



6 May 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 Rev. Harry Berends  
Message: A Dead Dog at a King's Table  
Reading: 2 Samuel 9

6:00 PM Rev. Keith Vethaak  
(Pastor Jim de Witte at Synod).  
Message: Abandoned By God?  
Reading: Psalm 22

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Br Colin Pretorius  
6:00 PM Afrikaans Service  
(Pastor Jim de Witte on holidays).

### OFFERINGS

#### THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Lord's Supper – Leadership Training /  
Prof. Development

#### NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – RTC

#### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,531.60
KRUPA India Home	\$779.20



### ROSTERS

#### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: D & J. Mekking, R. Salvaratnam,  
S & C. Johnson, E & I. Poppenbeck

Next Week: J & L. Otto, G & R. Heerdink,  
P & J. Noorbergen, M. Kruizinga.

20<sup>th</sup> May C. de Haan, R. Painter, V. Steendam,  
M & C. van Rossen.

27<sup>th</sup> May G. Huinink, K. Knol, F & M. Piening,  
H & R. Piening

#### PA & VIDEO :

Today: David Cameron, Marco Otto.

Next Week: Kevin & Glenn de Jong

#### GREETERS

Today: Peter & Atie Bruinewoud

Next week: Martin & Coby van Rossen

### From the Pastor's Desk

Today and tomorrow delegates and ministers from across the CRCA denomination are gathering in Blacktown. I am attending as a delegate for Classis Gippsland for the first (and last ☺) time. In fact, all the Gippsland representatives are first-timers. The responsibility to represent the church, Classis and denomination with integrity weighs on me so I would value the prayers of the congregation, not just for

myself but for all involved. There are some difficult issues to deal with, some exciting initiatives and some budgeting concerns that will impact some of the wonderful ministries of the denomination. May God grant his wisdom and peace to the discussions. It is great to work and covenant together in God's great kingdom work and so we pray for a spirit of unity and co-operation to the glory of God.

The week following Synod I will be taking off as annual leave so pastoral issues over the next fortnight should be directed to Henni Burggraaf or an Elder.

### BIRTHDAY CORRECTIONS

**Jeanette Noorbergen** and **Brendan de Jong** had birthdays on May the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Apparently some gremlins deleted them from my list.

**Ruth Harris** and **Rapti Selvaratnam** birthdays were on May the 4<sup>th</sup> I made a typo and made them 2 days older.

My apologies to all (Editor)

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Tini Schram	Today	May 6
Esther Meenks		May 9
Gerry Smeedes		May 9

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!

## 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 Regena Gnanathurai's Unit 53 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)

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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.		

## Pastoral and Prayer Points

- **Pastor Jim** has left this morning to attend our denominational Synod. Pray for Synod - the moderamen, the delegates and all who attend. Pray for a spirit of unity, in this time of working together, that they may keep a clear vision of the task of the church in our land to bring about God's kingdom values.
- **Nyomie Meenks** has been in and out of hospital again this week, to maintain her pregnancy, during this difficult stage. Pray that God will sustain her and Mark, and the unborn foetus during these critical times so that the pregnancy can reach a better stage of viability.
- **Gerry Heerdink** has moved into room 52 at Outlook Gardens Hostel. Pray for him as he settles into his new surroundings and also for Robbie and the Noorbergen family as they adjust to the changes this brings about.
- **Ada Coe** would value our prayers and support, as she has a sister (Libby) who has been diagnosed with terminal lung cancer (aged 58) and who has been given a limited time to live.
- The **de Witte family** were thankful to be told that Zoe will be able attend the Christian school of their choice - as they have made interim arrangements for how that can happen. Praise God for this!
- Pray for our younger leaders and helpers who support our outreach programs – URY and J Team especially - in this time of transition when Jim's mantle needs to be taken up by others.
- Uphold in prayer all those who are dealing with loss and changes in their lives.

