been no loss of life, and at this stage there are no reports of serious damage to any of the RCNZ facilities or members' homes. We have offered any assistance we can give, should that be required.

Please pray for the people of New Zealand as they work through this emergency.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/09/05/3002818.htm>

From all reports the Jubilate Choir is continuing their tour of New Zealand, including Christchurch. We pray that their visit there might be a blessing and encouragement.

### **A Time for Everything**

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

The secret to peace with God is to discover, accept, and appreciate God's perfect timing.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

**Crossroad Bible Institute News** and some additional photo's and a poem from Mark in June.

### ***A Psalm by Mark***

Thank you Lord for setting me free  
My soul is grateful and glad knowing you  
The door to the prison of my mind is open  
To dwell on you love, compassion and joy!

I can spend my days not bound to addiction  
Free to enjoy life without painful need  
Spiritually, physically mentally I am now free  
Not chained to abuse, depression or fear.

My soul was so tired from the weight of sin's shackles

Each step was heavy, painful with tears of sadness and sorrow

The burden my heart was carrying was drowning my being

I was a dead man walking, oppressed from sin's destruction.

The love of Jesus was lovely, soft, peaceful music to my ears

His grace warmed the depth of my being

His peace silence and calmed the torrential storm in my heart

I now praise His beautiful name for the joy in my soul.

I cannot wait to stand forever with my Saviour

Soon He will return and fulfil His promise to His children

To see His face, to hold His hand, sing praises with the angels

No more tears, no more grief, an eternity of joy.

Thoughts of His love, encouraged me each day

To sit in quiet, reflecting on His Word

The Holy Spirit to guide me and fill my hear with peace

Today I am a grateful believer, what else do I need ?

When I close my eyes I will explore Your truth

Allow your gentle Spirit to whisper Your everlasting Word

Your Spirit reaches the depth of my inner being

My hungry soul yearns to be enveloped in Your love.

I will train my thoughts to images of Your glory

I fill my mind with pictures of your sacrifice

Lord burn Your Word in the centre of my mind and soul

That I may experience Your presence in a continual moment.

My heart beats sorrow and gratitude when I imagine

The rejection, pain, tears and agonising death on that cross

Two thousand years later Your Word has reached my ears

To save my sinful soul from the agony You lovingly endured.

Willingly You walked in righteousness to Jerusalem

Knowingly You carried the burdens and sin of mankind

Insulted, ridiculed, and spat on You held Your head up to heaven

Father, Daddy forgive them, for I will take their guilt and shame.

Lord, thank You for showing me what unconditional love is

Help me to understand, accept and walk in Your eternally forgiving grace

To be guided by Your Spirit, to respect Your ways

To be true in calling myself "Christian", a child of the Father in heaven.

Jesus is the key to the freedom of my soul

The only way to the Father is through His loving Son

Thank you Lord for overcoming sin and death

That I may enjoy eternity in peace, joy and unconditional love.

This day my heart and soul sing a song of gratitude

You are my God, my Lord, My Friend, thank you Jesus,

Thank you !

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