



17 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: It is Finished
John 19:30
Reading: John 19:28-37

6:00 PM Combined Service
Pastor Jim de Witte & Jubilate Choir
We Believe
Reading: John 20:24-31

WORSHIP GOOD FRIDAY

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte
6:00 PM Br Harry Burggraaf

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – KRUPA Childrens Home

GOOD FRIDAY

1 – Local Church
2 – WDR

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – The Bible League

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,723.25
RCYC Youth Aust.	\$570.40
Donation	\$150.00

ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: A. de Vos, A. de Witte, A. Coe.
Next Week: J. Joseph, F & C. Berman

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Matthew Noorbergen, Glen de Jong.
Next Week: Jennifer van Neutegem,
David Cameron

GREETERS

Today: ????
Good Friday Vera Steendam, Con Daniels.
Next week: Rita Piening

From the Pastor's Desk

This evening we have the wonderful privilege of having the Jubilate Choir join with us in a combined worship service. As we worship together they will minister to us through song and we will praise God as we join together in praise and as we gather around His Word. Thank you to the Jubilate Choir for the hours of practice that went into preparing for this

cantata. We pray that God will be glorified through your ministry and that we will be blessed and encouraged.

Just a reminder too that at 9.30am on Friday 22nd April we will gather as a church family to remember the death of our Lord Jesus Christ. On that Friday back in history Jesus carried the weight of the sin of the world; on that day he was forsaken by the Father; on that day he went through hell so we wouldn't have to. We remember and rejoice in that final sacrifice made for us. We remember that it was the weight of our sin that he carried, so at this time we recognise and confess our sin, and we acknowledge our need of Jesus our saviour. At this time we remember that 'God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son; that whoever believes in him shall not die, but have eternal life.' (John 3:16). Invite family and friends to join us in this special service.

Eternity

The *Eternity* newspaper is available from the foyer table for you to pick up 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.

Baptism

It is with a sense of joy and celebration that we look forward to the baptism of Jesse Meenks on Sunday 1st May in the morning service. Mark and Nyomie have expressed their desire for Jesse to be baptized and we, as a covenant community, want to affirm that desire and support them in their role as Christian parents.

Video Sermons

At our Church Council meeting last week we discussed the use of video sermons. There is a great deal of

fantastic preaching and teaching, by many gifted men and we would love to make use of them in the future. At the end of July we would like to trial the use of some video sermons in our evening services. The service would run as normal, led by our Pastor or an Elder. It would comprise all the elements of a regular service like prayer and singing, with the message being brought via video. We think that this would be a great way to utilise the blessing of gifted teachers to expound God's Word to us. We look forward to feedback from the congregation after we have trialled it.

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, 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.

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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 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.

The kids you don't see.

Many of us are disappointed/saddened when we see how few children come to the front of the church on Sunday morning for the children's talk. But did you know that for 50+ kids/teenagers, church happens on a Tues or Wed when they attend URY or JTeam. They, for many, are the kids you don't see and yet are an important part of our ministry here in Dandenong. In JTeam this term we gathered with approx. 25 grade prep to four students. We sang together, learnt about how God wants us to live, which is very different to what the world teaches and also played games. We made crafts, ate dinner together and laughed a lot. It was great to see the kids happily bound through the doors knowing that they were in a safe place where they were valued and respected.

At the end of last year we graduated approx 6 of our grade 4 students and it is wonderful to know that these children now attend our URY program.

So to all those hard working, dedicated people who run and help out at URY and JTeam, thank you for your faithfulness in ministering to these precious young ones, loved by God. God will bless the investment that you are making now.

To the church body here in Dandenong, even though you may not see the beautiful smiling faces of these

children, please remember to pray for them, their loved ones and the leaders/helper/support people who show and tell them of God's undying love through Jesus.

