



28 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 Pastor Crosbie de Krester
Baptism of Lachlan Plas

Message: "The role of parents as mentors to their Children"
Reading: 2 Timothy 3:10 - 17

6:00 PM Rev. Harry Berends
Message: "The just shall live by faith"
" Romans 1:17
Reading: Phillipians 3: 1 - 11

Pakenham Community Church Plant (PC3)
10.30 am today
Pakenham Living Learning Centre
6B Henry Street Pakenham.

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Br Glenn Dekker
6:00 PM Rev Harry Berends

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Music Ministry

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Kids Church

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges \$2,338.85
Deaconate \$455.50
Donation Hall Hire \$200.00

ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: J. Gully, J & S. Iepema,
M & N. Meenks, E. Oinonen

Next Week: J & A. van Breen, C. Yong,
H. Zwaal, G & L. Zomerdyk

11th Nov J & S. Lepema, E. Oinonen,
J. Gully

18th Nov J. Appel, D & S. Barrot, J & C. Blik

For all people who are not able to be on the roster for various reasons:
Please feel free to bake or bring a bought item to share for morning tea, on a Sunday during the year. Your contribution would be much appreciated, you will be supporting and encouraging others

PA & VIDEO :

Today: David & Phillip Ellings

Next Week: Matthew Noorbergen, Ian Meenks

GREETERS

Today: George & Leny Zomerdyk

Next week: Peter & Atie Bruinewoud

Our worship today

This morning, as we worship together, we celebrate with **Vanessa and Matt Plas** as they present **Lachlan James** for baptism. Baptism reminds us of God's gracious covenant with us, to make us His own children through the saving work of Jesus Christ, and the renewing work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

It is a sign that we are accepted as children of our Heavenly Father and that He will walk life's journey with us. It also reminds us that we are to live our lives in obedience to God's word. As a Church community let us pray for Vanessa and Matt as they begin this journey of nurturing faith and loving trust in God, in young Lachlan's life.

We are thankful to **Pastor Crosbie de Kretser** for his willingness to lead us in this celebration of God's covenant love shown to Lachlan, and to us all, through baptism.

Tonight **Rev. Harry Berends** will lead us in worship at 6.00pm. As God's word is proclaimed today, may we be encouraged to walk with faith and trust into the week ahead, knowing God is with us.

Reflection:

The 'New Normal'

A while back, a church member in hospital, was reflecting with me, about a devotion he had read, that looked at how we process and adapt to changes in our life. The writer was suggesting that when life- impacting changes come into our lives, they create a "new normal". The old 'normal' in which we were comfortable has changed forever, but not gone –it remains part of us, and somehow lays a foundation in which the 'new normal' takes place. The learning from the 'old normal' is brought to bear on the 'new normal'. Changes in our lives may require new strategies for living, that have to do with letting go of what is no longer necessary or possible, but which still embraces the fullness of life that

God has for us in this new season of life.

As a church we face the reality of the 'new normal'. We are a community of God's people, and in the midst of experiencing changes, losses, and uncertainties, we need the wisdom and knowledge of scripture. The O.T. preacher reminds us not to look back and compare - "Do not say "Why are the old days better than these?" for it is not wise to ask such questions" *Eccles .7:10*. Instead we are to look forward with trust that God is able to do new things in our midst, because 'new wine' requires 'new wineskins'.

Paul also reminds us that for anyone who embraces the Christian life, old paradigms are gone, the new has come... (2 Cor.5:17) He was of course speaking of the redeeming work of Christ, that reconciles us to God and to the new path ways that God opens up before us, as we continue to be 'salt and light' in our community and to each other. God is continually at work in new ways, continuing to reconcile to Himself a needy world. Let's be open to that work of reconciliation in our own lives and to the opportunities God open up for us to share it with others.

Henni

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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Pastoral and Prayer Points

Congratulations to Peter and Betty Vandenberg

who celebrate 65 years of marriage tomorrow. May you look back, with thankfulness, as you count the blessings of your long life together. We know that the last year has not been easy, but His loving presence is with you! May God continue to bless you both as you look to Him to provide all your needs for the time God still gives you together.

Peter Vandenberg will go into respite at Dutch Care Kilsyth on 5th November for 2 weeks.

The Eybers family would value your prayers for **Mariette Eybers**, the mother of **Gert Eybers**, who, while in hospital in South Africa for treatment, suffered a heart attack, this has compounded her health issues and caused concern for **Resta and Gert** and their family so far away. She had surgery on Tuesday. Please pray for the healing and restoration she needs at this time.

