



27 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: Christ's Advent- Our Hope
(Titus 2:11-14)
Readings: Luke 1:26-38; 46-56; Titus 2:11-14

6:00 PM Pastor Keith Vethaak
Message: Evangelism the Jesus Way
Readings: John 4:1-25

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte
7:00 PM Combined Sri Lankan Choirs
(at 7pm)

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Diaconate

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Church Planting Taskgroup

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,845.45
RTC	\$500.20



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: J. Otto, G. Heerdink, P. Noorbergen,
M. Kruizinga

Next Week: A & Y. Pleiter, D. Cameron,
D. van Neutegem

11 December J. de Jong, R. Painter, V. Steendam,
M. van Rossen

18 December G. Huinink, K. Knol, F & H. Piening.

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Kevin de Jong, Ian Meenks

Next Week: David & Phillip Ellings

GREETERS

Today: Rita Piening

Next week: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels

From the Pastor's Desk

It is hard to miss that Christmas is just around the corner! The junk mail catalogues pile up daily, the stores are stocking Christmas decorations and the shopping centres play Christmas Carols! We also know that Christmas is coming because there is so much to do, and so many things to finish off before the holidays and so we find ourselves rushing around in a frenzy. Into this time we, rightly call, the 'Silly Season' we will be slowing down on Sunday mornings to reflect on the birth of our Saviour. We will do that from the perspective of the past, but also

looking into the future; reflecting back on his first coming and forward to his second coming; looking at the hope, encouragement, incentive and expectation that it brings us. I pray that you will be blessed by this short series.

Today we also join together as fellow believers around the Lord's Table. This points us forward too. Christmas was the gift of God for the world, a gift that came at the huge cost of the death of Jesus on our behalf. As we meet around the table may we give thanks to God for his grace and goodness. If you are visiting with us today and would like to join us, then please talk to the greeters on the door who will introduce you to an Elder or Pastor Jim.

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

Today we have a wonderful opportunity to bless the children of Chennai, India, as we hold a special 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.

OP SHOP REQUEST

We are in need of able bodied people at pack up time on Friday afternoons from 4.30pm-5pm. We have different people who pop in and help us when they can which is great, but we have had some weeks where we have had no help and it has been left to a few of the older volunteers. It is an enormous task which can be done very quickly if we have a few strong people. If you think you can help once a month, or every Friday I am making a roster up until the end of the year. The dates are 25/11, 2/12, 9/12, 16/12. We then have a break until 2nd Feb. Please consider helping us- we really need it. Anita de Witte.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Marko Otto	November 29
Zoe de Witte	November 30
Wiaa Mut	December 3

To feel joy deeply, to live love daily, to forever know God's presence in your life... these are our wishes for you.

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

Pastoral and Prayer Points

- We praise God that **George Zomerdijk** was able to move to rehab. at Camberwell and is expecting to be able to come home in the coming week.
- **Les Barrot** was admitted to Cabrini on Thursday for surgery on Friday. Pray for good outcomes from the surgery and the healing he needs.
- **John de Haan** is spending time in **respite** at 'Avond rust' Carrum Downs for two weeks. He will appreciate a visit.
- Pray for those struggling with health issues: **Charlie Nash** has needed treatment this week, others are feeling the limits of their physical and mental abilities; **Jonathan Burggraaf** was saddened by the sudden death of a co-worker; others face the need for assessments and the starting of support services so that they can continue to live independently for a little longer.
- After being discharged **Audrey Anderson** was re-hospitalized with chest pain. She was discharged on Wednesday and is now staying with family till she gains more strength. Pray for her.
- **Mieke Van Daalhuizen** value our prayers as she continues to be assessed and treated at the Caulfield Health Hospital. Pray that she will build up her strength.
- **Pray for Pastor Jim and Anita and the De Witte family** as they process prayerfully, the **call from Toowoomba CRC** and ongoing interest being expressed from **Redlands CRC**.
- **Pray** for choir members and their ministry during these coming busy weeks – as they proclaim the Good News in song.

J TEAM END OF YEAR PLAY

Yes it is that time of the year when the J Team kids proudly put on the Christmas play and have their end of year party. It is great to hear the kids boldly proclaim that it is Jesus' birthday and to listen to them practising their songs. They get really excited at the prospect of being able to have their parents come along and watch them up on stage. As leaders we would be equally excited if people from our congregation could also come along and join us. So why not come on Wed. 30th Nov. at 5p.m. to watch the play and then stay for a bite to eat. The night should finish at around 6.30p.m. Thank you also to those who have donated lollies. Much appreciated.

The Leadership Team.

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:

now meets fortnightly on alternate Wednesday nights and Sunday afternoons. For more information please call Mark Meenks on 0411953821.

SUNDAY NIGHT BREAD DELIVERY.

Tonight will be the last free bread delivery to the church on a Sunday night. This service has been going for many years, and we really want to express our appreciation and thanks to all those people who have organised pickup, and were a part of delivery and packing etc over many years. Your sacrifice and hard work has been a real blessing to all of us. We will be handing our bread run on to another group, as it was becoming a greater burden to a smaller group of people to continue the pickup, and there was some wastage when we couldn't give it all away each week.

