



6 November 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: Steadfast Love  
Reading: Psalm 107

**2 pm.** Combined Farewell Service for Rev. Peter Mechielsen at Langwarrin CRC (see elsewhere for details)

6:00 PM No evening service in Dandenong  
(Combined Service at Langwarrin)

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Eric Maefonea (Solomon Islands)  
6:00 PM Afrikaans Service

### OFFERINGS

#### THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Kids Church

#### NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Wycliffe Bible Translators

#### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges N/A



### ROSTERS

#### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: W. Tiley, A. Coe, C. Daniels,  
G. de Groot

Next Week: K. de Jong, B. Elfring, D&P. Ellings

In 2 Weeks: P. de Jong, I. Meenks, C. Harrison

In 3 Weeks J. Otto, G. Heerdink, P. Noorbergen,  
M. Kruizinga

#### PA & VIDEO :

Today: David & Phillip Ellings

Next Week: Matthew Noorbergen, Glenn de Jong

#### GREETERS

Today: Martin & Coby van Rossen

Next week: Yke & Anneke Laverman

### From the Pastor's Desk

It is good to be back amongst the Dandenong Church family after a weekend with the people of Hope in the Hills (Tecoma). We value your prayers as we have this restless time of waiting to see what happens, and where we are meant to serve the people of God. Next week we travel to Sydney to spend time with Anita's family celebrating her parents' 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

In preparing a sermon last week on some verses from Romans 10:1-4 I came across an anonymous, challenging poem entitled 'My Friend.'

My friend, I stand in the judgment now  
 And feel that you're to blame somehow.  
 On earth, I walked with you day by day  
 And never did you point the way.

You knew the Lord in truth and glory,  
 But never did you tell the story.  
 My knowledge then was very dim;  
 You could have led me safe to Him.

Though we lived together on the earth,  
 You never told me of the second birth.  
 And now I stand this day condemned,  
 Because you failed to mention Him.

You taught me many things, that's true;  
 I called you 'friend' and trusted you.  
 But I learn now that it's too late,  
 You could have kept me from this fate.

We walked by day and talked by night,  
 And yet you showed me not the light.  
 You let me live, and love, and die,  
 You knew I'd never live on high.

Yes, I called you 'friend' in life,  
 And trusted you through joy and strife.  
 And yet on coming to the end,  
 I cannot, now, call you 'my friend.'

What about your friends? Co-workers? Fellow students?  
 Your family? Is it for them the greatest story never heard.  
 Is the story of God's love and grace the greatest story  
 they will miss out on hearing? It gave me pause to think  
 and pray for those around me, that there will be the  
 opportunity for them to hear the greatest story ever. As  
 we build up to Christmas, may God give us the  
 opportunity to tell the old, old story (as the hymn goes)  
 of Jesus and his love.

**Association for Christian Senior  
 Citizens Homes Inc.  
 Outlook Gardens Christian Retirement  
 Village and Hostel**

**Annual General Meeting.**

The Annual General meeting of the Association for Christian Senior Citizens' Homes Inc. will be held at 2.00pm on Saturday 19th November, 2011 in the Outlook Gardens Community Centre, next door to the Reformed Church of Dandenong, at the corner of Gladstone Road and Outlook Drive, Dandenong North.

Members of the Association and other interested persons are invited to put this date in their dairies and to attend this meeting.

For all enquires please contact Hostel Reception on: 9795 7566

**Solomon Islands News**

If you're up on all the latest news about the Solomon Island Mission you will have heard that Kevin & Machi Rietveld are retiring and Eric & Jamima Maefonea have agreed and have been appointed to take their place. We are so thankful to God that He has been working behind the scenes preparing Eric over the past 5 years to take on this role. Eric is a Solomon Islander who was the senior Pastor of the Church Kevin & Machi attended. He felt called to further study and moved to Lilydale to Study at the Melbourne School of Theology (formerly the Bible College of Victory). Eric has passed a Colloquium Doctum with Classis Tasmania and has been appointed to take over from Kevin.

We at Mt Evelyn CRC have agreed to be Eric &

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<p>Newsletter compiled by Adrian de Vos. Email <a href="mailto:newsletter@dcrc.org.au">newsletter@dcrc.org.au</a> Phone 9547 6878 News items dead line is 5 PM Wednesday.</p>		



## **Outlook Gardens Aged Care Facility Volunteers Wanted**

Assistance needed to work with Leisure and Lifestyle programs. Activities include Ladies Groups, Morning and Afternoon Teas, Games, Outings, Shopping Trips, Craft etc.

Any assistance would be appreciated.  
Please phone 9795 7566 and ask for Rosemary.

### **Box Hill Youth Service 'Once Born-Twice Born'**

The next Youth Service will be held at 6pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at Box Hill CRC (28 Watts St, Box Hill). What do Christians mean when they say they are 'born again?' Have you ever felt like a 'born again' Christian is trying to 'convert' you? What is conversion? Who is at work in conversion? Regeneration, or being 'born again', is the making alive of sinners who were spiritually dead. It is the revitalising a person by implanting a new desire, purpose and moral ability that lead to a positive response to the gospel of Christ. Whether you agree or disagree, come and explore what the Bible says about conversion and the implications of God's miraculous work of taking us to conscious, active faith in Christ.

Invite your friends along to hear more, and hang around afterward for some good food and good conversation!

### **Hope for Creation**

Hope For Creation is a Day of Prayer on **Sunday 6th November 2011**, offering churches and Christians around Australia and the world an invitation to join together for a day of prayerful response to the issue of climate change. As stewards of God's creation, they invite all Christians to join in praying for our earth, for our leaders, for our children's futures, and for our poorest neighbours who are hit first and hardest by climate change.

As Christians we have a responsibility to care for God's creation as good stewards of the earth. We can pray for God's forgiveness for times we may have fallen short of this responsibility, and ask God to help us act in ways that care for creation and heal our damaged environment.

We also have reason to hope. We can pray that God would help our leaders in government and business to choose wise decisions and good stewardship over our shared earth and its resources. And we can put our faith in action by choosing to live sustainably and truly be the good stewards that God intended us to be.

The key organisers of Hope for Creation are TEAR Australia, World Vision, and ETHOS (Evangelical Alliance Centre for Christianity and Society). Hope For Creation also has support from many more Australian Christian organisations and major church denominations.

We will spend some time in our service this morning in prayer for our world.

## **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 Audry Kloppenburg's Unit 47 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:**

is meeting today for lunch at Kath and Colin's place, 4 Thurso Court, Endeavour Hills.

### **DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY GROUP:**

Meets on Friday night 11th November at 7:30pm in the Church Office Lounge Room. Contact Martin van Rossen on 97957869.