



10 July 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 Rev. Dirk van Garderen
(Bucklands Beach NZ)

Message:
Reading:

6:00 PM Br. Gerry de Groot
Message:
Reading:

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Rev Henk de Waard
6:00 PM TBA

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Gideons

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Cornerstone

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$3,294.60
Solomons Island	\$429.80
Donation Funeral	\$300.00



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: K. de Jong, B. Elfring, ?. Ellings
Next Week: P. de Jong, M. Meenks, C. Harrison,
I. Meenks.

PA & VIDEO :

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

GREETERS

Today: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels
Next week: George & Leny Zomerdyk

From the Pastor's Desk

This morning we welcome **Rev. Dirk Van Garderen** from New Zealand to lead us in worship, while Jim and Anita and their family enjoy a well-deserved holiday.

Tonight, our brother **Gerry de Groot** will lead us as we gather to worship again. May God bless us as we hear God's word for us today and as we look at how we live out that word of grace and hope in the week ahead. May we listen so that God's Word will touch our hearts and lives, to bring about the purposes of God in our world.

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.

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. This week we meet at John & Heather Nicholson's Unit 56 Outlook Gardens. 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: 7:30 – 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. 8pm on Wednesday night 20th July. We will be meeting at the home of Mark and Nyomie Meenks, 7 Meldrum Court, Narre Warren South. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Mark 0411953821.

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)

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.

Enrolment forms are now available from Pastor Jim or Kristy Noorbergen.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jennifer van Neutegem	Today	July 10
David Barrot		July 11
Corey van garderen		July 12
Marianne Piening		July 16

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

Pastoral and Prayer Points

- **Congratulations to Jennifer Van Neutegem** who celebrates her 21st birthday today

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(returning home from work experience in Thailand- just in time), and also to **Corey Van Garderen** who will turn 60 on Tuesday. These are milestones to be celebrated with thanksgiving to God! May God bless you with his gifts of love, grace, peace and joy!

- Also **the Pretorius family** celebrated the joyful occasion of the wedding of Chris to Sarah last Saturday! May God bless this young couple as they commence their life together.
- **Peggy Hodgkinson** has been able to come home from hospital. She still needs rest and recovery time, and will often be at her daughter Margaret's place during this time of recovery.
- Thankfully **Peter Bruinewoud** hopes to complete his chemotherapy this week.. it has been a long journey and God has sustained Peter during this time.
- Pray for God to bless **Fred Piening** as he continues to undergo chemotherapy.
- **Klaas Appel** completes his week at 'Avondrust' today and will then be at his daughter's place. With Janny away in Uganda, hold them both in prayer.
- We heard from **Viola Hodder's** family that her little grandson Thomas is now making his own platelets and that the drug treatment has started to work. A real point of praise. Thank you for your prayers.
- **Pray** for refreshment for **Jim and Anita** and the family over this holiday break.
- **Pray** for all who are not well or who are undergoing treatment at this time. May they know God's enabling strength and his healing grace.

Church Planting Meeting

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 God's kingdom grow. A number of meetings have been held with some leaders from the local CRCA churches to consider a collaborative missionary church plant in the SE suburbs of Melbourne. At the heart of these meetings is a strong desire for the local churches to be united for the sake of the gospel, as we network together. Classis has given support to the initiative and things are beginning to take shape.

Following these meetings a small group is working on a draft mandate/memorandum of understanding for approval and there is work being done on identifying

leaders and people who would be part of the church plant. The next step is a planned meeting of interested people in Pakenham on Sunday 24th June. The meeting will be held in the home of Chris and Michelle Span (6 Riddell Grove, Pakenham).

God has put this vision on the hearts of some people and we ask that all the churches be united in prayer for work. While there are things happening we are really waiting for the Lord's direction on the best way to proceed. Please uphold this vision in prayer, asking for God's wisdom to prevail.

More information will continue to come through as things progress in this exciting venture. Further details can be obtained from Peter Noorbergen or Pastor Jim.

