



10 April 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 Jim de Witte
Message: Famous Last Words: Why have you forsaken me? Mark 15:33-4
Reading: Psalm 22

6:00 PM Pastor La'Mont Ferreira
Afrikaans service
Message: "Die Vaderskap van God"
Reading: Luke 16:25

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte
6:00 PM Easter Celebration with Jubilate Choir.
(This is a combined Service with Casey and Langwarrin).

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – RCYC Reformed Churches Youth Committee

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – KRUPA Childrens Home

LAST WEEK

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| Freewill/Pledges | \$2,161.85 |
| ACCESS Ministries | \$477.60 |

GOOD FRIDAY

1 – Local Church
2 – WDR

ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: L. Huinink, F&H. Peining, K. Knol
Next Week: A. de Vos, A. de Witte, A. Coe.

PA & VIDEO :

Today: David Ellings, Dave Barrot
Next Week: Matthew Noorbergen, Glen de Jong.

GREETERS

Today: Corry Blik
Next week: ????

From the Pastor's Desk

I don't know if you read the article on page 7 in the latest Dandenong Leader newspaper. The article was entitled, 'Sermon is off after outrage'. I have reproduced it here for you to read:

"Outrage over an anti-homosexuality sermon in a Greater Dandenong Council venue has seen the event cancelled. The Miracle Christian Centre booked the Jan Wilson Community Centre on April 3 for two sessions featuring Adam Hood, who said he converted from homosexuality and became straight.

"Anti-violence project executive director Greg Adkins told the Leader the event was "purely homophobic" and a "medieval view cloaked in the guise of Christian conviction". He said the Miracle

Christian Centre was bringing an 'ignorant set of values' into the area. On Friday the Church cancelled the event, after discussions with the council.

“Greater Dandenong Mayor Roz Blades said the speaker had been organised by the Church and had nothing to do with the council. "There has been significant concern expressed and council has taken that concern into account and then had discussions with the hirer," Cr Blades said.

“Cr Peter Brown has slammed the cancellation, calling it a "blow to freedom of speech in Dandenong". "To cancel an event before someone has even spoken is disappointing," Cr Brown said. "I'd defend members of the gay community if they wanted to have a meeting - what would happen if homophobic groups mass-emailed the council to have an event cancelled?"

“Miracle Crusade Centre President Rev Dorian Ballard said they decided to pull the plug when they were threatened with violence. He said Mr Hood was just a man telling his story and the gospel.” (Journalists - Nicole Predel and Liam Ryan)

The question raised by the paper, asking for your input, is, ‘Should the event have been cancelled?’ I find that here, again, we have a small minority lobby group trying to force their agenda on every single person. Now I, personally, don’t know Adam Hood or what he would say but, as stated in the paper here is a man telling his story and the gospel. He talks about the gospel freeing him from a life of homosexuality. To me that seems like a great testimony of the power of God to change us, but it goes against the societal view that we are born the way we are and that won’t change. Would Adam be preaching violence against homosexuals if he is sharing the truth of the gospel and its profound, life changing effect on him? I think not! There are anti-vilification laws that can be used 'IF' a person is breaking the law but it's very sad that a community group is threatened with violence and

their event cancelled with no evidence they were doing anything wrong.

It seems that there is freedom of speech unless you are a Christian. It is always open season on Christianity, with religious freedom constantly under attack. We need to keep alert to the various attacks taking place around us, and we must be willing to speak up in such matters. Pray that God will guide, protect and bless his church here in Australia.

Eternity

The *Eternity* newspaper is available from the foyer table for you to pickup and read. It has some very interesting articles on how local churches responded to the recent floods; a discussion on the gender of God; interviews and information on what is happening across Australia.

THE WD&R OFFERING.

Most of our churches have given generously for emergency relief. Thank you for enabling us to give to help people in crisis. The special Qld flood appeal has been wonderfully supported. The WD&R committee thanks the churches for their expressions of love for those affected so severely. We specifically thank the Westside congregation for coordinating the denomination's relief effort in our Lord's name.

We are CONTINUING to appeal to all our churches to give generously so that we are able to keep the important task of DEVELOPMENT in focus. Through your giving we are able to support a vocational program in Bangladesh,

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people with disabilities in Myanmar and a whole village development program in Manipur in NE India. The wonderful thing about these programs is that they offer long term solutions. This is a powerful witness that we care for "body and soul" and we bring the Word and the Deed. Please give generously this Easter.

