



6 March 2011

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 Crosbie de Kretser
Message: God is Good- True or False?
Reading: Psalm 34:1-9

6:00 PM Br Dave Barrot
Message: Eye of the Storm (Psalm 46)
Reading: Mark 4:35-41

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte
6:00 PM Afrikaans Service
Rev. Thinus du Plessis

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Music Ministry

NEXT WEEK

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2 – URY

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,381.80
Solomon Islands	\$478.40



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: J. Blik, E. Poppenbeck, Johnson, Kimmer/Wang.

Next Week: A & Y. Pleiter, J. van Neutegem, D. Cameron

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Kevin de Jong, Ian Meenks.

Next Week: David Ellings, Dave Barrot.

GREETERS

Today: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels.

Next week: Rita Piening.

From the Pastor's Desk

This weekend I am in Sydney, with the family, for a family wedding. It is good to be able to share these times with family and I am thankful for the opportunity to be there for the wedding. Thank you for allowing me to do this and thank you to Pastor Crosbie and Dave Barrot for their willingness to step in and lead our services. I pray that God will richly bless them, and you, as you worship God together.

It has been an amazing week in politics, with rapid changes being presented almost daily. The headlines have been sensational, to say the least. It makes me wonder about the way the Greens seem to be pushing

the boundaries of their minority government agreement with Labor. I suppose we expect politicians to play fast and loose with the truth, but Julia Gillard's Carbon Tax and the defence of her change in approach has been damaging for her reputation and the reputations of politicians in general. Can we trust them, do they have integrity, are they honest in their dealings with people. It makes me wonder if they just say what our itching ears want to hear, until they have the power they seek.

Julia Gillard has opened the door to the nation's first legal same-sex marriage laws, removing obstacles to the social agenda of the Australian Greens despite her personal opposition to gay unions. On Wednesday the Prime Minister agreed to back a Greens push to water down the commonwealth's ability to veto laws made by territories. This was swiftly followed by the ACT Greens moving to capitalise on her decision, foreshadowing a fresh campaign to legalise same-sex marriage in that territory.

This has certainly caused waves, even amongst her own party members, and there is a possible retraction of support for the proposal due to the backlash. Others have also spoken out about this issue.

Family Voice Australia (Peter Stevens) has written,

“Dear Friend,
Those who opened their copy of *The Australian* yesterday morning (2/3/11) were in for a front page shock. Two journalists have reported that Prime Minister Julia Gillard has not only broken her “no carbon tax” promise in order to placate the Greens – she has also decided to smooth the way for the Greens bill to allow homosexuals to “marry”.

That is only a report, of course – and it may not be true.

It may be that Ms Gillard is only thinking about the possibility and has not made a firm decision.

That is why our open letter to the Prime Minister on marriage is so important at this time. We are very thankful for the four thousand or so people who have already returned signed letters for us to present to Ms Gillard (with copies to every other member of federal parliament) – but it would be great if we could double that number.

Attached to this email is an updated version of the open letter. It includes references that document research showing that children do better with their married biological parents than other family types. And we are sending this email to a wider group of contacts who may wish to sign the letter.”

Copies of that open letter can be collected from the information table near the Crèche church room. Then all you need to do is sign and return the letter to FamilyVoice Australia, 4th Floor, 68 Grenfell Street, Adelaide 5000, by 18 March 2011.

Short Report of Church Council Meeting

Church Council met on Thursday 24th February. The meeting began with further discussion on *The Trellis and the Vine*, looking at issues of leadership training and mentoring. The new Elders, Harry Burggraaf and Cor Span, and new Deacon, Colin Harrison, were welcomed and signed the form of subscription. There was a vote of thanks to the outgoing Elders, John vna Breen and Yke Laverman, and Deacon, Kevin de Jong, thanking them for their ministry and service over the past years.

Finance and Maintenance tabled a report with a

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<p>Newsletter compiled by Adrian de Vos. Email newsletter@dcrc.org.au Phone 9547 6878 News items dead line is 5 PM Wednesday.</p>		

profit and loss statement showing that we are, presently, running to budget. This is something to be thankful for. There was discussion on the present state of the Boronia commercial property (see report elsewhere in the newsletter).

Church Council reviewed the outcomes of the recent retreat and resolved to set up a number of taskgroups to report back with insights and a way forward with respect to growth groups and building community contacts. There was discussion on some matters coming before the Gippsland Classis at the end of March.

Church Council considered the present wording of the Apostles' Creed and agreed to some wording changes, in line with other churches and Synodical guidelines.

