



2 September 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. Dr. Henk de Waard
Message: Father's love for all His children
Reading: Romans 8:28-9:5

6:00 PM Rev Harry Berends
Message: The Parable of the Weeds
Reading: Matthew 13:24-43, Lord's Day 31

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Rev Harry Brends
6:00 PM Rev Lamont Ferreira

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Solomon Islands

NEXT WEEK

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

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$1,959.90
CRCA Special Collection	\$1,144.20



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

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

Next Week: D & J. Mekking, S & C. Johnson,
E & I. Poppenbeck

16th September A. Noorbergen, R. Heerdink,
M. Kruizinga, C. Tan

23rd September M. Lacroix, V. Steendam,
M & C. van Rossen, P. Hall

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Matthew Noorbergen, Ian Meenks

Next Week: David Cameron, Glenn de Jong

GREETERS

Today: Vera Steendam

Next week: George & Leny Zomerdyk

Our worship today

A warm welcome to **Rev. Dr. Henk de Waard**, as he comes to bring us God's Word, and to join us in worship this morning. This evening, **Rev. Harry Berends** will lead us in worship. We are thankful to both these men, for their willingness to serve in preaching God's Word, and in encouraging us in our faith for the week ahead.

Reflection: No fear

From his reading the other day Harry asked what I

thought was the most important practical command in the bible...of course I replied with the summary of Jesus – love God, love others... Harry reminded me that the most often repeated command is “Don’t be afraid...” It repeats itself at least 365 times throughout the old and new testaments, someone has commented - that is at least one for each day!

Fearfulness so quickly comes into our lives- especially as we face changes in our lives, what will we do – how will we cope when we grow older, we need major surgery; when illness comes; when we can no longer drive our car, when someone we love moves away or dies? As a church community we are in a change process and fearfulness so quickly comes to us- how will we cope when our Pakenham families leave us? who will help our younger leaders grow, with out a pastor around to mentor them? How long will we be vacant? I find these words of Moses reassuring- spoken when Israel was fearful of the changes lying ahead...

“Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today... then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea.... The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground... Exodus 14:13,21,22

God invites us to place our trust in Him and to leave our fear behind as we step forward in faith, into the pathway he creates for us.

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Pastoral and Prayer Points

- Resulting from his tests, **Peter Bruinewoud** was informed that he is not eligible to commence the new treatment for his lung cancer. Peter accepts this quite readily, as he knows that even these things are part of God’s way for him. We pray that God will continue to sustain him in faith, health and well-being.
- The **Van Rossen** families (Martin+Coby, Krijna, Lidia and Les, and David and Siska) received the sad

news that their niece/ cousin, Natalie, aged 39 had died suddenly in Tasmania after some time of being unwell. Pray for Natalie’s husband, Josh, the children and her parents at this time of loss as well as the wider family as they support each other in their grief, with faith and God’s comforting love.

- The **Pretorius** family were saddened by the news that Colin’s mother passed away on Wednesday, at the age of 95. We pray that they will know God’s love and comfort surrounding them as they grieve the loss of a loving Mother and grandmother. Pray for them as they feel the distance from the rest of the family at this time, and as study pressures remain a reality for both Colin and Chris.
- Thankfully, **Gerry Heerdink** has been able to move into **Chestnut Gardens** in Doveton, this Thursday. Pray for both Robbie and Gerry as he adjusts to new surroundings and to new care staff.
- Although it was disappointing to receive **Josh Hartog’s** response to our church’s call, we can value his honest prayerful deliberation. However, it means the search committee needs to consider the next step in looking for the leadership that our church requires. Pray for them, that God will give them wisdom and guide them in their decisions to the right person/s.

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

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Newsletter compiled by Adrian de Vos. Email newsletter@dcrc.org.au Phone 9547 6878 News items dead line is 5 PM Wednesday.		

Dinner – Auction Night : Please keep Saturday the **13th 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.



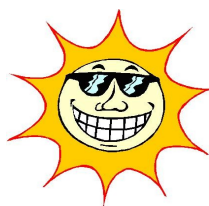
Dandenong Christian Reformed Church is seeking to appoint a part time

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



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 Galations. 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."

**September is leprosy month
Please hand your now almost
full Leprosy saving boxes to me
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Thank you Corry**

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Julie de Jong	September 10
Gavin Koch	September 11
Maureen Koch	September 12
Henk van der Kruk	September 12
Klaas Appel	September 15
Wendy Joseph	September 15

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!

Lord's Supper

Next Sunday we plan to celebrate the Lord's Supper in both services. God's Word calls us to examine ourselves before we eat of the bread and drink of the cup (1 Corinthians 11:28). In the light of that we are called to ask ourselves these questions:

- Do I believe that my sins are forgiven only because my Lord sacrificed himself for me on the cross?
- Is it my sincere desire to love God and my neighbour, and to serve them according to God's Word?

You could pray: "Almighty God, we pray for Your grace that in the coming days we might rightly examine ourselves. Comfort us as repentant sinners and give us assurance that we may look forward to a blessed celebration. And if any of us are not right with You, give us grace and mercy, Lord, that in repentance we may change our way of life, and join this coming Sunday in the celebration of tis most glorious feast. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."



Years ago, a retrospective showing of Pablo Picasso's works was held at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. Nearly a thousand of Picasso's works were displayed in chronological order, beginning when he was a very young boy. The early works were traditional landscapes and still-life's. Then, as the artist advanced in age, brilliant colors began to emerge, and the still-life's were no longer very still. Finally, of course, the works turned into the kind of bold, zesty abstractions for which Picasso is best known. One art critic who saw the show recalled that once, when Picasso was eighty-five, he was asked the reason his earlier works were so solemn and his later works so ecstatic and exciting. "How do you explain it?" asked the interviewer.

"Easily," Picasso responded, his eyes sparkling. "It takes a long time to become young!"

Aunt Aggie was on an Amtrak train a few months ago. She searched through her purse and pockets for her ticket while the conductor waited patiently. Finally she said, "This is terrible. I know I had a ticket, but for the life of me I can't remember what I did with it."

The conductor said, "All is not lost, ma'am. You can pay me directly. Then when you find the ticket you can return it and get your money back."

"But that's not the point," said Aunt Aggie in bewilderment. "I don't remember where it is I'm going."

A group of senior citizens at a retirement home was having a high old time discussing their various aches, pains and ills. Arthritis, indigestion, ulcers, insomnia, on and on it went. Finally an eighty-five-year-old man said, "Think of it this way, my friends. It just proves that old age isn't for sissies!"

Years ago, my grandfather was talking to an old friend, our honorary Uncle Marty, who at the age of eighty-nine was still a bachelor. Grandfather jokingly asked, "Marty, you old codger, can you remember the first girl you ever kissed?"

Marty gave a hollow laugh. "Mike," he said dryly, "I can't even remember the last one."