



14 October 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: The Good Life  
Reading: Matthew 13:36-43

6:00 PM Br Colin Pretorius (Afrikaans)  
Message: What are we doing here.  
(Wat doen ons hier?)  
Readings: Psalm 95

### Pakenham Community Church Plant (PC3)

10:30am today  
Pakenham Living Learning Centre  
6B Henry Street Pakenham.

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Rev John de Hoog  
6:00 PM Rev Keith Vethaak

### OFFERINGS

#### THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Dandenong High School Chaplancy

#### NEXT WEEK

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

#### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$1,724.70
RCYA Youth Connections	\$621.80
Donation Hall	\$100.00

### ROSTERS

#### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: J & K. Esselbrugge,  
H & J. van der Jagt,  
N & M. Steunenberg

Next Week: G & M. Smedes, J. Schapendonk,  
C & H. van Garderen, J & L. Otto

28<sup>th</sup> October J. Gully, J & S. Iepema,  
M & N. Meenks, E. Oinonen

4<sup>th</sup> November J & A. van Breen, H. van der Kruk,  
H. Zwaal

#### PA & VIDEO :

Today: Matthew Noorbergen, Ian Meenks

Next Week: David Cameron, Glenn de Jong

#### GREETERS

Today: Rita Piening

Next week: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels

### Our worship today

Welcome to **Rev. Dr. Henk de Waard** from Geelong, as he ministers to us this morning and brings us God's Word of grace.

This evening, our South African brothers and sisters will gather for an Afrikaans service at 6.00pm, where **Colin Pretorius** will lead in worship and in the proclamation of God's word.

May our worship today be honouring to God, and may it encourage us to live by faith in the week ahead.

**Reflection:**

**Asking questions....**

At present our 3 year- old grandson is full of questions –  
 “What’s inside my tongue?”  
 “Why do we need mouths?”  
 “What is fire made of?”

Questions have a way of opening things up for further insight, exploration and learning.  
 Sometimes I think about the question Phillip asked the man from Ethiopia, the official of the Queen’s treasury:  
 “Do you understand what you are reading?”  
 Here was a man who understood the value of material things, yet struggled to make sense of God’s Word – it needed the insights and understanding of another person who had grown up in the scriptures, to show him the richness and treasures that it contained, drawing a line from the old testament to the good news about Jesus, as God’s solution for redeeming a broken and hurting world.

Recently, I re-found another 4 questions that have been helpful as I have read the scriptures for myself – they originate with Martin Luther, one of the authors of our reformational beginnings. As he read portions of the bible he would ask of himself-

- What am I to believe?**
- What am I to do?**
- Of what am I to repent?**
- For what am I to give thanks?**

God’s word as we read it for ourselves, or as we hear it preached each Sunday, asks us to respond with faith, with action, with changes of corrections, and with gratitude. God’s word of grace opens us up to His life-giving gifts and to gratitude.

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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**

- **Henk Vander Kruk** is thankful to be making good progress at his daughter’s place (Ingrid : 5 DeeWy Rd. Narre Warren) after completing Rehab, and can be visited there for this next week.
- **Ruth Harris** is now in the Kingston Centre for Rehab after her hip surgery. It is possible that she will be discharged this coming week to her daughter’s place.
- **Audrey Kloppenburg** continues to have medical care at Casey. Pain management has been difficult and she has suffered unpleasant side effects. At present they are changing her medications, hopefully for improved results.
- Pray for **Rev. Laven Shunmugam** as he considers the call that we have extended to him to come and minister among us, and that he will know God’s guidance for him and his family and also for the present congregation he serves, that it may be clear to him, how to respond.
- Pray for God’s enabling strength for those in our hostel and in other aged care facilities who require the support and care of others for their daily routines. Pray especially for **Ann Daniels** and also for **Con** her husband as she celebrates another birthday this week.

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### **News from the Churches: Please pray:**

The **Rev. Pieter Tuit** of the Ulverstone/ Penguin congregation and his wife Gail, would value your prayers for them as a family, but especially for **Gail**, who has been diagnosed with primary amyloidosis -this is a rare and incurable cancer, which has impacted her kidneys and bone marrow. Treatment options are chemotherapy, and possibly stem cell transplant at a later stage. Pray that God will sustain Gail (and Pieter) as they process this diagnosis and start treatment.

