



3 February 2013

**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. Peter Mechielsen  
Message: God's Compassion  
Readings: Exodus 34: 1 - 9, Matthew 12: 38 - 45

6:00 PM Rev. Harry Berends  
Message: Trust and Obey  
Reading: Numbers 9: 15 - 27

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Rev Crosbie de Krester  
6:00 PM Rev. Harry Berends

### OFFERINGS

#### THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – The Leprosy Mission

#### NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Lord's Supper Leadership Training / Prof.  
Development

#### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,100.15
Reformed Theological College	\$434.80



### ROSTERS

#### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: J & M. Austrums, Y & A. Laverman,  
C & A. Span, J. Schapendonk  
Next Week: J & K. Esselbrugge,  
H & J. van der Jagt,  
N & M. Steunenber  
February 17<sup>th</sup> G & M. Smedes,  
C & H. van Garderen  
J & S. van Garderen

February 24<sup>th</sup> J. Gully, J & S. Iepema, E. Oinonen

#### PA & VIDEO :

Today: David Cameron, Glenn de Jong  
Next Week: David & Phillip Ellings

#### GREETERS

Today: Peter & Atie Bruinewoud  
Next week: Martin & Coby van Rossen

### Our Worship Today

This morning we welcome **Rev Peter Mechielsen** who will lead us in worship and bring us God's word, then this evening **Rev Harry Berends** will lead our worship time. We thank both these men as they help fill our preaching void. May God's Word comfort and inspire us, as we seek to live for God in the week ahead.

## Pastoral and Prayer Points

1.

Continue to give thanks and rejoice with the Zaphiris family for the continued improvement in Lia's condition. Having spent 16 days in hospital with an injury to her pancreas, she has been able to return home, but the healing process will take time. Pray also for the family as they come to grips with the lifestyle changes necessitated by Lia's illness and changed dietary requirements.

2.

Please keep Henk van der Kruk in your prayers as well. Following increasingly severe pain in his hip, Henk heard on Thursday that another hip operation will need to be done. The surgery has been scheduled for next Friday and will be followed by extended rehabilitation. Henk values the support he has received and would appreciate the congregation's continued prayers.

3.

Ulbe Siegersma was admitted to the Monash Hospital late this week to undergo a number of tests and it is uncertain how long he will be hospitalised. Please keep him and his family in your prayers in their time of uncertainty.

### 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."

### Hope in the Hills Christian Community

"We are pleased to announce that Rev. Dr. Leo Douma of the Christian Reformed Church of Sydney has accepted a call to Hope in the Hills Christian Community, Tecoma, Victoria.

An invitation is extended to those interested to an installation service which will be held at Hope in the Hills Christian Community, 3 Clifford Grove, Tecoma on Sunday, 10th February at 10 am"

Dear All,

I am advised that the Resource Centre doesn't have any copies of the *Book of Forms* available for purchase.

Is anyone able to sell us, say, half a dozen, new copies of the book?

Blessings,

Peter Gadsby

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News items dead line is 5 PM Wednesday.

**COFFEE BREAK LADIES BIBLE STUDY will commence again on Tuesday the 5th February. We will start with a coffee morning at 10am in the double room.**

Ladies, if you would like to join us, you are very welcome. Please accept this as your personal invitation.

Any questions, please speak with one of the leaders, Vera Steendam, Tuks Eleveld or Helen van Garderen.

## **THANK YOU**

We just want to thank everyone in the congregation for all the care and loving support shown to us during the 3 months of Harry's serious illness and his eventual death. Thanks for walking alongside us with so many practical helps. The cards, flowers, gifts, meals, and the encouragement we received through your presence with us and continual prayers, for Harry and us all, it has been a gracious gift that has sustained us.

Then on the 15<sup>th</sup>, for the funeral and Thanksgiving service, so many of you willingly served, and took initiative for all the practical things that needed to be done... **thank you** ... to you all, for sharing the load. We feel so blessed to be part of the body of Christ here in this place – people who are able to show love and care with such generosity.

From the Burggraaf Family  
Henni, Jono, Sonya, Cameron, Simon, Ana, and  
Spencer and Anamioka

**PS: People's generosity also resulted in \$2,400 being raised on that day for Simon and Ana to go to the Solomon Islands. Thanks!**

### **Compassionate Catalogue 2012.**

Thanks to all who have given one or more gifts from the Compassionate Catalogue. If you haven't done so, there is still time. If you've lost your hard copy, you can find the whole catalogue on facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Compassionate-Catalogue-2012/298949950137920> . All the gifts and all the ways to make a donation are found there. Your gifts are a wonderful way to be engaged with a Christ centred project in a developing country. (Bert Kuipers - editor.)

## **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."

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Harry Cram	4-Feb
Mrs Annie Pilon	9-Feb
Peter de Jong	10-Feb

May God bless your birthday and fill your life with His love.

## Outlook Gardens Aged Care Facility.

Are you energetic and fit?

We need volunteers to assist on Bus Trips and Shopping Trips.

These are on Tuesdays either 9am to 12 noon or from 1pm to 4pm.

Please contact Rosemary Crouch on 9795 7566 Activities Co-ordinator if you are interested.

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### **Note: 1**

We are still seeking volunteers to operate the data projector during the morning and evening worship services. Please come and see the person on today and find out just how easy it is to operate.

### **Note: 2**

As we all know our congregation will be losing some of our Worship Team to Pakenham and we would love more to join the team. If you have any musical gift - piano, organ, drums, guitar, singing or ..... Please see Harry van der Jagt or any of the others and see where your gifts can be used.

### **Note:3**

We welcome to our congregation officially this week, Jesse Schram as he commences as our Youth Worker, please greet him and say hello and encourage him.

So if you have any requests or can offer assistance in any way please contact him on his email is [jesse@dcrc.org.au](mailto:jesse@dcrc.org.au)

### **Note:4**

Your Invitation to  
DANDENONG COMMUNITY CEMETRY  
OPEN DAY

11.00am TO 4.00pm, Saturday, 16th February 2013  
Kirkham Road, Dandenong.

See notice board for further details



## **Bible League:**

We would like to promote the ministry of Bible League within your Church. To achieve this, we are hoping to have direct contact, someone who is willing to keep the Church family updated with Bible League's ministry. If you are willing to fulfil this important role, please contact our office on:- [info@bibleleague.com.au](mailto:info@bibleleague.com.au) or it can be downloaded from the website [www.bibleleague.com.au](http://www.bibleleague.com.au)

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Thanks



A man walked into a hotel. "I'd like a room for tonight," he told the clerk.

"I'm sorry, sir, but we have no vacant rooms," the clerk answered.

"Not even one room?" the man asked.

"No, sir, we're full tonight," said the clerk.

The man thought for a moment. "Please tell me, if the President of the United States came in and asked for a room, would you give him one?"

"If the President of the United States asked for a room, I would find one for him!" the clerk replied.

"Well, the President is not coming here tonight. So give me the room you'd give him!"