Lorna Dixon was admitted to Dandenong Hospital on Sunday Night and underwent Gall Bladder surgery on Tuesday. Lorna was discharged from hospital on Thursday and will be at her daughter Joan's home in Rowville for about a week.

Keep her in your prayers as she recovers from this surgery.

Just to update the church family on **Harry Burggraaf**: Harry remains in ICU at Monash on life support. He has multiple organ failure due to the pancreatitis and is fighting a chest infection as well. A blood transfusion this week was beneficial.

He remains in an induced coma, but they lightened the sedative load, and allowed him to trigger the ventilator with his own breathing pattern. Renal dialysis continues as does central venous nutrition. He was unable to tolerate food in the gut through a tube, so they have ceased this at present. The ICU consultant has indicated that Harry's own body has to work to restore the damage that has been done internally by the excess pancreatic juices. This will be a long slow process that may take up to 3-4 weeks of Intensive Care life support, and then a long hospital stay once he comes off life supports. Pray that God would provide the strength Harry's body needs to do the miraculous work of healing and repairing the internal damage to organs, that will allow him to survive this. Henni and Jono and the family greatly value your prayers for Harry, and are

grateful for the loving support they have experienced from the church family. Thanks so much.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Lorna Dixon	Today	October 28
Sophie Wang		October 30
Richard Steendam		October 31
Riley Barrot		October 31
Glenda Zaphiris		November 2
Juris Austrums		November 3

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

Association for Christian Senior Citizens Homes Inc.

Outlook Gardens Christian Retirement Village and Hostel

Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General meeting of the Association for Christian Senior Citizens' Homes Inc. will be held at 2.00pm on Saturday 24th November, 2012 in the Outlook Gardens Community Centre, next door to the Reformed Church of Dandenong, at the corner of Gladstone Road and Outlook Drive, Dandenong North.

Members of the Association and other interested persons are invited to put this date in their dairies and to attend this meeting.

For all enquires please contact Hostel Reception on: 9795 7566

State youth service

State Youth Service is on tonight at the *Christian Reformed Church of Casey* (350 – 352 Pound Road, Narre Warren Sth) at **6pm**. Pastor La'Mont will be bringing the Word to us and we're looking forward to unpacking the theme of the service – *Stained Glass Masquerade*.

We're looking forward to worshipping together at Casey and please don't rush off afterward as there will be some yummo food too. If you have any queries, please contact Sean de Kretser on 0438 017 913 or youthworker@caseycrc.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 Galatians. All welcome. Any questions can be directed to Harry and Jannette Vanderjagt on 9703 1613 or 0438 872000.

VENTURE BIBLE STUDY

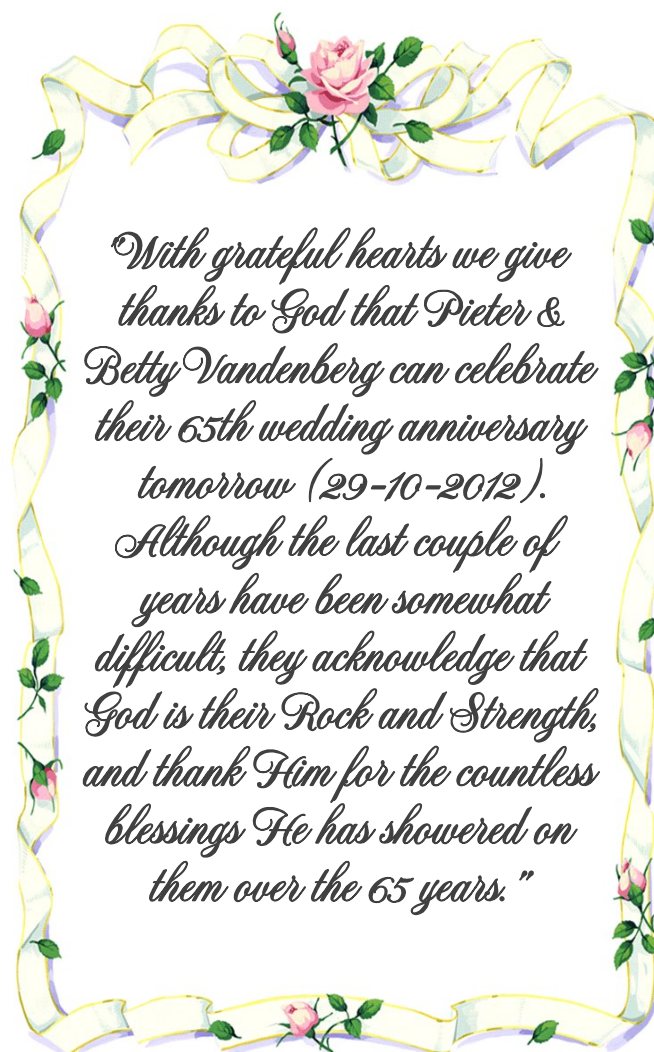
(Young Adults) is on a Monday on a fortnightly basis starting at 7:30 and meeting in the resource room at church. If you want to be part of this group let David Barrot know on 0401 073 954, it would be great to see you there."