Pray for God's grace and power to heal.

### **Request**

In the past we have held a car boot sale in October.

Is anyone willing to organize one this year.

Would need to decide the date, cost and where the money raised would be used and gather a team to assist on the day.

Please pray about this outreach opportunity to connect with the community once again.

**Please let the Church office staff know if you are willing to organize or help. Julie, Jean, or Henni .Thank you.**

### **Notice is given that the**

**AGM for the Reformed Church of Dandenong Inc will be held on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Church**

### **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."

### **Please Note:**

Dear Friends

Our time in Solomon Islands is fast drawing to a close.

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**

Josh Esselbrugge	October 19
Emil Poppenbeck	October 19

You treat each moment as a gift from God – live life to the hilt. Love those around you.

And others see it, feel it ...pick up on it. You spread good vibes. Live your truth.

### **College boxes.**

October has arived so it is time to collect the college boxes.

Please bring them to the church and hand them in to Janny Appel.

**I thank you in advance.**

This email address, as well as Machi's 'swiministry' will stay here with SWIM.

We have each changed to a new email address for personal email. You may start using them now, though we will still be here until 20 November.

The new addresses are:

[machirietveld@gmail.com](mailto:machirietveld@gmail.com)

[kevinrietveld47@gmail.com](mailto:kevinrietveld47@gmail.com)

## 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."

## Calling of minister

Last Sunday the congregation decided, by an almost unanimous vote, to call the Rev Laven Shunmugam to be our new minister. Laven, at present serves the congregation of Hawksbury Christian Reformed Church, where he has been for some seven years. The letter of call was sent to Rev Shunmugam, along with a profile of our congregation, on Monday and we also spoke to him about the needs of our congregation. Laven, and his wife Priya, will be on holiday leave for five weeks, while they visit relatives and conduct a wedding in South Africa, so we won't hear of his decision until the latter part of November. Please pray for Laven and Priya and their two children, Prenolan and Prelene, as they make the difficult choice of coming to Dandenong or to keep serving in Hawksbury.

You are encouraged to write to Laven and Priya to indicate how much we would like them to come to Dandenong and our need for their ministry amongst us. You can email them on Laven Shunmugam ([lshunmugam@crca.org.au](mailto:lshunmugam@crca.org.au)) or write snail mail at Rev Laven and Priya Shunmugam, 30 Tollhouse Way, Windsor NSW 2756.



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN  
(Victorian Unit)

You are invited to

## WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

**Where:** St. James' Anglican Church  
55 Langhorne Street Dandenong  
Opposite Police Station

**Date:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2012

**Time:** 10.00 a.m. Morning Tea  
10.30 a.m. Service

**Speaker:** Mrs. Dianne Wright  
Principal Junior & Senior Campuses  
EMMERSON SCHOOL  
Community Day Project - Emmerson School

**Theme:** 'Love in Action'

**EVERYONE WELCOME**



# Ladies Day

Saturday 20th October 2012

10am – 3pm

**Mt Evelyn Christian  
Reformed Church**

Speaker: **Glenda Mattingley**

Morning and afternoon tea will be provided, and a choice of soups for lunch – all free of charge.

Bring your own sandwich if you need extra.

You are also asked to bring something small used/unused from home that you no longer need, to donate for the trading table – these will be available for purchase during lunch, and proceeds will go to the SWIM Mission in the Solomon Islands.

## About the Speaker – **Glenda Mattingley**

*Glenda will be known to many of you as a former Infant teacher and Head of Primary at Maranatha Christian School. She was born in Lilydale and grew up in Silvan attending a rural school. She was 6 years old when her family moved to Dandenong complete with un-paved roads and a dairy farm next door. As a graduate of Frankston Teacher's College she taught at Tyers and Cranbourne Primary Schools. In 1973 after a six months of travelling through Europe she commenced 20 amazing years of service at Maranatha. On the completion of 4 years of study at Tabor Bible College teaching English in China, doing Aid work in the Philippines and taking CRE classes at Doveton Primary, she is now ministering as an Honorary Chaplain at Monash University, Berwick Campus. Glenda is a single lady and has for many years provided Home-stay accommodation (and loving Christian nurture) for young people from a variety of countries. She is recognized as the spiritual mum of numerous International students and delights in attending their weddings and baby christenings in their home countries.*