



19 June 2011

THE CHURCH UNDER THE CROSS

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: Love is Kind (1 Corinthians 13:4)
Reading: 2 Samuel 9:1-13

6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte
Message: Forgiveness (Lord's Day 51)
Reading: Matthew 5:43-48; 6:9-15

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte
6:00 PM Pastor La'Mont Ferreira
(Pulpit Swap)

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Lord's Supper Diaconate

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Cornerstone

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$1,639.30
Oasis Youth Camp	\$372.75



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: J. Bruinewoud, P. Bruinewoud,
T. Raatjes

Next Week: J. Blik, E. Poppenbeck, S. Johnson

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Jennifer van Neutegem,
David Cameron

Next Week: Kevin de Jong, Ian Meenks

GREETERS

Today: Martin & Coby van Rossen

Next week: Yke & Anneke Laverman

From the Pastor's Desk

We live in a topsy-turvy world. The debate that has raged within the news media and the parliament about the live cattle trade to Indonesia is a case in point. We live in a civilised society and so our desire, rightly, should be that we wish to see animals treated humanely. The ABC 4Corners program that aired about how Australian cattle were being treated in Indonesian abattoirs caused quite a stir. I did not see the program, but I have heard and read about the graphic nature of what was filmed by a number of animal activists. It exposed some pretty horrendous treatment of the animals. Some of the defence for the way they were treated surrounded the necessity for them to be slaughtered in line with halal methods, but even that is questionable.

I am against animal cruelty but there are far bigger problems with our nation that need to be tackled as well. Having concern for animal welfare is important, but there are issues of far greater importance that the secular world studiously wants to ignore. There is another horrific form of slaughter which happens every day, yet without any media exposure or community outcry. What I'm referring to is the thousands of unborn babies who are killed each year in Australia and millions more around the world. One commentator has put the figure at 100,000 babies in Australia each year and 45-50 million each year across the globe!

The question I ask is whether or not we will ever see the ABC, or any other news outlet, run a story on this. Will they feature a full-colour, graphic, no-holds-barred documentary on this at prime time for the Australian public to witness? I somehow don't think so.

God, in his word, clearly instructs us that we are to hold firmly to the teaching of the sanctity of life because he does. Scripture teaches that human life is a precious gift from God and that murder is wrong. The fundamental prohibition on killing, and the basis for it, is set out in Genesis 9:6: "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man".

Uniquely among all creatures only man has the capacity for a relationship with God. Only man has a soul. Only man was made in God's image, God's likeness (Genesis 1:26). The Bible talks of God knowing an individual from conception (Jeremiah 1:5). David said he was "sinful from the time my mother conceived me". So David was in need of a Saviour from the very point of his conception. Job speaks of God moulding him like clay and forming his skin, flesh and bones (Job 10:9-11). In Psalm 139, the Psalmist praises God whom he says "created my inmost being ... [and] knit me together in my mother's womb". God's knowledge of the Psalmist goes back to his creation in the womb when he "was

made in the secret place". God saw his "unformed body", that is God saw the Psalmist as an embryo.

Uniquely in the created order, it is human life which is specially protected in the Bible. Our significance, and so, the claim to protection, derives not from our 'quality of life' or gifts and abilities, but from our status as being made in God's image.

Given the opportunity we should actively speak out, not only against the inhumane treatment of cattle to be consumed, but also the inhumane treatment of babies who are discarded like unwanted gifts from God. We live in a topsy-turvy world which cares nothing for the unborn child and cries out in protest at the inhumane treatment of cattle.

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.

Church Council

The Church Council meets again this coming Thursday (23rd June) at 7.30pm in the church. We value your prayers as we discuss issues surrounding the life of the congregation. If you have issues to be discussed then talk to an Elder, Deacon or Pastor Jim.

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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. This week we meet at John & Heather Nicholson's Unit 56 Outlookgardens. 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: 7:30 – 9:30 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.

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

Meets on Friday night 17th June at 7:30pm in the Church Office Lounge Room. Contact Martin van Rossen on 97957869.