For the WD&R committee, Bert Kuipers - publicity officer.

OP SHOP

Our Church Op Shop opens on Thursdays from 11.30am –4.30pm and Fridays from 10am-4.30pm. We raise money for various local mission projects. Donations can only be dropped off during opening times. Volunteers may contact Anneke Laverman (97005686)

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 Audry Kloppenberg's Unit 47 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,

The Coffee Break Ladies Bible Study meets each Tuesday during the school term, starting 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 15th of April at 7:30pm in the church office lounge room.
Contact Martin van Rossen on 97957869.

Change of Address

Hennie Zwaal has moved to 12/237 Outlook Drive, Dandenong North. 3175
Phone No: 9701 2283.

DO YOU NEED A.....

The Op shop receives electrical items as donations from time to time and we are not allowed to sell them in the shop. If anyone from the congregation is in need of the following items please see Anita de Witte. A small donation would be appreciated. We have: 2 TV's, a DVD player (no remote), a radio/cassette player, 3 lamps, 2 fruit/vegetable juicers, a foot spa, 2 hair straighteners (1 crimps as well), a car hand vacuum cleaner and 2 drip filter coffee machines.

Looking for Work

We have an unemployed man in our midst who after 5 months of applying for work would dearly love some employment. If you know of any available work either casual or permanent work, that he could do, please speak to Jim or Henni.

Pastoral and Prayer Points

- Congratulations to **Coby Van Rossen** who celebrates her 70th birthday on the 12th of April. May you continue to know God's gracious blessing over you, as you celebrate this milestone!
- Praise God for **John Nicholson's** successful surgery this week for a hip replacement. There was some concern post operatively, but John is now on the mend and moving!
- Pray for **Anita De Witte** after her knee reconstruction surgery, for the healing she needs and the patience to take it easy for a while.
- Continue to pray for **Ray van Breen**, who has had to undergo further oesophageal surgery for a small leak. He has been in ICU. Pray for **John and Anne** who are living-in to support the family at this time. Pray for God's healing and recovery and emotional and mental stamina in this set back.

- **Mieke Van Daalhuizen** is thankful to be home again!
- **Herman Blenk** is being treated for a chest infection and spent time in hospital this past week.
- From **Sjaan Siepel's** family we heard that she is moving into residential care, after a place became available at Dutch Care in Carrum Downs, but Wednesday night, prior to going, Sjaan was taken to Dandenong hospital by ambulance.
- Continue to pray for all those frail aged and others struggling with health needs- **Peter Bruinewoud** for the health and strength to continue with his chemo treatment and **Esko Oinonen** as he commences his first radiation treatment on the 12th April.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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| Kirsty Noorbergen | April 11 |
| Barbara Bence | April 12 |
| Coby van Rossen | April 12 |
| Yke Laverman | April 12 |
| Peter Kaka | April 14 |
| Lynette Protorious | April 14 |
| David Cameron | April 14 |
| Benjamin Hamilton | April 15 |

May the Lord bless you And send from above The peace of His presence,
The joy of His love.

“SYG 2011 Begins”

Hey guys and gals it is only 2 and half months till SYG 2011 starts and by now you have received your paperwork, well it is due in next Sunday the 17th of April. If you haven't received a form and would like to go please see me after church otherwise, Next week all forms and money is due. Dave

Cornerstone Food Appeal

Cornerstone is currently very low in stocks of tinned food. Currently they need soups, spaghetti [no bake beans thanks], corned beef, spam, tinned tuna, chicken and any type of meal that could be eaten out

of a tin hot or cold. Donations of tea, coffee, and Milo are also welcome. As a church that supports the work of Cornerstone it would be great to donate some of the food they need. As a charitable organisation they are blessed with donations of money and food we receive, and are thankful for all support given.

Last year Corenrstone served over 9,000 meals during their Wednesday and Friday programs, and supplied endless cups of tea/coffee, cakes and slices for morning tea. Due to the current financial climate and increased cost of living, the number of people accessing their programs is on the rise and therefore the amount of food they distribute is increasing also. During the school summer holidays we saw a rise in the amount of families that came with children for a feed, and then asked for a food hamper to take home. In recent months we have also supplied homeless swags to those without any form of shelter and a food hamper is always provided as well.

