



13 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 Eric Maefonea (Solomon Islands)
Message: TBA
Reading: TBA

6:00 PM Br. Colin Pretorius Afrikaans Service

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte
6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Wycliffe Bible Translators

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – RTC

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,241.10
Kidz Church	\$337.65
Re imbursement Study Books	\$67.90



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: K. de Jong, B. Elfring, D&P. Ellings
Next Week: P. de Jong, I. Meenks, C. Harrison
27 November J. Otto, G. Heerdink, P. Noorbergen,
M. Kruizinga
4 December A & Y. Pleiter, D. Cameron,
D. van Neutegem

PA & VIDEO :

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

GREETERS

Today: Yke & Anneke Laverman
Next week: Corry Blik

From the Pastor's Desk

This morning we are privileged to have Pastor Eric Maefonea, and his wife Jemima, worship with us. As you would have read in the Newsletter last week, Eric and Jemima have been appointed to take over the Solomon Islands Mission from Kevin & Machi Rietveld, with the transition taking place over the next few years.

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) Mt Evelyn CRC will be Eric's sending church.

This morning Eric will bring us God's Word from the letter to the Hebrews. We pray that God will bless us through the preaching of his word and that we can be a blessing to Eric and Jemima. But through it all, may God be praised as we gather this morning, and again this afternoon.

This afternoon is another Afrikaans service, through which we minister to those migrant families from South Africa. Come along and be a blessing to these people who attend.

Eternity Newspaper

The November edition of *Eternity* is available for you to read. It raises the question of how we are to view people who predict the rapture...and get it wrong.

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)

COM Christmas Appeal

We have a wonderful opportunity to bless the children of Chennai, India. On **Sunday 27th** November we will be holding a door offering after both services. The funds collected then will be passed through to our Children's Home in Chennai so they too can celebrate Christmas,

and each child will also receive a gift. For more information please John & Ann van Breen.

**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.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Harry Piening	November 15
Ann Daniels	November 17

With many special thoughts of you and prayers that God will bless Your birthday and the year ahead with every happiness.

Box Hill Youth Service 'Once Born-Twice Born'

TODAY

The next Youth Service will be held at 6pm **TODAY** Sunday 13th 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

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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!

Pastoral and Prayer Points

- Pray for **Mieke Van Daalhuizen** who was hospitalized at the Alfred Hospital this past week for a recurring leg infection. She has now moved to Caulfield Rehab. for her treatment and support needs.
- **George Zomerdijk** was hospitalized after chest pain and transferred to the Epworth Hospital on Thursday for triple by-pass surgery on Friday. Leny is taking accommodation in the city for ease of access. Please pray for them and the healing George will need after surgery.
- **Jo de Vries** has had some corrective eye surgery done this past week and we trust this will be beneficial for her vision.
- **Les Barrot** continues to stay in the Valley hospital, undergoing further tests. Please continue to pray for Les and Lidia, as he spends this time in hospital.
- Young **Riley Barrot** also spend time in hospital with respiratory difficulties. We can give thanks to God that, with the right medication, he is now doing well.
- Continue to pray for **Emily de Witte** as she concludes her final VCE exam on Thursday 17th – Food Technology. Pray for God's enabling strength to sustain her in her study, revision and writing.
- **Pastor Jim** is feeling the limits of living and moving with a few cracked ribs at present, (due to engaging in a non-contact sport where the non-contact was a bit forceful!) Pray for the healing (6 weeks) he needs. The De Witte family is away in NSW this week-end for Anita's parents' 50th wedding anniversary. We trust this will be a special time of celebration for Anita's parents and family.

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:

will be meeting this Wednesday night 8pm at the home of Nel Steunenber, 18/237 Outlook Drive North Dandenong. Please park on the road outside the village, or in the church car park.

Family Fun Day / Car Boot Sale Update

This years family fun day was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who came along and gave a hand running the different activities. We managed to raise a grand total of \$1272.40. This money will go towards sending some of our young people to convention next year.

Final Youth Service for 2011

The Youth of Mt Evelyn invite you to the **FINAL STATE YOUTH SERVICE OF 2011!**

Date: 6.00pm, Sunday 20th November

Venue: Mt Evelyn CRC, 45-47 Birmingham Rd, Mt Evelyn

We're going to finish the year in **CONCERT OF PRAISE** featuring the **MERCY YOUTH BAND!!!**

PLUS we'll be commissioning a team of 21 young people as we send them out to **AFRICA** for the

inaugural ***SCHOOLIES REVOLUTION 2011.***

We look forward to ***PRAISING OUR GREAT GOD WITH YOU!***

**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

Mentor Training

As a Church Council we have been challenged to be more active in the area of mentoring and discipleship. We are working through some material on why, how and whom. As part of our training we are holding a training morning on **Saturday 19th November** in the church. If you are interested in being involved then set this date aside and join us. If we don't hear from you, then we are likely to approach you about joining us. It is as we minister to one another we will grow as a church and community.