Reports from Pastor Jim, Henni Burggraaf, Elders and Deacons were tabled and discussed. Following interviews with some Elders we are looking forward to the Profession of faith of a number of young men, Tim Cameron, Christo Otto and Matthew Noorbergen. We will also be witnessing the sign of covenant baptism of Jesse Meenks in the weeks ahead.

After discussion of correspondence the meeting closed with a time of prayer.

Pastoral and Prayer Points

Congratulations to Pastor Jim who will celebrate his 50th birthday (a jubilee milestone!) this week! Jim and Anita and the family are away this week-end (pray for safe travels) to attend a family wedding, and also to allow their families to celebrate this occasion with them.

As part of our congregation, you have the opportunity to congratulate Jim at an open breakfast next Saturday morning (12th) between 8am -11am!

- **Mieke Van Daal huizen** has spent this week in the Alfred hospital being treated for septicaemia. Pray for the healing she needs and the medical care she requires.
- **Amy Noorbergen** was unexpectedly hospitalized last weekend with severe pain. Key hole surgery was required to remove a cyst, and now Amy is home again recovering. We thank God that all went well.
- **John Bruinewoud** requires a hip replacement, for

which he will go into the Epworth, with surgery being done on the 9th March. Pray that all may go well and for the recovery that John will need afterwards.

- **Jean Joseph** has shingles. It has caused ulcers in her eye which are very painful. Pray for Jean that she may take the rest she needs, and that God will give the healing she needs.
- **Bill Meyer** is currently in respite at Dutchcare in Kilsyth. We pray that Bill will settle well and that Tina will regain health and strength so she can continue to support and care for Bill in the family home.
- **Janet de Jong' father** had successful surgery last Tuesday and was recovering well. However on Thursday he sustained a fall while in hospital which has set him back. Pray for the family as they sit by him and pray for his recovery from the surgery.
- Continue to **pray for all** who are unwell or receiving treatment for cancer and ask for God to bless their treatment for their healing. Encourage those who are finding life difficult at this time.

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!

News from the churches

Rev. Harry Hoving has passed away in the early morning hours Monday (28th of February). After Rev Deenick's death last week, Harry was the last survivor of the generation of ministers that had their training in the Netherlands. Harry's funeral will be on Monday the 7th of March.

Please remember Ann in your prayers. Ann was heavily dependent on Harry until he became too weak.

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. This week we meet at Regina Gnanathurai's Unit 53 Outlook Gardens Contact 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,

will commence for the year with a coffee morning on Tuesday 8th February at 10am. All ladies are very welcome to join us.

Helen van Garderen.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday night Bible Study. For further information about our group contact Mark Meenks on 97045516.

DISCOVER BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Meets on Friday the 4th of March at 7:30pm in the church office lounge room.

Contact Martin van Rossen on 97957869.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jannette van der Jagt	March 7
Jim (James) de Witte	March 10
Audrey Anderson	March 11
Con Daniels	March 12

May God look down and bless you Now when your birthday's here

And keep you in His loving care Each day throughout the year,

And may He grant you happiness In everything you do--

Today, tomorrow, always, Every day your whole life through!



PART TIME

Children's and Youth Support Worker

Situated in the Dandenong Ranges, Hope in the Hills Christian Community has a vacancy for a Children's and Youth Support Worker (2.5 days per week). We are looking for a successful applicant who will partner in growing and developing effective faith nurture and mission through our children's and youth ministries.

Skills in communication, team work and a heart for children and youth are essential and an understanding and appreciation of the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia would be advantageous.

An application can be sent to office@hopeinthehills.org.au; and a full job description is available on request.

Applications close: 28th February 2011

Hope in the Hills Christian Community is a part of the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia.

For further information contact Pastor Michael Vanderree: 9754 6809,

michael@hopeinthehills.org.au

3 Clifford Grove Tecoma, PO Box 691, Belgrave 3160, Victoria

Wedderburn Christian Campsite

On Saturday March 26 Pro Campo Ltd, currently known as Wedderburn Christian Camp site, will celebrate its 50th year at the camp since the property in NSW was bought. Anyone interested on attending this day, starting at 10.30 am is most welcome.

Free accommodation is offered for the Friday and/or Saturday night at the camp if so required.

For further information contact: Arie Baalbergen on arieb@bigpond.net.au or on 0412-595692

Upcoming Events 2011.

☆ Forrest Edge Music Festival – March 11-13

Featuring Gracenote, Stellar Kart, No Greater

Sky and many more new Christian bands.

