



4 November 2012

THE CHURCH UNDER THE CROSS

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 Glenn Dekker
Message: God's Family Plan (Luke 1:45)
Reading: Luke 1:39-56

6:00 PM Rev Harry Berends
Message: The Sin Against the Holy Spirit.
Readings: Matthew 12:22-32,
Hebrews 5:11 – 6:12.

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Rev Dr Henk de Waard
6:00 PM Rev Thinus du Plessis (Afrikaans)

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Kids Church

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Wycliffe Bible Translators

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges N/A



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

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

Next Week: J & S. Lepema, E. Oinonen,
J. Gully

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

25th Nov T & R. Raatjes, P & A. Bruinewoud
J. Bruinewoud

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Matthew Noorbergen, Ian Meenks

Next Week: David Cameron, Glenn de Jong

GREETERS

Today: Peter & Atie Bruinewoud

Next week: Martin & Coby van Rossen

Our worship today

This morning, we welcome **Pastor Glenn Dekker**, from Wantirna Christian Community Church, as he brings us God's Word of grace for our lives, while at 6.00pm, **Rev Harry Berends** will lead our worship time. Thank you, to both Glenn and Harry, for sharing your gifts with us today. May we hear God's word and may it encourage us to live for God in the week ahead.

Reflection:

“Now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

1Cor.13.13

People can wear a lot of messages on their T shirts. A recent one that was eye-catching was “Love is for losers.” Maybe the wearer had been hurt by a relationship, or thought it provocative, but the reality is that when we love others we take risks. People could well hurt us, disappoint us or even leave us. Love can lead to loss.

The scriptures challenge us to rise to a higher plane in loving others. As people who exercise godly love, we do not do so for personal benefit or gain, but rather we know that the self-giving love of God which we echo “bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things”... and so we are drawn beyond life’s hurts and pains toward the never diminishing love and care of our heavenly Father.

So, perhaps love **is** for losers – for it is in times of loss and disappointment that we need God’s love the most. Even in our struggles we know that “love never fails.” Thank you for the love we experience in community.

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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

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are invited to put this date in their dairies and to attend this meeting.

For all enquires please contact Hostel Reception on: 9795 7566

Pastoral and Prayer Points

Harry Burggraaf remains in ICU at Monash.

This week they were planning to replace the breathing tube, with a tracheostomy. Hopefully this allows for the reduction in sedation so that he can be more conscious, and regain some movement for his body, as he is losing strength, through being in a coma now for over two weeks. Please continue to pray for wisdom for the medical staff who care for him and for the healing he needs to restore.

Keep **Mark and Nyomie Meenks** in prayer, as Nyomie was admitted to hospital this week with a prolapsed disc.

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.

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: lshunmugam@crca.org.au or write to their postal address: Rev Laven and Priya Shunmugam, 30 Tollhouse Way, Windsor, NSW 2756

PLEASE HELP

We are urgently seeking support from Young Or Not so Young on a regular/rostered basis during the Sunday morning worship service for people to use the computer/data projector.

Only basic computer skills are required and full instructions and training are supplied for everyone to use. Speak to Colin Pretorius for further information about Data Projector training.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Maurice Eleveld	November 6
Herman Blenk	November 7
Joanne Schapendonk	November 7
Ann Suk	November 9

After a certain number of birthdays, we begin to see the spontaneous beauty of the life God gives us each day, and we appreciate its unique pattern...

After a certain number of birthdays, we marvel at our own original design May this year of your life be blessed by knowing in every moment, in every day, He is shaping you **in His loving and perfect design.**

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

Please note:

Corrections to latest Address Booklet

- Ada Coe's** mobile number should read: 0407162 596
- Syd & Carmen Johnson** phone number is 9774 7608
- Emil & Ishbelle Poppenbeck** should be Unit 45/237 Outlook Drive,
- Joanne Schapendonk** Phone number is 8707 2461

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."

A word of THANKS

For quite a number of years now Peter and Atie Bruinewoud have dilligently driving from Langwarrin every Thursday and worked behind the scenes preparing folders for members of the congregation for Sunday services. It has been greatly appreciated but now they are retiring from this position. So thank you Peter and Atie for your weekly dose of humour, friendship and of course work. You will be missed on a Thursday morning.

But enjoy your sleep-ins instead.

CAN YOU assist as this now means we need assistance in the office on a Thursday for around one hour to prepare these folders for use on Sunday for members who have difficulty seeing the projector screen at the front of the Church during the service. If you are willing to take on this job please speak to Julie after Church or call her on Thursday on 9795 0576 and see what is involved.

Note:

God is continuing to grow a small Reformed Church seedling out in Pakenham. PC3 (Pakenham Christian Community Church) meets on a fortnightly basis at **10:30am** in the room directly behind the hospitality area as you walk into the **Living, Learning Pakenham centre** on **6B Henry Street, Pakenham**. The dates for the remainder of the year are 11 November, 25 November, 9 December and 23 December.

If you know anyone that wants to know more about PC3, please email through to pc3@hotmail.com.au OR call Sean de Kretser on 0438 017 913.

Car Boot Sale

Yes we are having a car boot sale on the 17th of November, from 8:00am until 1:00pm. We are asking the church community to support us in this event. The proceeds will go to Silyabonga orphanage Uganda.

We kindly ask those ladies who are able to bake a cake or biscuits for the cake stall. Please put in a little note in it with the ingredients. Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with a croquette or sausage.



It is going to be a fun day for the whole family, with some entertainment for the children.

Humour corner

Martin Luther was nailed to the door at Wittenburg for selling indulgences.

The spies said the land was flowing with milk and honey, and they bought a big bunch of grapes to prove it.

A man drew his bow at a venture, but he missed the venture and hit Ahab!

When they left Egypt, the Israelites had manna in their dessert.