### 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

### Synod 2012

The tri-annual Synod of the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia is being held from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May till Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May in Blacktown NSW. In the Newsletter you will find a timetable for the Synod so you can keep the proceedings in prayer.

### Church Council

There will also be a general Church Council meeting on Monday night (7<sup>th</sup> May) at the church. If you have matter for discussion at Church Council then please let a Church Council member (or Janet de Jong, Secretary) know. Please be in prayer for these meetings, that God would grant wisdom and grace throughout our discussions, especially with respect to the calling of a new minister.

### Afrikaans Service

Next Sunday, 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. Feel free to join the service to build relationships with the Afrikaans speaking people in our area.

### Victorian Youth Service May 27th Geelong

We hope you're looking forward to the next state youth service. To make the trip to Geelong even more worthwhile, we've organised for games at Eastern Beach from 3-5pm followed by Dinner at

Potter St hall at 5pm prior to the youth service at 6pm. There will also be tea/coffee and light supper after the service. Hope you can make it and enjoy some fun and fellowship with us.  
For further details contact Matt - 04318453737

**GO BACK ONCE MORE TO HOLLAND** Would you like to visit Holland in 2013 in the spring/summer? But you don't want all the hassles involved with arranging airline tickets, travel insurance, passports, finding accommodation in Holland, knowing where to go, what to see and do and getting around once you are there. Then 'NOG EN KEER TERUG' is for you.

My wife and I are planning 2 tours to Holland during spring/summer of 2013. Each group will be small with only 8 people plus the leader/driver.

The tour is for six weeks and involves 13 days of sightseeing in Holland, 12 days of free time to visit family and friends or just do your own thing and then the last 13 days for more sightseeing. The last 2 weeks include a day and night stay in Brugge and in Ghent (Belgium) and 3 days and nights in Paris, Yes there will be plenty of stops for coffee and cake and sightseeing along the way, all at a leisurely pace.

Our last evening in Holland we enjoy a farewell dinner as we bid farewell to each other and to Holland. The next day we leisurely pack up and we head home again. You need to be 50 plus and independently mobile as the tour takes in some pleasant city and garden walks.

If you are interested and would like more information then give us a ring, Rob and Claire Spits on (03) 5277-2933 or 0418-520-205, or you can email us on [robert@spits.net.au](mailto:robert@spits.net.au) or write to R & C Spits PO Box 7543 West Geelong 3218

Please note that 'NOG EN KEER TERUG Travel Companions' is not a business nor is it done for profit.

### **Prayer Request:**

I received a phonecall from my brother-in-law (W.A.) telling me that my younger sister Libby (58yrs.) has only possibly 6 months to live. She has cancer in her lung, She will have Chemo treatment on the 8th May then another a week later- hopefully to lengthen her life 3-6 mths. Therefore my prayer

request is for God's Peace that passes all understanding be with Bob, Mandy, Russell and their families, also with my brothers & sisters, and her in-laws.  
Please pray also that Our Loving God will strengthen Libby both mentally & physically as she has a lot of backpain.  
Thank You all so much, from your sister in Christ  
Ada Coe

### **To all my friends at CRC Dandenong.**

This will be my last Sunday with you as fellow worshippers before I fly out and I want to say thank you to all the wonderful people in this congregation who have shared my journey over the last twenty odd years. Your support, prayers and friendship have seen me through some tough times and I will always remember this church with gratitude and thankfulness to Almighty God. We have also shared some good times of enjoyment and wonderful company and for these I am equally grateful. Your kind gift of our first wedding present will be a constant reminder of the richness of the fellowship that has been offered so freely to me and both Theresa and I give you our most sincere thanks for your kindness. It is my sincere hope that we will visit this place that has given me so much over the years and be assured I will remember you with prayers of gratitude and thankfulness. Russell J Painter

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### **Ascension Day Casey Church**

Combined service:  
Casey, Langwarrin and Dandenong  
When: 17 May  
Time: 7:30 pm  
Pastor: La'Mont Ferreira

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### **Correction:**

Ulbe Siegersma telephone number is 9701 1371.

