



29 July 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 John de Hoog  
Message: Is that singing I hear?  
Reading: Ps 91

6:00 PM Rev Keith Vetkaak  
Message: The first miracle  
Reading: TBA

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Julian Dykman  
6:00 PM Julian Dykman

### OFFERINGS

#### THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Lord's Supper - Diaconate

#### NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Middle East Reformed Fellowship

#### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2273.95
Cornerstone	\$578.65



### ROSTERS

#### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: T & R. Raatjes, P & A. Bruinewoud,  
J. Bruinewoud

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

12<sup>th</sup> August W. Tiley, A. Coe, C. Daniels,  
G. de Groot

19<sup>th</sup> August K & J. de Jong, D & P. Ellings,  
B. Elfring, H. Elfring

#### PA & VIDEO :

Today: David Cameron, Glenn de Jong

Next Week: David & Phillip Ellings

#### GREETERS

Today: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels

Next week: George & Leny Zomerdyk

### Our worship today

Welcome to **Rev. John de Hoog** who comes to us from South Barwon (RTC) this morning to lead us in worship and in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Tonight we will share around the Lord's table and again hear God's word expounded, by **Rev Keith Vethaak**. We are grateful to both men, for serving us in this way. As they bring us God's word and share in worship and celebration with us, we trust that we

will experience God's grace afresh and be encouraged to live for God in the week ahead.

**Reflection:**

**God's Workmanship...**

**Target 21** has again been held in our denomination - 2 weeks of training, discipling and mentoring for young adults in our churches - and **Mark Kruizenga** joined the team this time. Apart from the teaching and training there is a practical component where the young folk are exposed to putting their faith into practice - facing aspects of our city and our culture that can take them out of their 'comfort zones'. Being exposed to what it might be like to be homeless in Melbourne, or in need of a hot meal. Speak to Mark and ask about what these 2 weeks have been like for him and what growth and learning came out of it.

When Paul claims in Ephesians 2: 10 that: *We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do...* he is reminding us that the fruit of God's saving grace in our lives will be obvious in our behaviours and actions. God has work for us to do. He places opportunities at our feet, on our doorstep, right in front of our faces sometimes, and invites us to get involved.

One of our more senior members, recently reflected with me, that there wasn't much she could do anymore – she was thinking back to a very active stage in her life and recognized that that phase had passed. However, as we thought about her present involvements we were able to pinpoint that her Christian maturity, care and insight make a very valuable contribution to our community and to her small group life, especially with younger ones present and eager to learn from her wisdom. Prayer is also an important resource for the church – having folk who will commit to pray for our younger leaders, our outreach and community based programs.

We have been blessed with older and younger generations in our church, -generations who can enrich each other, and who can keep us ever open to God's

grace in all its various forms. Let us keep encouraging each other to be 'God's workmanship' actively involved in the good works He has prepared in advance for us to do.  
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**Op Shop**

Our Church Op Shop opens on Thursdays from 11:00am – 4:30pm and Fridays from 9:30am – 4:30pm. We raise money for various local mission projects. Donations can be dropped off on those days only.

Why don't you drop in sometime.

The Committee

**Pastoral and Prayer Points**

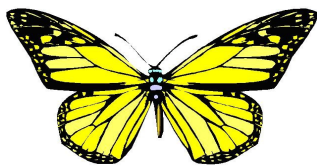
- **Please pray** for Vanessa (Berman) and Matt Plas as they come to the final week of their pregnancy; (their first baby is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August) pray that all will go well for them with a safe labour and delivery of a healthy baby.  
Pray for wisdom and guidance for all our younger families with babies and toddlers, to nurture them in love and faith.
- **Yke and Anneke Laverman** have their last Sunday with us today, as they leave for a 6 week overseas trip to Holland and to Israel on 1st August. Pray for safe travels and God's blessing as they meet up with family and friends and experience the excitement of seeing new places.
- **Don Mekking** was thankful to be able to come home again. It is hoped that some ongoing investigations will provide some answers as to the cause of his problems. We

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trust that Janny's ankle will also heal (damaged when visiting him in hospital!)

- **Pray for Kath Harrison's** grandmother, Lorna Jackson, who came through her second shoulder reconstruction this week after her fall. Meanwhile Kath's mother was also in hospital for treatment for a leg infection. Pray for the healing they both need.
- **Hanny Eshuis** will have 3 weeks in respite in the Hostel. It is good to see folk making preparation for how they will deal with the limits that come with increasing age, and actively preparing themselves for that.
- 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 sustain our outreach programs and give leadership and teaching to our congregation.
- Pray for the **Otto Family** as they plan to move to SA next month.

**Johan** has been retrenched from Bosch but was able to find new work which unfortunately requires them to move interstate. They will need to find new schools for **Marko and Stefan**, while **Christo** is deciding to stay in Victoria. These are big changes for a family. May they all know God's loving hand guiding and leading them in their plans. Next Sunday will most likely be their last Sunday with us.



### **Marriage Enrichment Weekend**

If there are married couples who wish to attend this week-end, please speak to one of our deacons here at Dandenong.

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2012

**Venue:** Belgrave Heights Convention Lodge is booked.

We'd like to hear from couples who are interested in growing in their relationship together and who can commit to attending this weekend.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact Betty or Herman Westendorp: Ph: 9796 8626

## **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 IN THE WORD SMALL GROUP**

Anyone who is not currently in a group is welcome to come along and join or just check us out. We have started to study Galatians. All welcome. Any questions can be directed to Harry and Jannette Vanderjagt on 9703 1613 or 0438 872000.

