



27 May 2012

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: The Wind of the Spirit
Reading: Acts 2:1-24

6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte
Message: Our World Belongs to God (24)
Reading: John 1:1-18

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Rev Harry Berends
6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – CRCA Resources

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – World Hunger & Thanksgiving – WDR Offering

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,113.60
Solomon Islands Workgroup	\$315.65
Donation Hall	\$75.00



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: G. Huinink, K. Knol, F & M. Piening,
H & R. Piening

Next Week: J & M. Austrums, Y & A. Laverman,
C & A. Span

10th June J & K. Esselbrugge, H. Zwaal,
H & J. van der Jagt,
N & M. Steunenberg

17th June G & M. Smedes, J. Schapendonk,
C. van Garderen

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Matthew Noorbergen, Ian Meenks

Next Week: David Cameron, Marco Otto

GREETERS

Today: Corry Blik

Next week: Rita Piening

From the Pastor's Desk

Today we look further at the decisions of Synod that made up Tuesday, 8th May. The Sexual Abuse Complaints Committee report was presented by Leo Douma. We, as a denomination, are extremely thankful for the work of this committee and the need for us to be vigilant in our dealing with matters, especially in the light of the exposure of some denominations in the media over the years with significant cover up of abusive practices.

There was much discussion on an Overture from Classis Tasmania with respect to process in establishing the basic Ministerial Stipend. The concern was the cost on smaller churches in meeting this minimum stipend and, essentially, how we can pay Ministers less for the work they undertake. This was then put to a committee to review the whole matter of Ministerial Stipends and report back to the next Synod. Later in the Synod the parameters of this committee were presented and adopted.

NSW presented an Overture seeking funding for the Cadet and GEMS boards to enable them to carry out their work. This was not supported on a number of grounds, not least of which was the current financial state of the denomination. The place of the Cadets/GEMS in the denominational structure was also under review, with the desire to see it aligned under the Grow committee. Synod, while having sympathy for the reasons that NSW presented in an Overture, in relation to individual church representation at Synods the Overture was rejected, one of the grounds being the issue of cost and functionality of the Synod, and the reduction in the place of Classes.

While we give thanks for the growth in the number of churches within the Tasmanian Classis there was little support for the Synod to approve the dividing of the Classis into north and south. Some of the grounds for rejecting the Overture were the lack of support for this from the northern churches, the 'newness' of the new churches and the small membership that would constitute separate Classes.

The evening session was taken up by what has been called the Campolo issue. It has been 5 years since matter first came to light, so it was good that all voices could be heard, the issue decided on and, hopefully, laid to rest and the churches can move forward. A pre-Synod advice committee proposed a way forward in dealing with the complex issues and raft of Overtures. With that

in place some clear decisions were made by Synod. It was decided that, in hindsight, Tony Campolo was not a suitable speaker at the Gathering, that we acknowledge our corporate responsibility for the disunity that followed the Gathering. The letter written by the SIC in relation to the actions of people in the breakdown of the convention was reluctantly rescinded. The Synod paused for a time of corporate prayer, seeking forgiveness, peace and reconciliation. And so ended a long and difficult day.

ACCESS Ministries

ACCESS Ministries is introducing a new CRE (Christian Religious Education) partnership strategy. Times are changing and the task of teaching Christian beliefs and values to children in Primary schools is becoming more challenging. The need for teachers is great and the opportunity to partner with schools is becoming more difficult. Alongside this is the growing challenge to resource and sustain CRE. To this end the Association has reached a time when it needs to ask each of their CRE teachers to help and work together to ensure the security and growth of CRE into the future.

They are asking that each CRE teacher find partners who will support CRE through ACCESS ministries. They are asking each teacher to raise \$360 each year through partners. This is a significant challenge, but one needed to enable the ministry to continue.

As a local church, through Helen van Garderen, we are supporting CRE in Lyndale Greens Primary School. As a church we need to support the CRE teachers in that school. The need is urgent, so we are inviting you to give some

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financial support to this work now. As a church we do have a rostered offering for general CRE (and ACCESS) ministry, but this is once off targeted need.

If you are able to help out then special collection envelopes are available in the foyer after the service. Just put money in the envelope and place it in the offering bag in the weeks ahead. This ministry in our local schools is a wonderful, God-given opportunity that we need to support. See how you might help.

Pastor Jim

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Evert Marjee	Today	May 27
Debbie van Neutegem		May 28
Viola Hodder		May 31

In the beginning, God added something new to creation each day. Then He stood back and said, "this is good...really good." Same thing happened the day He created you.