Please prayerfully consider coming, and let Pastor Jim know this week if you are attending.



Article Uploads for T&S Website have begun
Eleven feature articles published from **September to December 2009** in the Trowel & Sword magazine have been uploaded to the T&S website, together with some **letters to the editor** from October 2009 - (<http://www.trowelandsword.org.au/Contents/Back%20Issues/Feature%20Articles/2000s/2009/archF2009.htm>)

At the moment we are concentrating on loading feature articles and will now move into 2010 before going back to 2000 and loading up all types of items to the end of 2010. After that Lord willing we will go to the 90s folders.

We have sent off emails today to various sources from which we gleaned articles for the physical magazine. Many requests have been lodged to both upload items already published in T&S as well as permission to upload new items in the future to the stand alone internet version of T&S.

Geoff van Schie
Interim editor

Afrikaans Service

Tonight, at 6pm, we will be holding an Afrikaans Service. Through this service we are extending an invitation to South African families to attend a special worship service in the Afrikaans language. The service will be lead by Br. Colin Pretorius. Feel free to join the service to build relationships with the Afrikaans speaking people in our area.

J Team Christmas Play

On the 30th of November we will be having our end-of-year Christmas

breakup for J Team. The kids will be singing and presenting a play to

which parents and family will be invited. Please pencil this date into

your dairies as it is always wonderful to have people from the

congregation come along and share this night with us. More details

will follow. As we would like to make up lolly bags to give to the children

on this night, we are asking if you would be able to

help us by adding a bag of lollies or wrapped chocolates to your shopping list. If you can, all donations would be gratefully accepted and can be given to Jim or

Jeanette. Thanks from the J Team Leaders.



OP SHOP NEWS

The Op shop has had a very busy and productive year so far, so we thought we'd let the congregation know how we are going. In the first 8 months of trading this year we raised an amazing \$20 000! We have been able to help many needy people with this money, and here is how. We give monthly donations of \$800 to the Shawlands Workgroup, \$200 to Cornerstone Dandenong and \$200 to Transit (Keith Vethaak's group which helps the homeless in Narre Warren). We also like to bless groups with one off donations when our bank balance looks too healthy! We have helped Hand Brake Turn, our own deacons, and bought a fridge for Transit. There are other donations we give from time to time also. Please pray for the committee to have wisdom in making these decisions.

We often receive too many donations, so we share goods/clothes we don't have room for with Diabetes Australia. At the end of winter we donated a lot of warm clothes to be sent to Russia, at the end of summer we pack boxes for Sri Lanka.

A lot of hard work happens each week in set up and pack up and running the shop in between. A big thank you to every person who contributes to this ministry. It's great to see that our hard work blesses so many people, in the Lord's name.

A modern paraphrase of the
23rd Psalm by Henry van Dyke

The Teacher Psalm

The Lord is my Teacher;
I shall not lose the way
He leadeth me in the lowly
paths of learning,
He prepareth a lesson for me
every day.
He bringeth me to the clear
fountains of instruction
little by little He showeth me
the beauty of truth
He taketh me by the hand to
the hill-top of vision
and my soul is glad when I
perceive His meaning.

In the valley He also walketh
beside me
in the dark places He
whispereth to my soul,

Even though my lesson be
hard, it is not hopeless.
For the Lord is patient with
His slow scholar.
He will wait awhile for my
weakness,
and help me to read the truth
through tears

THINK IT OVER

If you can speak for Christ in spite of sneering, Or
to the most unlovely one show love;
If you can hear the call of God to labour, And
answer, "Yes" in yieldedness and trust, And go to
tell the story of the Saviour To souls in darkness o'er
the desert dust;
If you can pray when Satan's darts are strongest,
And take the road of faith instead of sight; Or walk
with God, e'en tho' His way is longest, swerve not to
the left nor to the right;
If you desire Himself alone to fill you,
For Him alone you care to live and be;
Then 'tis not you, but CHRIST Who dwells within
you,
And that, O child of God is victory!

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