### **Notice:**

Address for Gerrie Heerdink is Room 52, Outlook Gardens, Dandenong North. 3175 and does not have the phone connected.



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# HOW TO BUILD HOPE

And a Mission Information Night

On Friday 25th May, 2012

At Waverley Christian College - Performing Arts Centre

1248 High Street Road ( Cnr High Street Road and Cathies Lane )

Entry Gate 2 - Cathies Lane

Wantirna South, Vic, 3152

The night will start at 8.00pm Sharp

So come on down with your friends and family

And find out how you can be involved in

**BREAKING THE CYCLE OF  
POVERTY**

## SYNOD 2012 - TIMETABLE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Devotions 9.00 – 9.30</b>	<b>Convening Church – Brian Vaatstra</b>	<b>Faculty – Murray Capill</b>	<b>Faculty – Martin Williams</b>	<b>Faculty – Phillip Scheepers</b>	<b>Faculty – Bill Berends</b>
<b>9.30 – 10.40</b>	Opening, credentials and protocols etc  01 Ministry Formation	RTC Faculty Communication  04 Candidacy Committee	13 Ecumenical Relations	03 Leadership Development  17 SIC	18 BOM
<b>Break 10.40-11.00</b>					
<b>11.00 – 12.10</b>	01 Ministry Formation	02 Training Workgroup  Overture 4 – Tas (Split Classis)	06 Pastor-Church Relations	Overture 9 WA - Bible	Committee appointments.
<b>Ecumenical 12.10-12.30</b>		<b>CRC Myanmar</b>	<b>RCNZ.</b>	<b>GKSA</b>	
<b>Lunch 12.30-2.00</b>	<b>Closing – Gerald Vanderkolk Opening – KJ Tromp</b>	<b>Closing – Clinton Berends Opening – Peter Gadsby</b>	<b>Closing – Graham Sayer Opening – Glenn Dekker</b>	<b>Closing – John Kruise Opening – Reiner Noppers</b>	<b>Closing – Josh Hartog Opening – David Lynch</b>
<b>2.00 – 3.20</b>	01 Ministry Formation  15 MAMA	12 Abuse  Overture 7 – Tas (Stipend)	07 Word, Mission, Deed	11 Church Planting	Master Budget
<b>Ecumenical 3.20 – 3.40</b>			<b>NHK</b>	<b>GRI</b>	
<b>Break 3.40 -4.00</b>					
<b>4.00 – 5.10</b>	16 Superannuation  Overture 12 – NSW Role of Counsellor	Overture 13 – Grace  14 Publishing	Overture 5 – Maroondah  Overture 6 - Maroondah	Overture 10 – NSW Cadets/Gems Overture 11 – NSW Synod Representation	
<b>Ecumenical 5.10-5.30</b>	<b>NGKSA</b>	<b>RPC</b>			
<b>Tea 5.30-7.30</b>	<b>Closing – Bas Hartog Opening – Rob Letter</b>	<b>Closing – Ettiene de Wilzem Opening – Jim de Witte</b>	<b>Closing – Don Bradshaw Opening – Dawie van Vuuren</b>	<b>Closing – Frank Popping Special dinner Opening – Phil Larkin</b>	<b>Closing – La'Mont Ferreira Opening – George van der Schoor</b>
<b>7.30 – 9.00</b>	05 RCYC	Campolo Report & Discussion	08 Solomon Islands Workgroup Gerald Hanscamp (10 mins) 09 GOSPEL	10 WDR	
<b>Closing Devotion</b>	<b>Ron Nauta</b>	<b>John de Jongh</b>	<b>John Bylsma</b>	<b>Ian de Graaf</b>	<b>Closing – John Westendorp</b>

- Subject to change without notice, not all Fraternal delegates included in this release