G.O.S.P.E.L. Missionary threatened.

Last Sunday, Hindu extremists stoned the house of one of the G.O.S.P.E.L. evangelists named Javansingh in the state of Madhya Pradesh, India. It seems that after the Sunday worship service in the village, the evangelist was warned to cease Christian worship events. Presently there are heightened tensions because it is the significant festival time of the female deity Durga and Hindu priests are angry that the evangelist is encouraging people to worship a different God. Through the ministry of Javansingh, six new

families from Hindu background started to attend worship over the last four months. Praise God the Holy Spirit that he is at work bringing light in the darkness.

We would request that this Sunday (Reformation Sunday), all churches bring this situation before God in prayer. Please pray for Javansingh, his wife and four teenage children and the believers in the village. Bert Kuipers - for the Committee.



Greetings from Solomon Islands.

In recent weeks, we have seen many blessings that we want to share with you, indicating God's goodness and love for us here.

ISLAM SEMINARS

Thank you for your prayers for our recent seminars on Islam. Inclement weather contributed to a low attendance at the first two public rallies, but after he preached in two churches in Honiara, interest grew, and the 2 day long

seminars were well attended. The visit to the prison went very well, and the closing rally saw well over 500 attend. Thanks Bernie, for how the Lord used you here.

BETHESDA

With many thanks for the team from Wamberal, Michael has been able to upgrade the water service throughout the property. The Wamberal team had some left over poly-pipe which was donated to Bethesda.

We have also heard that Susan Larsen's approval to return to Solomon Islands has been granted, and she is now getting ready to return.

WAMBERAL SWIM TEAM

A large team of 30 persons came from NSW, organised by the Wamberal Church. This time they undertook another significant project in the village of Samasodu in Isabel, with whom they have been partnering for some 6 years now. They laid kilometres of new water pipe, provided & erected water tanks, & fixed water outlets throughout the village. Another job well done. Thanks Wamberal for running water.

MINISTRY

Three weeks ago, an opportunity opened up for another Radio Station to use us in their Sunday Program. For the last 3 weeks, Kevin has been able to present a 15 minute Sunday Meditation on God's Word, and this has been well received. This particularly FM station has a large listening audience in Honiara, and already there has been positive feedback. Eric will continue this work.

MINISTRY GOALS REVISITED.

We had Rev Jack De Vries spend a few days with us, reviewing our ministry goals which we developed earlier in the year. Some of us had lost sight of our vision, and it was good to be reminded of it again. We revisited and re-prioritised our ministry goals, and covenanted together to spend more time in prayer. Thank you Jack for helping us along that road.

THANK YOU, NSW

We received a well packed and useful container load of clothes, books and other bits and pieces. Thank you to the NSW churches and especially the St Marys congregation for all your hard work. Be assured that many people will be blessed.

PRAYER NEEDED

Some month ago, we appointed Rev Japhlet Folia to the work of Crossroad Bible Study Courses in the Prison. He has been on a learning curve with the administrative side of things, but he has a great rapport with inmates. He has been diagnosed with very high blood pressure. He is having some time out for rest, as well as getting medication for it. Please pray that he may be able to resume this ministry again soon.

WINDING UP

Handing things over and letting them go is not easy, even though in some respects we are happy to let them go. Machi has handed over all her KYB responsibilities to an entirely local team. Eric has just about taken over the whole media ministry, while Lauretta has taken on the responsibility for the administration. School sponsorship

will continue, and sponsors should expect to hear from Machi in the next month about this and next year.

PACKING UP

In the midst of all the busyness, we have been sorting & packing the personal belongings that we will take back with us to Australia. A container has arrived, & needs to be completely packed by the end of the month. Our house and lifestyle are undergoing changes. Now we are planning the farewells that also need to happen over the next few weeks. Goodbyes will not be easy.

THANK YOU. We thank you for your ongoing prayers & support. May our loving Father bless each of you for your partnership with us. Kevin, for all at SWIM