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 Debbie van Neutegem** as she celebrates her 50th birthday tomorrow. We praise God with you, for His care and enabling over your life, as you celebrate this milestone. Debbie will leave with Belinda to have 3 week overseas holiday in the USA, leaving the following week.
- At the time of writing **Gerrie de Haan** was undergoing surgery for the removal of her thyroid gland. We trust and pray that all will have gone well with the surgery, and also that God will grant Gerrie the healing and recovery she needs.
- **Nyomie Meenks** has spent another 3 days in hospital this week with contractions. Pray that as she rests, the baby can be sustained in-utero for the development and growth that is desirable.
- Pray for the healing needed for **Adrian de Vos** after cataract surgery and for **Jennifer Van Neutegem** after the removal of wisdom teeth.
- **Ida Ekkel** remains at the Caulfield Hospital, 260 Kooyong Road, to heal and recover.
- Praise God that the **De Witte Family** have been able to find a house near to the Redlands church.
- **Pray for Church Council** and the **Search Committee** as they seek God's guidance and leading in looking for the right person/s to give leadership and teaching to our congregation, as well as discerning what is needed to keep our outreach programs going.

WORK WANTED

Unemployed middle-aged Christian man looking for full-time work in the south-eastern suburbs. Hard worker, but sight impaired in one eye. Please contact Raymond on tel: 0417 105 997 if you can help.

Pentecost prayer for persecuted believers

in Nigeria Please continue to pray for the suffering Church in Nigeria. As we remember the Pentecost outpouring of the Holy Spirit we also realize that God is sovereignly at work in the worldwide Church. Often that church endures great suffering.

Always God the Holy Spirit is working with his wonderful power. Pray that the body of Christ would bring him glory in every age and every place. Come Lord Jesus!

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

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.

VENTURE BIBLE STUDY

(Young Adults) is on a Monday on a fortnightly basis starting at 7:30 and meeting in the resource room at church. If you want to be part of this group let David Barrot know on 0401 073 954, it would be great to see you there.”

VACANCY: MISSION MANAGER

Our CRCA mission, based at Honiara in the Solomon Islands (just three hours by air from Brisbane) has many beautiful and challenging areas of service in the name of Jesus: practical aid, leadership training,

Bible teaching, women's ministry, prison ministry, disability training, apprenticeships, sponsorship of school students, education programs for children in hospital, media ministry, conferences etc

We also have some really dedicated and skilled missionaries, and a large group of locally employed workers.....*and they need a manager to keep all these great shows on the road!*

Is God calling you to dedicate some years of your life to this exciting mission work?

Do you have some skills and experience in management, bookkeeping, accountancy, leadership?

The chairman of the mission board, Peter van der Schoor, would love to talk with you. Contact him on 03 6229 3331, or vdschoor@internode.on.net

De Witte Up-date

We just want to keep you informed on what is happening in our lives at this point in time. It is now just 4 weeks till we finish ministry here in Dandenong and begin a new life and ministry in Redlands. We thank God for the way that our needs are being met. We have sold our house for a good price and have now been blessed with a wonderful new place to live in Ormiston, QLD. It is only a short walk to the church and train station, and an easy driving distance to the schools. This place was offered to us at a good price for the area, for which we are thankful because it makes the mortgage so much more manageable.

Alongside that both Zoe and Asher have school communities that have accepted them. Asher will be attending Ormiston State School and Zoe Redlands College. Emily has a place to stay in the local area till she completes her course, and will then join us in Brisbane. Cameron is still to finalise his study changes, but we pray that God will bring that to a good conclusion too.

‘All’ that is left is to tie up loose ends, pack our belongings and say a sad goodbye to a wonderful church community. Then there is the daunting, but exciting, work of becoming part of a new church community. Thank you for your prayer and encouragement, alongside your sadness.

RBC Ministries Bible Conference

Radio Broadcast Ministries is presenting a conference on Saturday 23rd June 1pm-5.30pm entitled Simon Peter Lessons on Spiritual Consistency. The conference will be led by Rev. Bill Crowder who serves as an Associate Bible Teacher in RBC Ministries. It will be held in Cross Culture Church of Christ (333 Swantson St, Melbourne). There is no admission charge, with refreshments provided, but a donation to the work will be taken up. To assist with preparations they require your response by 8th June. See Pastor Jim for more information.

More newsletter Bloopers

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The

congregation is invited to attend this tragedy. Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church.. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'

