Christian Reformed Church of Dandenong (Inc.)

"Proclaiming and Living the Word of God in a Changing Community"

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES OF AUSTRALIA

Newsletter

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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 Br Luke Scheepers
Message: "Getting the past Right in Christ"
Reading: Psalm 136

6:00 PM Rev Lourens Nel (Afrikaans)
Message: "Die Seun het gekom om te soek wat verlore was" ("The Son came to search for the lost")
Reading: Luke 19:1-10

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Rev John de Hoog
6:00 PM Rev Crosbie de Krester

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK
1 – Local Church
2 – Solomon Islands Workgroup

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

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	$2,322.50
Music Ministry	$249.40
C.O.M. India	$25.00

ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: V & M. Plas, F & A. Berman, J & S. Lepema

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

March 24 T & R. Raatjes, M & T. Eleveld, J. Bruinewoud

March 31 J. Joseph, S & C. Johnson, C. Berman

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Everet & Marnice Marjee

Next Week: David Cameron, Glenn de Jong

GREETERS

Today: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels

Next week: George & Leny Zomerdyk

Our Worship Today

This morning we welcome **Br Luke Scheepers** who will lead us in worship and bring us God's word, then this evening **Rev Lourens Nel** will lead our (Afrikaans) 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

Vera Steendam's son **Robert** has been transferred to Adelaide to undergo an operation following his heart attack. Continue to keep this family in your prayers. Pray for strength and patience and peace as they go through this period of uncertainty.

Jos Berends had surgery this week for relief from carpal tunnel syndrome while **Gerrie de Haan** will have a shoulder operation on the 18th March. **Thea Bonga** has also spent a few days in hospital during the past week. We pray that they will experience relief from pain and discomfort and that their recovery will be speedy.

Continue to also uphold **Ulbe Siegersma, Henk van der Kruk** and **Persis Ferdinands** in your prayers. **Henk** is recovering well from his surgery and is spending some time with his daughter **Ingrid. Persis** has been discharged from hospital and is back in the hostel. We thank God for the way in which He has held them in His loving arms. We pray not only for continued recovery but also that they will have patience in working through their health issues, that they will continue to experience God's presence in their lives and continue to grow closer to Him.

Pray for the ministries of our church. Pray for the leaders of our small groups, that they will be able to continue leading these important ministries and that, where the leaders are struggling, new leaders will be found willing to step up.

As we continue to search for a minister, let us also uphold our leadership and search committee in prayer. As a congregation let us continue to seek God's will not only in this process but in all we do.

Sometimes our worries seem so large that we cannot see how richly we are blessed. But let us not forget to praise our heavenly Father for all the blessings He showers on us on a daily basis. Let us especially continue to praise Him for the wonderful gift of His Son and our Saviour Jesus.

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 intereseted.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Audrey Anderson	March11
Con Daniels	March12
Robbie Heerdink	March14
Jannie Mekking	March14
Aafke Span	March14
Ishbelle Poppenbeck	March16

ON YOUR BIRTHDAY It's time to celebrate… the day God blessed the world with you!

Financial Giving- Freewill Offering and Pledges

I have recently completed the financial results for the period from July 2012 to January 2013 (seven months). The various giving too date is $78,062.00, but the budget is $89,250.00, so we are **$11,188.00 behind budget**. We realise that we are a "vacant" congregation but our ongoing

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expenses continue.

Please consider your **giving** to the work of His kingdom in the months ahead.

Corey van Garderen

Treasurer

A Community Music Event.

A Pleasant Autumn Sunday Afternoon

AT: Beaconsfield Baptist Church
(Melways Ref: 214 A1)
ON: 17th March 2013
FROM: 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Featuring a male chorale ***"MenSing"*** from Syndal Baptist Church.
There are no admission charges and a complimentary afternnon tea is included at the conclusion of the programme.
Limited seating available. Enquiries to Peter Brown 0428 178 413

(For further information refer to the flyer on the notice board on the carpeted area).

Booking of the Church facilities

In the past we have had a number of issues with the booking of the Church facilities and are now asking members to follow this simple process when wanting to book for a function.

For people wanting to hire the church and its facilities the Booking Co-ordiantor - Jean Joseph, must receive a written request stating the date, times and reason for function (meetings/weddings/conferences etc) with contact details attached.
The co-ordinator will then discuss the availability and confirm in writing the recognition of your request.

Thank you

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

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 Galations. 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."

AFRIKAANS BIBLE STUDY
We meet every second Tuesday evening at the home of the Pretorius family. We have recently completed studies on Timothy and on the books of Samuel. If you'd like to be part of this group please see Colin or Maggie Pretorius.

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."

Dear all

Could anyone suggest where mp3's or Wav files of the BOW and Rejoysing songs could be purchased? I have been in contact with the resource centre but they do not supply anything like that.

Blessings
Colin Pretorius

The March CBI newsletter is available from the table in the foyer for those who are interested.

News From the Churches

Hi all
You'll notice from my BLOG below the reason for this email.

For those who may be interested, my brother Harry has posted the electronic version of "Letters to Keith" in a dropbox at https://dl.dropbox.com/u/8766597/BillDeenick%20-%20Letters%20to%20Keith.pdf

Shalom

John Westendorp

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CATALYST March is out!

In March Catalyst:

- Three recently ordained CRCA Pastors share their varied paths toward ministry
- We visit Narre Warren's Transit Soup Kitchen, and observe how they are bringing Jesus to the least, the last, and the lost
- We look at the RTC's Fan The Flame conference, and see how it works to clarify people's expectations about study for ministry and mission
- Joe Vermeulen writes about Cyber Bullying, and what we can do about it

Printed copies are available on the cupboard on the carpeted area.

Happy Reading! Grace and peace,
Dave Groenenboom

For those who would like to view it or download it from the internet the linl is
http://crcacatalyst.com/2013/03/05/march-catalyst-out-now/

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With thanks,
Bert Kuipers.