



22 April 2012

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 Br. Chris Pretorius  
Message: Persecution, Perseverance and  
Perfection  
Reading: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte  
Message: Our World belongs to God-  
The Long Road to Redemption  
Readings: Genesis 6:9-22; 8:15-22; Isaiah 9:1-7

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte  
6:00 PM Classis Pulpit Swap

### OFFERINGS

#### THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – RCYC Reformed Churches Youth Committee

#### NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – KRUPA Childrens Home (G & V Browning India)

#### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,535.90
ACCESS Ministries	\$670.85
Donations Hall and Printing	\$230.00



### ROSTERS

#### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: P & J de Jong, I. Meenks,  
C & K. Harrison

Next Week: A. de Vos, A. de Witte, M. Eleveld,  
B. Bence.

6<sup>th</sup> May D & J. Mekking, R. Salvaratnam,  
S & C. Johnson, E & I. Poppenbeck

13<sup>th</sup> May J & L. Otto, G & R. Heerdink,  
P & J. Noorbergen, M. Kruizinga.

#### PA & VIDEO :

Today: David & Phillip Ellings

Next Week: Matthew Noorbergen, Ian Meenks

#### GREETERS

Today: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels

Next week: George & Leny Zomerdyk

### From the Pastor's Desk

Anzac Day, and the story of the first Anzacs, is an important part of the national identity for Australians. The Anzac legend is foundational for what have become our national values – things like mateship, courage, never giving up, supporting the underdog, overcoming adversity, facing our fears.

On the face of it though, for Christians to be commemorating Anzac Day is a very strange thing.

The day would have no meaning at all if it was not for war and war is always a great disaster (morally and spiritually). In war there are generally no winners and loser, but a dreadful sign of human failure and the power of evil in the world. Wars tend to legitimize hatred. To defend one's country against a warring opponent is sometimes justified, but the situation can never be less than tragic.

In 1915, Australia was a relatively new nation. Through involvement in World War I, particularly at Gallipoli, the nation was changed. Some have said that we 'lost our innocence' in those battles. Others have said that we stood up and took our place on the world stage. Our identity was changed forever.

Anzac Day, then, is a day of remembering. We remember those who have fought, and continue to fight, for the freedoms we enjoy today. In particular, we remember those who have died in the struggle for freedom, both for us and for those oppressed in other parts of the world.

Easter is also about freedom, but a somewhat different understanding of freedom. The broader context for the Easter story is what Christians call salvation history, or God's redemptive plan. The story begins with God's purpose for creation, which becomes corrupted by the Fall, when people chose to disobey and defy God. Various human attempts to overcome this corruption are unsuccessful, so God acts decisively in Jesus to do something about it. This ultimate act, the death and resurrection of Jesus, has brought us freedom. Freedom from sin and death and corruption.

This work of Jesus, freely giving himself on the cross, was a selfless giving that has brought us freedom. We also see it in the servicemen and women who leave family and home to serve us all in the defence of our country. Are the two acts the same? Not really, but we get an understanding of the idea of selfless giving and sacrifice as we reflect on ANZAC Day. Our reflections

should always bring us to the horror and sadness of war, the brokenness of our world and the lengths required to protect and bring freedom. But may our reflections always bring us back to God and his love for us demonstrated in Jesus Christ. As someone said, once freedom is lost it takes bloodshed to get it back. In war the loss of valuable human lives; in bondage to sin, the blood of Jesus.

### **RTC Annual General Meeting 2012**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Reformed Theological College has scheduled the Annual General Meeting of the RTC to be held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 7.30pm at the College, 125 Pigdons Road, Waurn Ponds, Geelong, Victoria.

### **MISSION MANAGER NEEDED!**

Last week I spent an amazing week in the Solomon Islands, watching our missionaries at work!

Preparations for women's ministries, training of mechanics, teaching sick children in the hospital school, training disabled people in sewing, woodwork, horticulture and chicken management, leading worship, encouraging prisoners, running a SWIM base, operating facilities for live-in conferences and training courses, sponsoring school students, recording radio programs etc were all done with skill, care and Christian love.

And, to be honest, they were run off their feet!

It's why we are calling for applications for a Mission Manager- a person who loves the Lord's

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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>		

people in the Solomons, and whose administrative or business or financial or personnel skills will help our missionaries get on with the job of teaching and caring in the name of Jesus.

Have you been praying how God could use you: a change of direction, an early retirement, a step in faith?

Get in touch with me for a chat, a job description etc.

Peter van der Schoor, Chairman,  
Solomon Islands Mission Workgroup..03 6229 3331  
([vdschoor@internode.on.net](mailto:vdschoor@internode.on.net))

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Adrian de Vos	Today	April 22
Phillip van Neutegem		April 23
Aileen Brown		April 24
Bert Elfring		April 24
Sydney Johnson		April 24
John van Breen		April 27
Alex Pleiter		April 27
Kevin de Jong		April 28
Colin Pretorius		April 28

You treat each moment as a gift from God – live life to the hilt. Love those around you. And others see it, feel it ...pick up on it. You spread good vibes. Live your truth.

**Our newest members ;**  
are the **Marjee** Family

**Marcell, Eunice,** and children **Evert and Marnice**  
109 Fairway Drive, Rowville. 3178 Phone 9752 8690

**Dear partners in the gospel,**

On behalf of the Blacktown Christian Reformed Church, you are all warmly invited to attend the Opening Service for Synod 2012. This prayer service will be held on Sunday the 6th May at 5:00pm, at 240 Richmond Road, Doonside. We thank the Lord for the

opportunity to be able to come together as a denomination in this way at the very beginning of the Synod week. Rev. David Groenenboom will bring God's Word from Colossians 1:24-29, "Christ in You, The Hope of Glory."