If you need more info on any of these events check the youth notice board.

Christian Reformed Church of Cobden (Inc)

103 Curdie Street COBDEN VIC 3266

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Position Vacant

Are you wanting a seachange?

Interested in leading a keen but under skilled church into effective ministry, work with an interesting range of people of all ages, enjoy the country lifestyle of a dairy rich landscape and the Great Ocean Road.

You could be the person we are looking for.

We are a small self motivated church, situated in Cobden, not far from the Great Ocean Road.

There is a range of ages and characters involved in the community in positive ways such as R.E, Kid's Hope, Spring Festival weekend, Lovely Banks Nursing Home, Easter and Christmas events.

We really need someone to come and work with us. Whether you're just starting out or wanting to slow down, this could just what you are looking for.

In the past we have been a starting block for many young ministers. We feel God has a purpose for us to continue His work here.

Cobden CRC is looking for a self motivated mission and pastoral worker (.5) who can lead us into effective ministry and mission.

Will you come if He speaks to your heart?

Applications Close: 31 March 2011

To express interest and to receive a detailed job description, write to:

Fred van Leerdam
31 Boundary Road, Cobden. Vic.3266
Ph. 0428334007
email. clerk@cobden.crca.org.au

Walk Thru the Old Testament (WTTOT) is a simple but effective way of teaching people to understand and know God better.

This is an excellent seminar for all believers. It is an interactive and catchy presentation which has helped many people find the missing pieces and then link the jig saw into a picture of God's plan for mankind.

*“Ah ha, now I see how it all fits in together”, says
12yr old Amy*

Like Amy, the people, places, prophets and passages come alive in an event that you, your family members, and fellow believers will never forget.

Robert Siakimotu, will be presenting this seminar on

Saturday 26th March 2011

9.00 am to 5.00 pm

*Mount Evelyn Christian Reformed Church
45-47 Birmingham Rd, MOUNT EVELYN, VIC,
3796*

Robert, originating from New Zealand is a lively personality and with many years experience of teaching WTTOT. He is currently also the International President of Open Air Campaigners and was one of the founders of Polynesian Ministries. He is also very active with WTTOT in the Pacific Islands. He will be here personally to walk you through the Old Testament. This will be a life-changing experience for you.

This inaugural WTTOT event is subsidised.
Participants need to contribute only \$20 per person
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This seminar is hosted by **Mount Evelyn Christian Reformed Church**

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Contact: Church Office – 9736 1087
For testimonials see YOUTUBE – search “walk thru the bible”
Enrolment forms are also available from the Office.

Walk Thru The Old Testament



Boronia Commercial Property

Since the sale of the church manses a number of years ago the church has owned a commercial property in Boronia for income and investment purposes. Recently Church Council has been thinking through the wider vision and future directions of the church with respect to the property and its kingdom use. At the same time the current lease holder of the property has approached the church about purchasing the property. Church Council has given 'in principle' support to F&M to continue to negotiate with, along with others, the lease holder about the property and sell, if it comes to that. The grounds for this centre around the current high vacancy rate in commercial properties and the high likelihood that the tenant will purchase his own property and we would end up with a vacant property. This would also give us the opportunity to give broader thinking about future directions with the available funds. Should a decision need to be made quickly a subcommittee, comprising members of Church Council and F&M will make a decision.

Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is one of the oldest, foundational, creeds of the Christian Faith and is a wonderful summary of that faith which is universally accepted. Over the years there has been much discussion about the wording of some of the phrases in the creed and the language that is used. In recent times Casey and Langwarrin congregations have moved to alter some of the words to align with the common language of the day (and theological understanding of those phrases). The changes are in line with Synodical guidelines.

Synod 2003 decided: 'That any congregation that intends to use the Apostles' Creed in a liturgical manner may substitute the words "having suffered the torments of Hell" for the words "He descended into Hell".' Synod also allows the words 'the holy catholic church' with 'the holy universal Christian church'.

These suggested options were discussed at the last Church Council meeting. Following the lead of Casey and Langwarrin, Dandenong Church Council also decided to substitute these phrases in the Apostles' Creed.

CRCA Children & Youth ministry training.



Stretch your thinking, skills and enthusiasm.

Topics include:
 * 5 Keys to effective children's ministry
 * Youth outreach to schools.
 * and much more.

SAT. APRIL 2. 2011
8: 45- 12:30.

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 Cnr Outlook & Police Rds

BRING THE WHOLE TEAM!

Presented by Ray Rus Jonathan Vandenberg and others.

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