OP SHOP NEEDS

The op shop has been doing so well this winter we are getting low on winter clothes and linen. So get into the back of your cupboards and find those things you don't use anymore. We will turn them into money to help the needy in our local community. Please bring donations in on Thursdays and Fridays, or speak with Anneke Laverman or Nel Steunenberg about another time to drop them off or have them picked up.

CAR BOOT SALE IN OCTOBER?

Last year the Op shop committee organised the Car Boot Sale. This year we would like to hand that task to someone else, or a few people. If you think you could co-ordinate this event, or be the contact person, or just on a committee to help organise this, please let Anita de Witte know. If we have no takers, the car boot sale will not run this year.

CRCWA : Women's Convention

24th - 27th February 2012

All women who would like to attend the Women's Convention in Tasmania next year can now obtain their enrolment form from the church office or from Henni Burggraaf.

Applications will close by the 16th December. Email copies can be obtained on request from CRCWC12@gmail.com

Worthy Women Dinner

'To Die For'

Friday 19th August

Come for a great night of food and fellowship with guest speaker.

Tickets available

email or ring Julie Bouma for enquiries:

Email: julieana.bouma@bigpond.com

Ph: 9735 5765

Thankyou very much.

Hosted by Worthy Women Committee of Mt Evelyn Christian Reformed Church

J-Team Craft

Wanted:

- Glass jars (any size) with lids
- Pop Top lids if you have any of these items please pass them on to Amy or Kristy Noorbergen.

Video Sermons

On Sunday the 24th July we will be having our first evening service with video teaching by Allan Demond (New Hope Baptist). 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 presented via DVD. We think that this would be a great way to utilise the blessing of gifted teachers, like Allan, to expound God's Word to us. We look forward to feedback from the congregation after we have trialled it.

Reflection

from Henni

Our television screens bring home to us at the moment the incredible suffering of the people of Somalia, in the horn of Africa. Seeing the drought stricken conditions that have caused the starvation, deaths, and movement of thousands of people hoping to find refuge, food, water, and safety in the canvas refugee accommodation on Kenya's borders, - only to have their children die in their arms- it brings tears to our eyes.

Where is the help and aid that is so desperately needed?

So much of our world is suffering... an email from Sudan crossed my desk informing us of what is really happening -as North Sudanese Military Forces, arm dissenting groups and cause tribal assaults in which people are killed and forcibly displaced from areas, causing changes in the mix of civilians. People are targeted for killing and displacement on the base of tribe, race and color -ethnic cleansing is to civil a word for such intentional murder of thousands of people. More than 160,000 people have been displaced by these actions and left homeless. Where is the help and aid that is so desperately needed? The psalmist (Ps.46, Ps.77 etc.) knew that in a world that is unjust, where things are beyond our control, we look to a God who is sovereign, who is mighty to redeem, and who has in the past acted, to provide help and strength to people who call upon Him. Recalling God's sovereign rule over our world is a comforting thing, but it also reminds us that God uses His own people to act for Him and with Him to bring relief and comfort and help in times of need. God uses us as a resource. Prayer and action belong together. In our personal circumstances as well, we may often feel powerless and in great need of help and strength. That's when we turn to God "*the Lord Almighty, who is with us, the God of Jacob who is our fortress*" "*our ever present help in trouble*" and therefore we will not fear... but rather, we will be still and know that God is God in our world and He is able to provide!

PRAYER
WORX



You are warmly invited to attend...

Trivia and Soup night!

★ Come along and test your trivia knowledge or just spend some time with other members of your congregation ★

When? 23rd July starting at 6:00.

Where? Here in the church hall.

There will be a gold coin donation at the door with all money raised going towards the upcoming Youth Convention.

Please RSVP to: Lynette Pretorius, Dave Barrot or Kristy Noorbergen.



★ This night has been organised by the Venture Youth Bible Study. ★