### **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."

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

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August 4

With many special thoughts of you and prayers that God will bless Your birthday and the year ahead with every happiness.

Dandenong Christian Reformed Church is seeking to appoint a part time

### **Children's and Youth Ministry Worker**

The worker will be responsible for leading our various children's, youth and outreach ministries, together with a team of dedicated volunteers. He/she will also be responsible for the support and training of emerging leaders.

This is a part time (0.4 equivalent to 2 days per week) position, commencing as soon as possible.

For further information, a job description, or to apply, contact: Mrs Helen Van Garderen  
5 Plymouth Crt, Dandenong; Tel. 9795 5999 email [coreyhelen@optusnet.com.au](mailto:coreyhelen@optusnet.com.au)

**Advance Notice:** Please keep Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of **October** free to attend a Dinner – Auction night. This will be a fund-raising evening for the ministry of the Shawlands Work Group as they undertake another project there to benefit the residents.

### **Seniors Soup night**

Care and Share Volunteers are having a soup night, for all those 65 years and over.

There will be a choice of soups available as well as sandwiches etc. The entertainment for the evening will be provided by the Clog-Dancing 'Tukkers' Come and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Entry is \$2.00.

RSVP to Coby ph: 9795 7869

### **Serving Morning Coffee**

When it is your rostered turn to serve coffee to the church members, please remember our toddlers.

There is a table set up on the side wall for them.

We want to implement a NO LOLLIES POLICY.

There is a concern about toddlers being able to reach foods with high sugar levels. So please do not put these on the children's table. Savoury items like rice crackers and chips are far better.

Water or Juice for the toddlers. Cordial should be preservative and colour free and available at the back of the table for the older children to pour themselves.

## **2012 RTC Preaching Conference September 27 & 28**

Many expository preachers readily confess that application is one of the things they find hardest – it's the place they need most help. And many congregations would agree that their preachers need some help! This year's conference addresses just that need. We'll be exploring the what, why and especially the how of penetrating application. We want to help preachers preach messages that hit home.

The main speakers this year will be Dr Murray Capill (RTC Principal) and Rev Simon Manchester (Senior Minister, St Thomas' Anglican church, North Sydney). Also speaking will be Rev John de Hoog (RTC OT Lecturer) and Dr Martin Williams (RTC NT Lecturer).

### **From the de Wittes**

We have finally made it to Redlands and I was installed as the new Pastor to the Redlands congregation last week. We want to thank you for all your prayer and support that greatly encouraged us during the turmoil of uprooting and resettling. The trip up was uneventful, even the chickens made the transition, though they are still holding out on giving us eggs.

God has been gracious to us with the provision of a wonderful place to call home. The children in school have settled well and are making friends. The older children are still looking at options. The congregation has been warm and welcoming and assisting us in many ways like finding doctors and mechanics etc. We know the settling in will continue to take time as we develop new friendships and connections but God is with us.

We remember Dandenong with fondness and want you to know that you are in our prayers as you look for a new Pastor to minister amongst you. May God continue to be with you and bless you.

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Phone: (07) 3286 9653 (Home)

(07) 3286 4700 (Work)

The de Witte Family.

## Church Hall Repairs

You may have noticed that the ceiling panels and the plaster walls in the hall have been repaired. A special **thank you** to both **George Zomerdyk** and **Martin van Rossen** for the work they did. Now a respectful request to all groups who use the Hall, please minimise all ball games so that we can avoid any further damage. Please try and refrain from "kicking" the ball so we don't have to do repairs for some time. Thanking you in anticipation.

For and behalf of the Finance and Maintenance Committee  
Corey van Garderen

## ATTENTION ALL!

URY will be starting again on Tuesday (31 July) at 7PM at the church. All youth from Grade 5 upwards are welcome to attend. We have a great term planned and the leaders are excited to see everyone again!

**Dear Congregation**, please have a look if you have some old mobile phones, the youth cancer research need them to raise money. There are envelopes on the table in the hall you can send them free of charge. Thanks George Zomerdyk.

## Thank You – for your prayers.

Thank you to those of you who prayed for Ben Vandenberg, (the grandson of Peter Vandenberg and Hanny Eshuis) after his traumatic car accident. We can give thanks for the healing and restoration that God has given. Ben is now able to fully weight bear on both ankles and now only uses 1 crutch. He was able to accompany his wife on a trip to Tassie recently – the one they had to cancel due to the accident. We praise God, with his family for Ben's healing and answers to our prayer.

**The minister** was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute

wanted to know what to play.

'Here's a copy of the service,' he said impatiently. 'But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances.'

During the service, the minister paused and said, 'Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up'

At that moment, the substitute organist played 'The Star Spangled Banner..'

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

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# Benefit Concert

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Friday, August 24, 8:00 pm  
Saturday, August 25, 8:00 pm

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## Poet's corner

"If you must put buttons in the plate," the vicar said, "Please use your own: do not remove them from the cushions on the pews! "

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# You are invited to PC3's 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday

Pakenham Christian Community Church (PC3) is turning 1 and we would like you to come and celebrate with us at our new worship space in the heart of Pakenham on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August.

The service will start at 10:30am, Pastor Crosbie de Kretser will be leading the service as we all join together in a time of praise and worship to our awesome God for the year we have had in the community of Pakenham.

After the service we would love you to hang around and enjoy coffee, tea and some nibbles with the PC3 family.

The address is Living Learning Pakenham centre at 6b Henry Street, Pakenham. We'll be upstairs in the Community Room.

