



2 December 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 Michael de Krester  
Message: "Be involved in REACHING THE LOST because Heaven Commands it and Hell Demands it!"  
Reading: Matthew 28:16-20  
6:30 PM Sri Lankan Service

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Rev Crosby de Krester  
6:00 PM Jubilate Choir

### OFFERINGS

#### THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Church Planting Taskgroup

#### NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Transit

#### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,490.10
Deaconate	\$430.50
COM India	\$1,238.85
Donation Hall	\$500.00



### ROSTERS

#### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: A & O. Pleiter, Y. Pleiter, Cameron Family, D. van Neutegem  
Next Week: W. Tiley, A. Coe, C. Daniels, G. de Groot  
16<sup>th</sup> Dec K & J. de Jong, D & P. Ellings, B. Elfring, H. Elfring.  
23<sup>rd</sup> Dec P & J. de Jong, T & J. Cram, C & K. Harrison, I. Meenks

#### PA & VIDEO :

Today: David Cameron, Glenn de Jong  
Next Week: TBA

#### GREETERS

Today: Rita Piening  
Next week: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels

### Our worship today

Welcome to **Rev. Michael de Kretser**, from Casey as he proclaims God's Word to us this morning, while this evening at 6.30pm the **Sri Lankan Combined Colleges Choir** directed by **Rev. Crosbie De Kretser**, will lead us in a **Carol Service**.

May God's Word, challenge, comfort and inspire us, as we seek to live for God in the week ahead.

## Reflection - Hope

When my life is flowing smoothly, hope is present as a natural ingredient that flavours the way I speak and think and act.

I hope to make it to a family celebration, I hope to see a friend graduate... I put my hopes into my diary as I plan movements for the next week or for the Christmas month ahead, and I hope that these things will become a reality.

Hope is the unnoticed cord on which we hang so much of our lives when life is in its normal ebb and flow.

As I cling to hope in the midst of difficulty, it takes on a different flavor, it becomes a life saving cord to which I cling when distress or fears would overwhelm me, for I know that my hope is anchored not on any earthly or human source, but firmly in Jesus, the only firm and secure source of hope ...*Those who hope in the Lord, will renew their strength... (Isaiah 40:31)...*

Hope is God's gift to us both in good times and in the hard times.

Hope takes my focus off the problem and reduces the weight of the burden making it easier to stand up straight again.

*We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure... Jesus... (Hebrews 6:19-20)*

## 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 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.

## Elder nominations.

The terms of two elders come to an end in a few months. Combined with the uncertainty as to when Harry Burggraaf will be able to return to his duties, the church council is seeking nominations for at least 2 elders to allow us to continue our work effectively. The congregation is encouraged to put forward nominations in writing to an elder or to council.

**The 'Jubilate Choir'**  
Will participate in the joint church service  
of the Christian Reformed Churches  
of Dandenong, Casey and Langwarrin

**Sunday Evening Service**  
&  
**Present a beautiful Cantata**  
**"Emmanual"**

at the  
Dandenong Christian Reformed Church  
9<sup>th</sup> December, 2012 at 6 pm



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News items dead line is 5 PM Wednesday.		

## URY in 2013 – We Need YOU!

Dear congregation,

At the end of this year, several leaders from URY will be finishing their roles as they move into different church ministry areas. As a result, there is an urgent need for new volunteers to give a little bit of their time on Tuesday nights to help minister to youth from both our church and the local community. Any help that you can offer in 2013 will be greatly appreciated! If you are interested, please contact Lynette on 0423 889 912.

### Pastoral and Prayer Points

- Several people have had short hospital stays this week and tests. Pray that it will become clear what has caused the pain/ the issues, and that these can be treated and resolved.
- Continue to hold **Atie and Peter Bruinewoud** in prayer, as no further treatment is available for Peter's cancer. Pray that God will maintain Peter's present level of health and strength.
- **Give thanks** for the wonderful work that **Kevin and Machi Rietveld** have been able to complete in the Solomon Islands over 14 years. Pray that they will be able to settle back into life in Australia continuing to use their God-given gifts.
- **Harry Burggraaf** update: Overall Harry has maintained his present level of wakefulness, with slips back into deeper sleep, as he has required dressing changes with anaesthesia. His heart stoppages are still occurring sporadically, - some new medication is being tried for this. We are grateful to see that his kidneys are responding to the diuretics and we have quantity but not yet quality... so very slowly he is moving forward. We praise God for his gracious, loving, healing hand upon Harry. He is still at risk of infection, and his blood count (wcc) went down this week. Thank you for faithful prayer support and your love.
- Pray for the call extended to **Rev. Laven Shunmugam** as he considers our call 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.