Yours in Christ,

Brian Vaatstra

### 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 Audrey Kloppenberg's Unit 47 Outlook Gardens. Everyone is welcome. Contact on 97956252

### OASIS GROWTH GROUP:

The **Oasis Growth Group** invites new members to attend. We meet the first and third Tuesday of each month but not during holidays. ( if you are dropping off kids at URY and want to join us we conclude at 9 – 9.30) At the Burggraaf's, 17 Edgewood Road, Dandenong – Tel 9791 2601 Mob 0408 120 159

### COFFEE BREAK LADIES BIBLE STUDY,

Meets each Tuesday 10am, at the church, during the school terms.

Helen van Garderen.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT/ SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY:

For more information please call Mark Meenks on 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)

## Pastoral and Prayer Points

- **Congratulations to Amy Noorbergen and Christo Otto** who both celebrated their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday this past week! Also congratulations to **Hazel de Kretser** who celebrates her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on Wednesday! May God bless each one of you entering these milestone years of your life, with thankfulness for His care over you.
- After several weeks of declining strength, God took home **John de Haan** on Tuesday afternoon. May God's love and grace surround and comfort his wife **Gerrie** and all their children with their families, especially **Aafke and Cor Span, Anneke and Yke Laverman**, as they grieve the loss of a much loved husband, father and Opa. Also for **Annie Pilon** the loss of a brother, and for **Marijke and Corrie De Haan** the loss of a brother- in-law).  
The Thanksgiving Service for John's life, will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> of April at 11.30am, here in the church.
- Little **Riley Barrot** spent a day in hospital with croup, but thankfully responded to treatment and was able to come home.
- Pray for travelling mercies for **Nel Steunenberg** (departs today) as she goes over seas for 6 weeks to visit family in Holland and Canada. Also for **Russell Painter** as he plans to leave for the Philippines (for his marriage to Teresa) on the 27<sup>th</sup> – pray that all arrangements for this will come together well. We wish you God's blessing, Russell, in your future life together with Teresa.
- At present there are lots of folk with colds, coughs, and flu's who have had to take time out to rest and restore. We pray that you will soon be well again.
- Pray for our **coming Synod**, ( May 7-10) at Blacktown, **and its moderam and delegates**. Pray for wisdom, a clear vision of God's kingdom values, and our place as churches in a changing society, especially in the discussion of overtures and the issues that will be raised.

**SHAWLANDS WORKGROUP-** There will be another monthly BBQ at Shawlands on Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

April at 6.00pm (Team meets there at 5.30 pm). Pray for the team as they minister to the residents and offer friendship, support and care as well as provide food to nurture their bodies. (We will not have a team meeting this month.)

**DEACONS PLANNING MEETING: Thursday 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 7.30 pm. at the church.**

## Blacktown Christian Reformed Church

is seeking expressions of interest for the position of:

### Youth Worker

This is a 3-day per week position within the ministry team of BCRC, with the possibility of being extended to a full-time position by adding 2-day per week chaplaincy work at a local high school.

We are looking for someone with reformed evangelical convictions, theological training, teaching skills, and an ability to relate well to young people and disciple them in the gospel.

The person will work closely with the minister, and will also be involved in the preaching and teaching ministry of the church.

BCRC is an evangelical, Bible teaching church located in a diverse **multi-cultural community of around 200 people.**

For further information and a job description  
Contact: Brian Vaatstra  
Email: [brian.vaatstra@optusnet.com.au](mailto:brian.vaatstra@optusnet.com.au)  
Phone: (02) 9920-4579

**Would you like to get the Newsletter early edition?**

It can be Emailed to you in PDF format and in most cases you would receive it by 10:00Pm Thursday's.

All you need to do is Email your Email address to [newsletter@dcrc.org.au](mailto:newsletter@dcrc.org.au) and you will be added to the mailing list.

**Dear Leprosy Mission contributors**  
**I will be unable to collect your savings boxes until the month of September**  
**Please keep on saving till then!**  
**Please see me If you require an extra box**  
**Thank you Corry Blik**

**National Day of Thanksgiving**

The Dandenong Ministers' Fellowship is again hosting a National Day of Thanksgiving breakfast on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2012. At this function we invite city councillors and others who work within the local community to say thank you to them for their hard work. We also give thanks to God for his grace and goodness. It is a breakfast that runs from 8.30-11.30 at a cost of \$15 per person. This year the venue is again Lighthouse Community Hall, Keysborough, with a new catering team.

During the program we wish present to the council and community the wonderful multicultural nature of the church. There will be musical items from different ethnic Christian groups, like the Soul Salvation Assembly.

As a local Dandenong Church it would be great if many of us could attend this breakfast as join together with the wider Christian body to give thanks to God for the provision of capable community leaders and display our unity in the Gospel to the wider community.

Seats are limited and bookings are essential. See Pastor Jim for tickets

**J-Team**

There will be a J-Team Leaders meeting this coming Wednesday (25<sup>th</sup> April) at 4pm in the church. The plan

is that we start J-Team the following week (2<sup>nd</sup> May), so we need to get together to pray and plan for the term ahead.  
Pastor Jim

**URY**

URY meets for the first time this term on Tuesday night (7pm) in the church. It is a wonderful ministry where we have over 20 young people come along and be together and learn together. Please continue to uphold this valuable ministry in prayer.

**Gotta love those Church Ladies and their typewriters!**

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall.. Music will follow.

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At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice .

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Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

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Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

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Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered. (so, just how big ARE those envelopes??)

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The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

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Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

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The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

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This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

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Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. Is done..