We have been able to source bread elsewhere to keep the Shawlands Caravan Park freezer stocked. We will try to keep some bread in the church deep freeze for the use of the deacons and Op Shop to hand out to needy people. Please only take this bread if you really can't afford to buy bread yourself.



SHAWLANDS REPORT AND REQUEST

Our **last BBQ** on 11th November, was well attended by the residents. There were quite a number of new faces -new people who have recently moved into the park. We continue to build bridges with residents providing practical and moral support as well as bringing a God-perspective to their lives where they are open to that. But above all we offer them friendship and loving acceptance. This week again we were asked by management to provide support for one of the residents who has been there for 9 years. She is allowing us to journey alongside her through some difficult issues which make her quite vulnerable. Another family (J Team children) is now looking at moving out into a house and we can help them with practical support. We pray that our presence and love can make a difference in their lives – as we represent Jesus to them.

We are planning a Christmas Party for the park residents on Saturday 10th December 4.00 – 9.00pm

REQUEST

You, too, can bless a family this Christmas with a gift.

We invite congregational members to participate in the gift hampers we are preparing this year for all the families and single units that make their home at the Shawlands Caravan Park.

We want to include a **festive tin of biscuits** in the gift packs this year.

You can help us by donating tins of biscuits for each caravan. We need at least 100 and require them at church by the 4th of December.

We will have a table set up to receive them. Thank you!

We also invite you to come and support us in our Christmas program at the park by coming along to

join in the Carol singing, (arrive between 7.30-8.00pm) on Saturday 10th December. We would value your prayers for this outreach venture.

The Shawlands Workgroup

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!**

DUTCH CHRISTMAS

NEDERLANDS KERSTFEEST

We would like to extend a warm invitation to your congregation to come along and celebrate Christmas in the Dutch language, which will be held D.V. on Saturday, 10th December at 6.00 pm at the Dandenong Christian Reformed Church.

The program will include community singing, choirs and a Christmas message.

A collection will be held for Palliative Care.

Supper with Raisin Bread – Krentebrood – will be served at conclusion.

We trust that the Dutch Christmas will be a great and God honouring event as it has been in the past.

Ria Driehuyzen,

On behalf of the sub-committee

Jubilate Choir

SHAWLANDS WORK GROUP

The final meeting for this year will be on the 28th of November at the Church at 8:00 pm.

PLEASE, ALL BE THERE.

Pakenham Church Plant

Today Jack de Vries will be meeting with all involved with the new work at Pakenham to give some input, ideas, encouragement and motivation.

The meeting will be held on **Sunday 27th November at 2pm at Pakenham Baptist Church (1 Bentley Close, Pakenham)**. Jack is renowned for his work in Church planting, so it will be fantastic for us to glean as much as we can from him on this visit.

Anyone interested in this new ministry are welcome to be part of the day, whether you are curious or committed to it, come along on the day.

ACCESS Chaplaincy

Last week we took a special look at ACCESS Ministries CRE teaching in local Primary schools across Victoria. As well as training and resourcing CRE teachers ACCESS is also very involved with training and supporting Chaplain in schools across Victoria.

A chaplain is a value add for every school community and a key part of the school welfare team.

Representing a wide spread of denominations, chaplains provide a professional, confidential and spiritual presence in the school. The chaplain's role includes the formation and implementation of programs targeting core and specific school issues, for example bullying, eating disorders or truancy as well as providing support for children in crisis.

There will be Chaplains supporting children in 280 Victorian schools next year. The problem is that \$55,000 can be raised by ACCESS before the 20th December to ensure that the work can be done. Funds will be used to provide special care sessions for children and Chaplain training. If you are able to financially support this cause then go to the ACCESS website (www.accessministries.org.au) or speak to Pastor Jim.



I will never forget you, my people;
I have carved you on the palm of my hand.
I will never forget you;
I will not leave you orphaned.
I will never forget my own.
Does a mother forget her baby?
Or a woman the child within her womb?
Yet even if these forget,
Yet even if these forget,
I will never forget my own.

Yvonne Bradley

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

If a child lives with criticism
he learns to condemn.
If a child lives with hostility
he learns to fight.
If a child lives with ridicule
he learns to be shy.
If a child lives with shame
he learns to feel guilty.
If a child lives with tolerance
he learns to be patient.
If a child lives with encouragement
he learns confidence.
If a child lives with praise
he learns to appreciate.
If a child lives with fairness
he learns justice.
If a child lives with security
he learns to have faith.
If a child lives with approval
he learns to like himself.
If a child lives with acceptance and
friendship
he learns to find love in the world.

Church bulletins bloopers.

The Fasting and Prayer Conference – includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.



**The Combined Colleges of
Sri Lanka Choir Inc.**

invite you to join them in

***A Service of Nine
Lessons and Carols***

Sunday 4th December 2011

7.00 p.m.

Reformed Church Dandenong

Corner Gladstone Road & Outlook Drive, Dandenong

Melway 81 D 6

*The Offertory taken at the Service is
dedicated to Charities in Australia & Sri
Lanka.*