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)

Marriage Enrichment weekend:

Last year Casey CRC held a marriage enrichment weekend for a number of couples from our church for the purpose of building better relationships between husband and wife.

Because the weekend was so well received by the

participants; Council decided that we should hold it again this year.

So if you have a desire to learn and develop some more communication and relationship skills for your marriage then this is for you!

Venue: Convention Lodge Belgrave Heights

Date 12th – 14th August

For more details please call either Betty or Herman Westendorp: 97968626

J TEAM FAMILY NIGHT

On Wednesday the 22nd of June we are having our last J Team for this term and we would like to invite you to come along and share this night with us. We start at 5p.m. and "Captain Eric" from the Berwick Church of Christ will be presenting the gospel in a fun way. After his presentation we will be having tea

together and you are invited to also stay for this. We have invited the parents of the children to come along so why not join us for a night of fun and entertainment.

The J Team Leaders

News from the Churches

Gateway Community Church (Yangebup, CRC) extended a call to Rev. Dave Groenenboom. This would be a shared/team ministry with Peter Smit. Dave will now be considering this call along with the call extended to him by Blacktown CRC on May 29.

Lord Willing, the installation of Rev Clinton Berends as the Minister at South Barwon CRCA will take place on Sunday 24 July 2011 at 4pm, in the auditorium of the Reformed Theological College, Pigdon's Road, Waurin Ponds. All are warmly invited to attend.

Point to Ponder

In the gospel we discover that we are far more wicked than we ever dared believe, yet more loved than we ever dared hope. (Tim Keller, *Ministries of Mercy*)

Lord's Supper

TODAY 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."

Rubbish Disposal

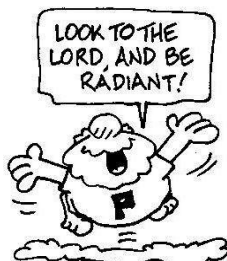
A reminder to all people who use the kitchen, **PLEASE** ensure that rubbish is disposed of properly as some body has left rubbish in a plastic bag in the store room which allowed **rats** to have a feast!!!

Your attention to this matter would be appreciated.

Corey van Garderen FMC

CRCA National Youth Convention

'Thy Kingdom', exploring creation, fall, redemption, recreation, is the theme of the National Youth Convention to be held in NSW, 3-8th January 2012. The main speakers for the convention are Murray Capill (RTC) and Matt Jacoby (Sons of Korah). All youth are encouraged to check out their pigeon holes and join the facebook group (CRCA Youth Convention 2012). For the latest updates.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Carmen Johson	June 21
George Zomerdyk	June 21
Rachael Hauke	June 23
Asher de Witte	June 25

After a certain number of birthdays, we begin to see the spontaneous beauty of the life God gives us each day, and we appreciate its unique pattern...

After a certain number of birthdays, we marvel at our own original design May this year of your life be blessed by knowing in every moment, in every day, He is shaping you in His loving and perfect design.

Pastoral and Prayer Points

- **Congratulations to George Zomerdijk** who will celebrate his 70th birthday this coming week! And belatedly to **Eleanor Gauder** who celebrated her 70th on Monday 13th. Having reached the three-score-years-and-ten is a milestone of God's grace and blessing! May God continue to give you both health and strength to continue to serve in His kingdom.
- Thankfully **Peggy Hodgkinson** has been given a date for her operation; she will go into hospital on the 28th June, for heart valve surgery. Pray that she will stay well and know God's peace of heart and mind.
- **Stefan Otto** broke his leg playing soccer last Friday. He has to take life a little slower now with the plaster and the crutches! Pray for the healing he needs.
- **Jen Van Neutegem** left yesterday for Thailand. Pray for her safety and for good work experiences for her there.
- **Pray for** all who are not well at this time, especially those who live by themselves. Pray for those caring for partners or family members who are frail in body or mind, and who need patience and wisdom each day.
- **Give thanks** for belonging to a caring community of God's people where burdens can be shared.