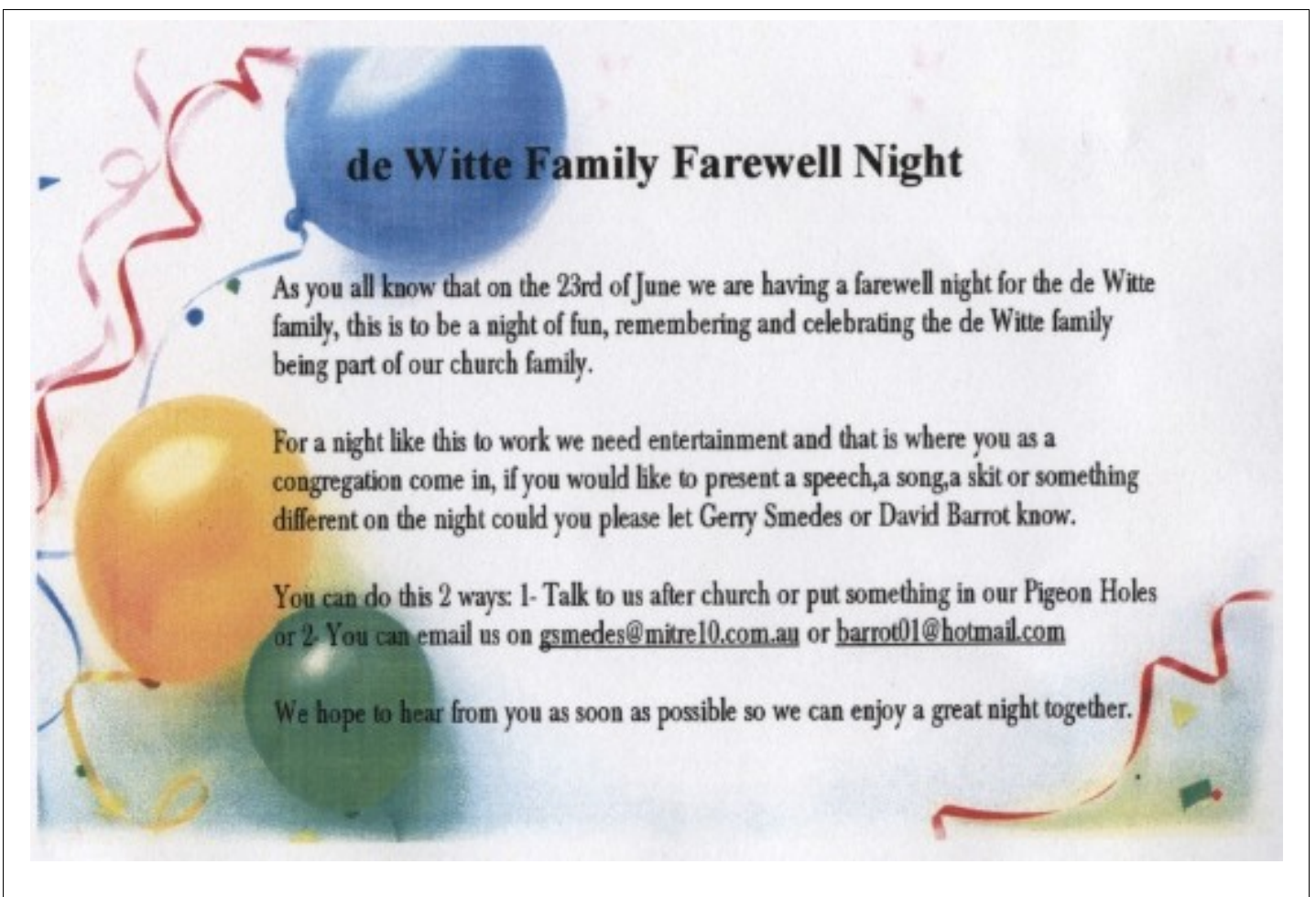
Experience: the name men give to their mistakes.
Oscar *Wilde* -

Get up and see the morning that is strong and full of light.
Breathe dawn's fresh air and be part of life's strength. Wake up, walk, struggle, decide.....and you will triumph in life.

-Wilson Ospina

Prisoner in Collins Bay

Admitting you were wrong is a humble way of saying you've grown wiser.



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SERVICE
OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF
GLENN DEKKER

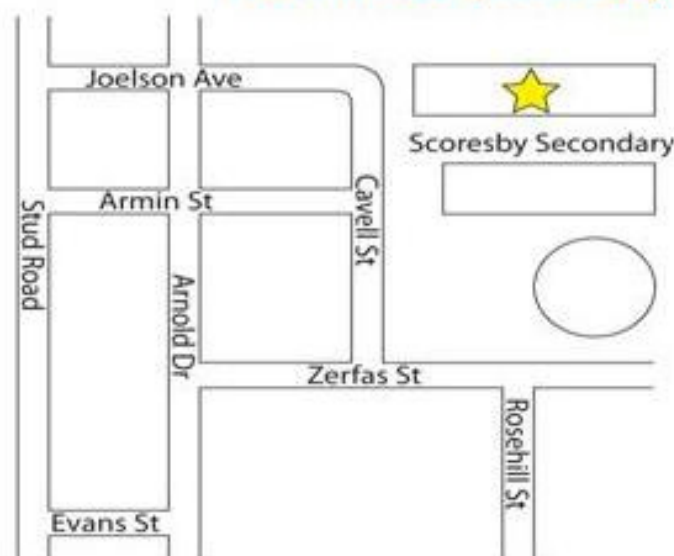
AS MINISTER OF THE WORD & SACRAMENTS

Wantirna Christian Community Church
would like to extend an invitation to you and your
community to witness the Installation & Ordination
of **Glenn Dekker** as Minister of the Word and
Sacraments. The Leadership would also like to
give you an opportunity to bring Greetings and
Words of Encouragement at this time however, we
would ask that you give us prior notice of your
intentions. Please call on **9759 9155** or email
admin@wccc.net.au

Afternoon tea will be served.

27th May, 2012 @ 2.30pm

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Venue: Student Centre, Scoresby Secondary College
Cavell Street, Scoresby



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