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)

Pastoral and Prayer Points

- **John Nicholson** was able to move for physio support after his hip surgery to Vic Rehab. while Heather remains with their daughter at Rowville.
- **Ulbe Siegersma** is thankful that his cataract surgery this past week went well.
- Continue to pray for **Ray van Breen**, who is now slowly recovering from his last lot of surgery. Pray for **John and Anne** who are living-in to support the family during this school -holiday time.
- Pray for **Wilma Tiley's** son Michael who had an industrial accident resulting in a crushed pelvis. He is in the Alfred Hospital.
- **Mieke Van Daalhuizen** is thankful to be home again!
- **Sjaan Siepel** remains in Dandenong Hospital after a fall. She is in West 4. and awaiting further assessment for her care.
- Pray for safe travels and God's care for **Christo Otto** who leaves for England this week for the cricket season.
- Pray for people who are waiting for surgery -**Peggy Hodgkinson** needs surgery for her oesophageal pouch as well as for her heart valve, and **John Bruinewoud's** hip surgery is still waiting to be done.
- 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 second week of radiation treatment.
- Please continue to uphold the nations of New Zealand and Japan as they still come to terms

with the devastation and rebuilding of their cities after the earthquakes and Tsunamis.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Amy Noorbergen	Today	April 17
Elvi Oinonen		April 18
Christo Otto		April 18
Adrian de Vos		April 22
Phillip van Neutegem		April 23

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

“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.

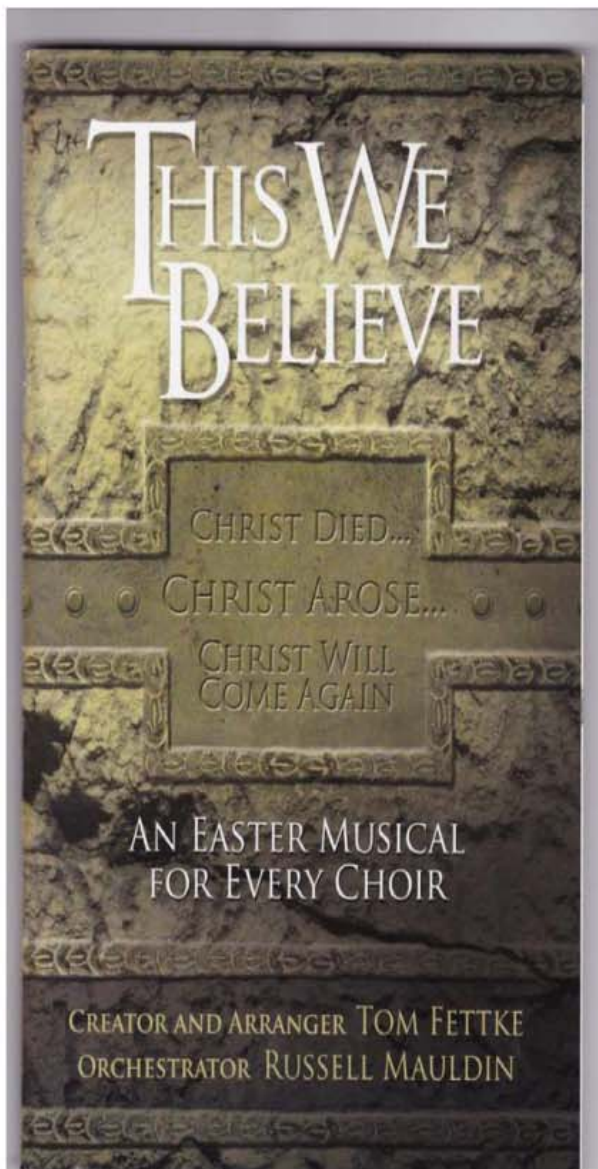
Jesus words in Luke 8:39 *“Return home and tell how much the Lord has done for you”* ... can be our invitation too!

Church Planting Taskgroup

As a denomination we have been challenged, via Synod, to consider Church planting initiatives. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow the church and see the kingdom grow. Back a few weeks ago the leaders from a number of the local CRCA churches met to consider ways to engage in a collaborative missionary church plant in the SE suburbs of Melbourne. After that initial meeting the various

Church Councils and Classis have been presented with the concept and we are looking to move forward with a taskgroup to plan and promote the work. A further meeting will be held on Saturday 30th April to decide on the next step. God has put this vision on the hearts of some people and we ask that the whole congregation be in prayer for work. At present we are not sure on

how to proceed, but we are in waiting for the Lord's direction. Please uphold this vision in prayer, asking for God's wisdom to prevail. More information can be obtained from Peter Noorbergen or Pastor Jim. There will also be further information in the newsletter in the weeks ahead



**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