



4 September 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: The Father Heart of God  
(Psalm 103:13)  
Readings: Psalm 103:10-13; Luke 15:11-32

6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte  
Message: The Pain, the Prayer, and the Praise  
Reading: Psalm 13

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte  
6:00 PM Pm. Pastor La'Mont Ferreira  
(Afrikaans Service)  
Pastor Jim in Casey

### OFFERINGS

#### THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Diaconate

#### NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Solomon Islands

#### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$3,053.10
J Team	\$460.65
Donation Laptop Computer	\$500.00



### ROSTERS

#### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: J. Esselbrugge, H. Zwaal,  
V. Steendam, R. Painter.  
Next Week: G. Smedes, C. Span, J. Schapendonk,  
Kimmer/Wang  
In 2 Weeks: D. Mekking, R. Selvaratnam, L.Dixon  
In 3 Weeks H. van der Kruk, N. Steunenberg,  
H. van der Jagt

#### PA & VIDEO :

Today: Kevin de Jong, Ian Meenks  
Next Week: David & Phillip Ellings

#### GREETERS

Today: George & Leny Zomerdyk  
Next week: Peter & Atie Bruinewoud

### From the Pastor's Desk

I want to wish all of our fathers out there a Happy Father's Day. I have discovered that it is not easy being a dad. But being a Mum isn't easy either. Being a kid isn't easy - or a teenager, or married, or single, or being middle-aged, or a senior... each stage of life is difficult in its own way. But each stage is exciting in other ways. With each step we continue to walk with, and trust, God. May each of us continue to do that every day. This Father's Day, let us look at the great example of our Heavenly Father who has

shown us such amazing and unconditional love. I hope that you all have a great day as we worship our great God this morning, especially when we reflect on his amazing grace that comes to us through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, who gave his life that we might live.

### Afrikaans Service

Next Sunday evening (11<sup>th</sup> September) at 6pm we will be holding our next Afrikaans Service. Through this service we are extending an invitation to South African families to attend a special worship service in the Afrikaans language. It will be a Service conducted by Rev. LaMont Ferreira. We value your continued prayers for this missional activity that gives us the wonderful opportunity to reach a section of our community with the gospel so they might say ‘we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!’ (Acts 2:11)

### 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)

### Eternity

The August edition of *Eternity* newspaper is available from the foyer table for you to pickup and read. It is an Australian publication which comes out monthly and contains some very interesting articles wrestling with life and church.

### Elder/Deacon Nominations

The Church Council is seeking nominations from the congregation of suitable people to be considered for the ministry of Elder or Deacon in the church. We have two Elders who are due to finish their terms (Corey van Garderen and Peter Noorbergen) and two Deacons (Henni Burggraaf and Aakfe Span). Please prayerfully consider whom you might nominate or even whether you might be able to stand yourself. Nominations must be received before our next meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> October.

### News from the Churches

**Langwarrin CRC** extended a call to Rev. Laurens Nel, a South African Pastor. Laurens has accepted the call and will undergo a Colloquium Doctum (discussion of life, learning and ministry).

**Casey CRC** extended a call to Dan Kroon to join their ministry team. Dan declined the call so we continue to keep Casey in our prayers as they continue their search.

**Hope in the Hills (Tecoma CRC)** have drawn up a short list of ministers that they are currently having discussions with.

**South Gippsland CRC is still considering possible options.**

### Pastoral and Prayer Points

- Pray for Peggy Hodgkinson who remains in Monash hospital, where she is being treated for an infection involving her heart. Pray also for her daughters,

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Margaret and Angela as they support her through this difficult time.

- Roland Weimen is becoming physically weak and frail – pray for Doris and his family as they provide the love and presence he needs at this time.
- We rejoice with the VanBreen family in receiving the good news that Ray's MRI shows that he is clear of cancer! We thank God with them for this outcome.
- Betty Vanderberg was offered a placement at Dutch Care Kilsyth and transferred there on Wednesday. She can be visited at Princess Margriet in the Waterlily section room 308.
- Felix and Allison Berman are travelling overseas, and we wish them God's care and a safe return.
- Congratulations to Joanne Schapendonk who has announced her engagement to Bob!

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Eric Spangenberg	September 7
Janny de Groot	September 8
Anita de Witte	September 8
Julie de Jong	September 10

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!

### LEPROSY MISSION

**I would like to collect all your savings boxes as soon as possible.**

**Thank you Corry Blik.**

### SAVE THE DATE:

This year the Car Boot sale is being combined with a Family Fun day on the 5th of November so please mark it on your calendars and spread the news! More details will be announced in the upcoming weeks.

## 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: 7:30 – 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. Our next meeting will be on Sunday 11th September at Harry and Jannette's place for lunch after church.

### DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

Meets on Friday night 9th September at 7:30pm in the Church Office Lounge Room. Contact Martin van Rossen on 97957869.

### Long life a gospel truth

PEOPLE who attend a church, synagogue, mosque or Buddhist monastery live longer. Survival odds are 29 per cent higher for those who are involved in religion at a private and public level. Scientists from the US National Institute for Healthcare aren't sure why, but they believe regular worshippers lead healthier lives than people who are not religious. Church-goers are less likely to drink and smoke and more likely to stay married. The research supports other studies linking religious involvement to lower blood pressure and a lower risk of heart disease.

WENDY BUSFIELD