CRCA Prayer Calendar

Prayer changes things! If we believe this, then as CRCA we had better start praying that God will change the eternal destiny of our neighbours and country. In the 50 days from Easter, leading up to Pentecost, churches and individuals are encouraged to pray for the work of the gospel in Australia and beyond. To assist you in this, the Church Planting Taskgroup has put out a daily prayer calendar for people to use. Copies of the calendar are available from the information table and will be posted in the newsletter over the weeks between Easter and Pentecost.

Celebratory Dinner: Sunday 1st of May

We are proposing a Sunday evening **celebration** for our congregation where we give thanks to God for His goodness to us! In previous generations they had harvest thanksgivings as a way of recognizing God's care and provision.

Please keep Sunday evening of the 1st of May free to participate in this.

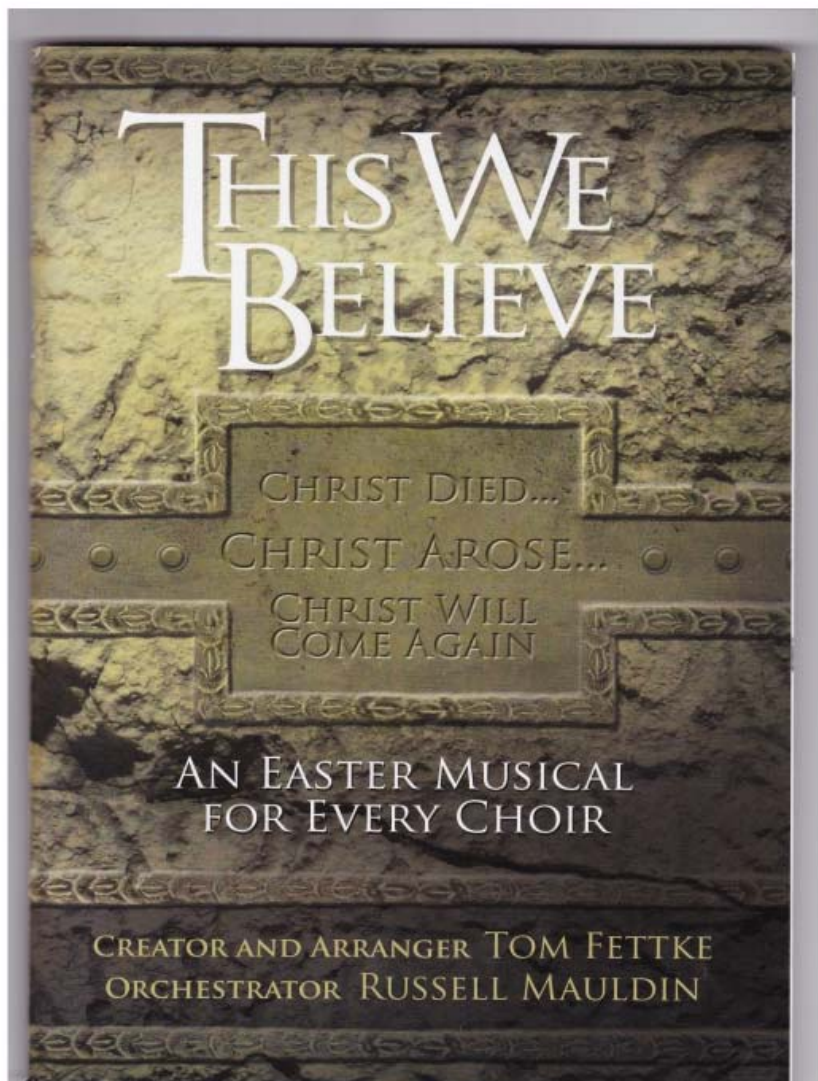
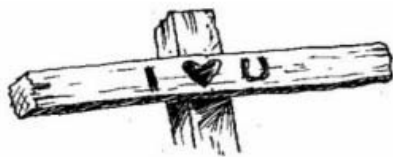
Come prepared to bring some food and to share some of the ways that God has blessed you in your life.

What do you want to say thank you to God for?

Organizational details will be available closer to the

date.

Jesus words in Luke 8:39 *“Return home and tell how much the Lord has done for you”* ... can be our invitation too!



**An Easter Cantata
sung by
Jubilate Choir
in the
Dandenong
Christian Reformed
Church
as part of the
6.00 pm Service
on Palm Sunday
17th April**

All Welcome