



26 August 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 Br Luke Sheepers  
Message: Jesus is King of the earth  
Reading: Psalm 2.

6:00 PM Br Luke Sheepers  
Message: The Hope of the Covenant Worldview  
Reading: Nehemiah 1: 1 - 11

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Rev Henk de Waard  
6:00 PM Rev Harry Berends

### OFFERINGS

#### THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – CRCA

#### NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Solomon Islands

#### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$1,909.70
COM India	\$641.05



### ROSTERS

#### COFFEE SERVING :

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

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

9<sup>th</sup> September D & J. Mekking, S & C. Johnson,  
E & I. Poppenbeck

16<sup>th</sup> September P & J. Noorbergen, R. Heerdink,  
M. Kruizinga, C. Tan

#### PA & VIDEO :

Today: David & Phillip Ellings

Next Week: Matthew Noorbergen, Ian Meenks

#### GREETERS

Today: Corry Blik

Next week: Vera Steendam

### Our worship today

A warm welcome to **Luke Scheepers** (student at the RTC) coming all the way from Geelong to lead us in worship this morning, and again this evening. Thank you Luke, for your helping hand and for joining us in worship.

We trust that as we experience God's word of grace today we will be encouraged to serve God in the week ahead.

## Reflection:

Every now and then we get stopped in our tracks by our own mistakes and failures. We have messed something up, and it's hard to move on from that. It can be hard to forgive ourselves, as well as letting God's forgiveness come to bring healing and peace to our lives, to our thinking and our feelings.

We were discussing this in our bible study group this week, and looking at how we are so aware of God's prohibitions, -the DON'TS of life, that sometimes we forget His DO'S - to focus on God's provisions – what God provides for us to move on with life again; -the redemption and restoration that he offers us in Jesus. God invites us, to shift our focus from our mistakes to God's ability to heal, to redeem and to make a new way for us. It takes practice to surrender our messy bits, our rebellious acts, our mistakes, our sins, and offer them to God – so that we can enjoy the freedom of living under his provision for us, -as His friends again.

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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

- Congratulations to **Russell Painter** and Therese, who were able to be married on 11<sup>th</sup> August in the Philippines.
- We were saddened to hear that on Wednesday morning **Mack Eede** went to be with his Lord and Maker (aged 94). The funeral service took place in our church on Friday. We are grateful to **Pastor Crosby de Kretser** for being able to lead the

Thanksgiving service for Mack's life, at this time of vacancy.

Our condolences go to Mack's family as they grieve the loss of their father and grandfather. May they know God's love and comfort at this time.

- Please pray for **Peter Bruinewoud** as he commences new treatment for his lung cancer. This week he has had the preliminary tests. Pray that Peter will respond well to this treatment and that God will bless it for his wellbeing and health.
- While in Dandenong Hospital **Gerry Heerdink** has been assessed for specific care, and now awaits placement at **Chestnut Gardens** in Doveton. Pray for both Robbie and Gerry as they adjust to yet another move for Gerry. Pray that a place will be available soon so that he can settle there.
- Pray for those who need to adjust to increasing physical and mental limits in their lives, and for the wisdom to learn to be real about those, so that they can still enjoy the positive possibilities that life offers them.
- Pray for **Josh Hartog** as he considers the call from our congregation to come and be our pastor, teacher/ preacher . Pray that God will guide him to the right decision.

### New Addresses to note:

- **Johan & Leonie Otto** have moved to 30 Bolingbroke Street, Henley Beach, South Australia. 5022.

If you'd like to drop them a card to help them make this transition and as they find a new church family.

- **Christo Otto** has remained, but now moved to: 21 Governor Road, Mordialloc, Vic.3195.

For those who wanted to send a card to

- **Vanessa and Matt Plas**

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to welcome their new baby Lachlan James - their address is 3 Horsmunden Rd. Moorabbin 3139. Ph. 9029 7813

**Dinner – Auction Night :** 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.

## **Pakenham Church Plant Report**

### **Challenges**

- Sourcing our own lockable cupboard(s) within our new worship space rather than lugging stuff around. David Barrot is faithfully working with the management of the centre with that.

### **Highlights**

- Launch team finalising our Core Values and Mission statement
- Launch team has now started wrestling through the ‘Sponsoring Church’ acceptances. Thus far we’ve had a firm ‘yes’ from Wantirna and Dandenong. Praise God!
- Our new worship space (Living Learning Pakenham centre, 6b Henry Street, Pakenham) is a real blessing from Him! It ticks all the boxes at this stage in our journey. We continue to feel that God has led the way with opening up this space for us.
- The 10:30am timeslot is really working well. A lot better buy in from families. We are now on a strict fortnightly basis which is fantastic. Looking forward to the day we’ll meet there weekly J
- Our 1<sup>st</sup> b’day celebrations was a fantastic mountain top experience. Praise God. Lots of people came out in support of this Church plant and it was a real blessing from God. A real expression of support. About 50 people were in attendance. Dad preached our first ever sermon and our first ever collection was also taken up. Praise God for his provision.

