



3 June 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 Rev Harry Berends
Message: Sarah's Laughter
Readings: Genesis 18:1-15; 27:1-17

6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte
Message: Christ's Suffering
Our World Belongs to God (25-28)
Readings: Philippians 2:1-11; 1 Peter 2:18-25

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Rev. Keith Vethaak
6:00 PM Rev. La'Mont Ferreira (Afrikaans)

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

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

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – GOSPEL

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,329.65
CRCA	\$465.55
Access Ministries	\$65.00



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

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

Next Week: J & K. Esselbrugge, H. Zwaal,
H & J. van der Jagt,
N & M. Steunenberg

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

24th June J.Gully, J & S. Iepema,
M & N. Meenks, E. Oinonen

PA & VIDEO :

Today: David Cameron, Marco Otto

Next Week: Kevin & Glenn de Jong

GREETERS

Today: Rita Piening

Next week: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels

From the Pastor's Desk

Today we look further at the decisions of Synod that made up Wednesday, 9th May. The morning was covered with reports from the Reformed Theological College and the Candidacy Committee. It was great to hear how God has blessed the RTC with new faculty members to replace the retiring men who have so faithfully served the denomination over many years. Alistair McEwan was replaced by John

de Hoog; Steve Voorwinde by Martin Williams; and Henk de Waard by Phillip Scheepers. The College has also brought in new courses and is reaching more people with good, solid, Reformed teaching. The great need is still men for ministry of the Word. We gave thanks for those who have entered ministry over the past three years, and those who are training, but prayer goes up for more gifted men to be called into ministry. This should be our ongoing prayer.

An Overture was presented to Synod from Maroondah Classis with the desire to have the Church Order changed so as to tighten up the eligibility of those allowed to preach in our churches. The current reading is that visiting preachers 'will not compromise' reformed teachings to 'wholeheartedly upholds'. This Overture was not sustained by the Synod, so the current understanding still applies that guest preachers, while not Reformed, will still bring the Word of God in ways that challenge, strengthen and encourage God's people, while not compromising our reformed understanding of faith and life.

The afternoon session was dominated by discussion on our relationship with other Reformed Churches, especially in the light of some of the decisions they have made at their Synods, and our membership in wider ecumenical bodies. Synod resolved to withdraw membership from the new World Communion of Reformed Churches (which flowed out of the old Reformed Ecumenical Council) and become observers in the new International Council of Reformed Churches.

The evening session was dedicated to mission work with reports from the Solomon Islands, World Development Relief Workgroup and Gerald Hanscamp's ministry to Bali. We thanked God for his provision of people, money and resources to these ministries over the years and the wonderful transition work that is happening in the Solomon Islands.

CRE

We wish to thank the congregation for taking the initiative to support CRE as it moves to a more supporter based model for the teachers in our Primary Schools. We are looking at ways to fund the teaching in Lyndale Greens. Thank to all who took envelopes. We ask that, over the next couple of weeks you return the envelope via the offering bag, so we can fund the work. If you wish to know more, or find out how to be a regular supporter please see Helen van Garderen.

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.

Profession of Faith

Sunday, 17th June, is a special Sunday in the life of the church family. Evert Marjee will stand and profess his faith in the Lord Jesus. He will share how God has been at work in his life from infancy and it is great that we, as a church family, can share in that day.

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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Pastoral and Prayer Points

- **Nettie Blenk** had a fall Sunday evening in which she fractured her left wrist. (thankfully nothing more serious) It is now in plaster. It is good that she was able to get some personal care to support her at this time from Dutch Care.
- **Debbie Van Neutegem** will leave with **Belinda** to have an overseas holiday in the USA, leaving on Monday for 3 weeks. We wish them a refreshing time enjoying new sights and experiences. May God give you safe travels.
- Thank God with **Gerrie de Haan**, for successful surgery in removing her thyroid gland. She was able to return home on Tuesday, but still has some way to go in re-establishing her health. Pray that God will grant Gerrie the healing and recovery she needs.
- **Nyomie Meenks** has 4 weeks to go before her elective caesarean section at the end of June, pray that she will make it to that date without too much discomfort and too many early contractions.
- Thankfully, **Ida Ekkel** was able to return home on Monday with some support for her personal care at home as her bones heal.
- **End of semester exams** are here for many people at School, Uni and College. Pray they will be enabled to give a good account of their learning as they complete work requirements and sit for exams.
- Pray for our Youth (about 15) as they attend **State Youth Games** next week-end. Together with Dandenong are Casey, Wantirna, Wonga Park, Hope in the Hills and Mt Evelyn young folk and their leaders. It should be a great long week-end for them. Pray for dry weather and some sunshine!
- Continue to **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.
- Pray also for the **de Witte family** as they move into transitioning mode – preparing to pack, getting ready to move, and all the unsettledness this will bring over these next 4 weeks of leave-taking.

Pray especially for clarity of mind for Jim to still

do all that needs to be done in the meantime.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST:

- Please could you **pray for one of our community families**. The mother, Danielle is in hospital with serious health issues. The children (1 @URY),(2@J Team) have attended our church programs for a number of years and find a lot of support through their connection with us. They are learning about God and how to talk with God. Pray that they will be especially aware of God's love and grace over their lives at this time. The father has also become more open to our friendship and conversation. Pray for God to open their hearts to understand His love and healing grace for their lives, which can turn stuff around. Pray for all our contact with them. Thank you. Henni

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Kelly de Jong	Today	June 3
Peter Noorbergen		June 4
Catherine Kaka		June 5
Tom Raatjes		June 5
Rita Piening		June 8
Nel Steunenberg		June 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. 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

Church Council

There will be a general Church Council meeting on Monday night (4th June) 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.

Wednesday in the Word Small Group

We plan to recommence our bible study group meeting every second Wednesday commencing on 13 June 2012.

That meeting will be at Harry and Jannette Vanderjagt's 28 Carlisle Road Hallam 9703 1613 or 0438872000.

Anyone who is not currently attending a small group is welcome to come. We will be studying one of the New Testament books.

Please come along. Don't be shy we would love to have some more members.

We will also be trying to organise a Sunday get together once a month as a social get together.

Dandenong CRC

Dandenong CRC is looking for a part-time Children's and Youth Worker to continue our outreach programs to community (and church) children.

We appreciate your help.

Yours in Christ

Harry Burggraaf
Convenor Search group

"A lot of us would look more spick, if we had less span. "

JTEAM

This coming week is the last JTeam meeting for this term and also Jim, Emily and Zoe's last one before they move. We will be having a family night where the parents have an opportunity to come along and say there goodbyes to the De Witte family. Please pray for the kids, parents and leaders as this will be a difficult night.

My grand son was visiting one day, when he asked, " Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo while I asked, " No how are we alike?" "You're both old" he replied.

"The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest on, but only to hold a foot long enough to enable the other foot to be placed somewhat higher."

"You have to do your own growing, no matter how tall your grandfather."

If you spend too much time on things that are urgent, you have none to spend on those that are important.

"Leisure is the time you spend on the jobs you don't get paid for."

The evening was voted a memorable and inspiring event and will be a lasting reminder of "The Year of the Family".