## 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."

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Wiaa Mut	December 3
Peter Bruinewoud	December 6
John Bruinewoud	December 6
Mark Kruizinga	December 6
Cory van der Jagt	December 8

May your day be God-blessed as one of your best!

## **“Today” Booklet:** subscriptions

There are a few who as yet have not renewed their “Today” booklet subscriptions, if you can't remember if you have paid or not, please check. Thank you.

## **Pakenham Church Plant Report**

### **Challenges**

- Having enough time to keep up with the demands of a Church plant... Hence no report in October.
- Sourcing our own lockable cupboard(s) within our new worship space rather than lugging stuff around

### **Highlights**

- Launch team continues to meet regularly
- Launch team is continuing to wrestle through who God is leading us to partner in with to become a institutionalised Church in Pakenham within the Reformed Churches of Australia. We've touched base with Jack DV again, who's been a big help in this journey thus far.
- New faces continue to walk through the doors at PC3 and it's a blessing to see God working in peoples hearts to attend this young Church. These faces are now what I'd consider as 'regulars' which is amazing! God is now drawing together roughly between 20 to 30 adults regularly on a fortnightly basis at PC3. There between 3 to 7 kids that regularly come along with parents which is also a real blessing.
- We're all thoroughly enjoying the relaxed environment at PC3. The hospitality area directly outside our worship space means that the 'café' style Church is easily achieved. Really important we continue to grow and develop this culture especially in the area that we're ministering in.
- Dave Barrot has done a fantastic job of organising various Pastors into our fortnightly roster. God continues make Pastors available to preach the Word. On the Sunday's that Pastors can't preach, Dave Barrot and I have led various Bible studies/messages.

- Apart from the prayer ministry we've got up and going, we're blessed to have Jeanette Noorbergen organising a group from PC3 engage with 4C's in their Christmas hamper packing and distribution. The PC3 group is looking forward to engaging with the Pakenham region in bringing some joy to struggling families during this Christmas period. God is good!

### **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.
- Continue to keep the forward momentum going with the Launch Team and encourage us to look out over 2013 and ask God for His supervision guidance in all of that.

Bless ya!

Sean de Kretser

### **Please Note:**

#### **Change of Address Details:**

Emil & Ishbelle Poppenbeck now have a home phone 9795 4507

Cor & Aafke Span have moved and are now living at Unit 16/14 Avarid Court, Berwick. 3806 Phone: 9707 2092

### **Smile**

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.

**The 2012 Compassionate Catalogue will be available on Sunday 2 Dec.**

**GIVE A GIFT IN JESUS NAME.**

The 2012 "Compassionate Catalogue" has lots of options to give something towards Deed and Word ministries in developing countries. You can give any amount to any of the 17 suggestions.

When you give, you can know that these gifts will support the cause of Christ's Kingdom. Supporting these ministries is one way to express your gratitude for the gift of salvation you have received.

**Bert Kuipers**

please select one or more gifts from CRCA's and RCNZ's

compassionate  
catalogue  
2012

"be rich in good deeds,  
be generous,  
be willing to share."  
1 Tim 6:18



17 suggestions for  
individuals, families  
and groups

## DUTCH CHRISTMAS NEDERLANDS KERSTFEEST



You are invited to come and celebrate Christmas in the Dutch language on

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**6.00 pm**



at

at the Dandenong Christian Reformed Church, located at  
Corner of Outlook Drive & Gladstone Road Dandenong North

The program will include community singing, a choir, solo items and a Christmas message.

A collection will be taken for the work of Palliative Care.



Supper will be served at the conclusion.

We trust that this evening will be a great God honouring event as it has been in the past.

Jubilate Choir