- Chris Span, on behalf of PC3, has opened up our own bank account now. We’ve sent out EFT details to the Core Families involved in the Church plant. There will now be a donation box in all gatherings.
- Dave Barrot has taken on the task of organising various Pastors that we have contacts with to help bring the Word to this fledgling community. When Pastors aren’t available, members of the Launch Team are filling in by leading bible studies.
- We trialled out a ‘Café’ style Church last week. It seemed to work well with most that turned up.
- Another Church planting service is now locked in for Sunday, 23 September at WCCC. It’s a similar service and sermon to what was preached at Casey on 17 June. My brother will be preaching that Sunday morning. Looking forward to returning to WCCC.
- With our music team missing last Sunday, an SOS was put out to the Rob and Ann Madahavan. Again, another example of the way God is working in peoples hearts. Rob did a fantastic job in leading our worship times. Rob and Ann seem like they’re big supporters of this work in Pakenham. It’s also extremely handy that they live in Upper Pakenham. Praise God!

### **My to do list**

- Pray, pray, pray, read His Word and then pray, pray, pray!
- Continue to be organised with regards to outward communication about the Church e.g. monthly plans via email.

Bless you guys!

Sean de Kretser

### **Short report of Church Council meeting**

Church Council met on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August. The meeting was opened with a reflection on the parable of the talents in Luke 19, followed by a time of prayer.

Harry B presented a progress report on the activities

of the search committee. The search continues for a youth worker. A recommendation was made to council to put forward the name of Josh Hartog to the congregation for purposes of issuing a call. After discussion this recommendation was accepted.

Reports were presented on the youth and children's programs, worship and preaching as well as Shawlands. Pastoral reports were presented by Henni B as well as a number of elders. Several pastoral visits have been scheduled for the upcoming month.

Following a discussion on general administrative and business items, the meeting closed in a time of prayer.

The next Church Council meeting has been set for the 6<sup>th</sup> September.

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)

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Athang Arou	Today	August 26
Ada Coe		August 30
Les Barrot		September 1
Michael Kimmer		September 1

May your day dawn bright with beauty, rich in the promise of good things to come.

### **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 Regina'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 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."

#### **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.

**Hi everyone,**

The Christian Reformed Church of Launceston's Cadets will be hosting the next Christian Cadet Corps Camporee in January 2013. Cadets from all over the World are welcome to attend.

This Camporee is for boys aged between 13 - 15yrs. Camporee commences on Saturday 5th January and runs through to Friday 11th January 2013

The theme for next year's Camporee is "Making Mighty Men". The camp is on a 30 acre island in the middle of the North Esk River and only 15km from Launceston City. Activities planned include an amazing bush walk to Ben Lomond – Tasmania's second highest peak, archery, orienteering, meeting some amazing Christian men from the "God's Squad" Harley Davidson Group, laser tag, games, sports, bible studies and badge work, swimming, and plenty of adventure and fun.

For further details, please download the PDF registration form and suggested packing list from the church website which can be found at [www.launceston.crca.org.au/cadetcamporee](http://www.launceston.crca.org.au/cadetcamporee).

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Any enquiries, please call or email Phil van Donselaar on 03 6327 4595 or 0418 137 275 / [finerhomes@bigpond.com](mailto:finerhomes@bigpond.com)

**The Drought in West Africa**

Last year the CRCA raised over \$135,000 for the famine victims in East Africa. That was a great response. Now the food crisis is also in West Africa.

While WD&R is not conducting a denominational appeal, we are announcing that members can respond through WD&R and we will certainly be able to forward all gifts in accordance with our emergency relief guidelines. Any money sent to WD&R for West Africa will be forwarded to CRWRC (USA) to be used in Niger, which is one of the most severely impacted countries in the region. In Niger, insufficient rains nationwide led to a 31% decline in crop production compared to last year. Experts estimate that cereal production for Niger's 15 million people is likely to be the lowest in 20 years.

As a result of this combination of events, one third of

Niger's population has been declared "food insecure" by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. This means that people are unable to access enough nutritionally adequate food to stay healthy and active. In urban areas of Niger, 32% of the people are already food insecure, and in rural areas the percentage is 51%.

CRWRC has been working in Niger for nearly two decades, partnering with local churches and community organizations to carry out long-term community programs as well as responses to disaster situations. Your gifts can be forwarded through your local congregation. Simply mark any donations for WEST AFRICA and treasurers can forward these on to Troy vanderNoord the CRCA treasurer.

Bert Kuipers for the WD&R committee.

