



31 March 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 Crosbie de Krester  
Message: Death is not the end  
Reading: Psalm 16

6:00 PM Rev Harry Berends  
Message: The true significance of Easter  
Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Br Julian Dykman  
6:00 PM Br Julian Dykman

### OFFERINGS

#### THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – The Bible League

#### NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Ministry Formation Workgroup

#### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$3,458.05
ACCESS Ministries	\$1,180.55



### ROSTERS

#### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: J. Joseph, S & C. Johnson,  
C. Berman

Next Week: D & P. Ellings, B. Elfring,  
H. Elfring

April 14 C & K. Harrison, C. Tan,  
H & J. van der Jagt,

April 21 J & K. Esselbrugge, A & O. Pleiter  
Y. Pleiter

#### PA & VIDEO :

Today: David Cameron, Glenn de Jong

Next Week: David & Phillip Ellings

#### GREETERS

Today: Ike & Anneke Laverman

Next week: Corry Blik

### Our Worship Today

This morning we welcome **Rev Crosbie de Krester** who will lead us in worship and bring us God's word, this evening we have **Rev Harry Berends** sharing our worship time. May God's Word comfort and inspire us, as we seek to live for God in the week ahead.

## Pastoral and Prayer Points

We continue to uphold the Berends family in our prayer. **Jos Berends** was admitted to hospital on Thursday in preparation for surgery on Easter Friday, Lord willing. Jos has cancer and the surgeons are hopeful of removing much of the affected area before other therapies can be commenced. Please pray for Jos in this difficult time and also keep the rest of the family in your prayers as they come to grips with Jos' illness.

**Thes Bonga** was again admitted to hospital last weekend but has since returned to the hostel. Let us keep her in our prayers, as she recovers. The Lord has been gracious in Thea's life, and we continue to pray for His help and guidance for Thea.

**Gerrie de Haan** is still in rehab at Epworth in Camberwell, but is making good progress after her shoulder operation. We give thanks for her recovery and progress and we pray that our great Healer will give her patience and strength during her recovery.

**Henk van der Kruk** is making very good progress, and is looking forward to returning to his own home next week. We give thanks that the Lord has provided healing, that the operation was a success and we pray for continued progress.

We also uphold in prayer those who are living with Alzheimers, and also their carers and partners. It is a difficult path they have to travel, and we bring them before the Lord in prayer, praying that they will be given patience and endurance. We also pray that the Lord will continue to enfold them in His arms, and that they will experience His comfort in a difficult time.

We welcome back those who have returned from their travels and pray that they have been refreshed and revitalised. We give thanks for their safe return and continue to uphold in prayer those who are still on

holidays.

A number of our families have lost partners or loved ones over the past number of months, both here and overseas. Let us keep them in our prayers, as they still adjust to lives without their loved ones.

Please continue to uphold the **church council and calling committee** as we continue to search for a pastor for our congregation. This has been a long journey, but we trust that the Lord will provide the right man to lead us. Pray for continued guidance for the calling committee and for patience for us as a congregation as we travel on this road. Continue also to give thanks for the preachers who have been found willing to lead us in our services and for the quality of teaching which we have had during the time of vacancy.

**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.

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Helen van Garderen April 6

In the beginning, God added something new to creation each day.

Then He stood back and said, "this is good... really good."

Same thing happened the day He created you.

<b>Christian Reformed Church of Dandenong</b> 255 Outlook Drive, North Dandenong, Vic 3175 Church Office Phone: 03 9795 0576		
<b>Church office</b> <b>Tel 9795 0576</b> Email <a href="mailto:admin@dcrc.org.au">admin@dcrc.org.au</a>	<b>Pastoral Care Worker</b> <b>Henni Burggraaf</b> <b>Church Office: 9795 2170</b> <a href="mailto:Henni@dcrc.org.au">Henni@dcrc.org.au</a>	<b>CRCA Web site</b> <a href="http://www.crca.org.au">www.crca.org.au</a> <b>Our Church Web site</b> <a href="http://www.dcrc.org.au">www.dcrc.org.au</a> <b>Please visit our web site</b> <b>Your comments are welcome</b>
Newsletter compiled by Adrian de Vos. Email <a href="mailto:newsletter@dcrc.org.au">newsletter@dcrc.org.au</a> Phone 9547 6878 News items dead line is 5 PM Wednesday.		

**Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Reformed Theological College has scheduled the Annual General Meeting of the RTC to be held on Friday 19 April 2013 at 7.30pm at the College, 125 Pigdons Road, Waurin Ponds, Geelong, Victoria.**

**Simon Edwards**

General Manager

#### **ASSISTANT TREASURER REQUIRED**

I am looking for someone with MYOB Accounting experience and who can help me with completing financial matters. This requires only 3-4 hours per month to do accounting work for the Church Books. If you have this experience and are able to assist, please contact me to discuss the matter further.

Corey van Garderen

Treasurer

\*\*\*\*\*

#### **APRIL IS LEPROSY MONTH**

**Can everyone with a Leprosy savings box please hand them to me ASAP**

**Thank you Corry Blik**

\*\*\*\*\*

#### **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**

This bible study group will commence again for this year with a BBQ at the home of Fred and Marianne Piening on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of April. Starting at 6.30 pm. We invite new people to join in with us. We will discuss future meeting plans and our continuing studies with the DVD series on Genesis.

Please ring Marianne about what to bring for the bbq. If you are not attending a small group in the church, and would like to join us ring Henni:

Tel: 9791 2601 or mob. 0408 452 892

##### **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."

##### **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.

##### **CRCA Prayer Calendar 1 April - 19 May 2013**

###### **For Week of 1 April**

1 Easter Monday

Pray that with great power we will continue to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and that much grace will be upon us all. (Acts4:33)

2 Bray Park, QLD

Pray for Bray Park as they partner with the local Neighbourhood Centre in helping struggling families in our community.

3 Narre Warren, VIC

Pray for the Transit Drop In Centre which each Wed. provides a 3 course meal, groceries, and community

to many people doing it tough.

#### 4 RTC, Geelong, VIC

Pray that God would stir in the hearts of future pastors, preachers, and gospel workers throughout Australia.

#### 5 Gosnells, WA

Pray for Gosnells as they minister to regular visitors, some of whom are new Australians recently converted or interested in the gospel

#### 6 Kingston, TAS

Give thanks for Vine Christian Church, Kingston's most recent church plant. Pray that non-Christians would come along, hear the gospel and be saved.

#### 7 Your Church

Pray that your church will be salt and light in the midst of this dark world, that you will have a righteous influence in the world. (Matt 5:13-15)



Dear Friends,

*"Now, brothers and sisters, I want you to remember the Good News I told you. You received that Good News message, and you continue to base your life on it...I gave you the message that I received. I told you the most important truths: that Christ died for our sins, as Scriptures says; that he was buried and was raised to life on the third day, as the Scriptures say;"*  
1 Corinthians 1:3-4 (ERV)

What GREAT NEWS, how refreshing it is to our minds and hearts. DEATH could not hold Him. And what GREAT NEWS for us to carry to others. His LIFE is our eternal hope. A hope that will never disappoint; a hope that always renews in us a joy and excitement that the future holds better things for those who trust in Him.

If we have had to say 'good-bye' to a loved one who trusted in Christ, we have this wonderful assurance that because Jesus rose from the grave, they too will for all eternity will be truly alive in Him.

*"Why are you looking for a living person here? This is a place for dead people. Jesus is not here. He has risen*

*from death."* Luke 24:5b-6a (ERV)

What great JOY! Jesus, the one and only Son of God who defeated sin and death so that all who put their trust in Him will never be put to shame.

May the JOY of the Living Christ fill your hearts this Easter and for all time.

[Your Friends at Bible League International](#)

## News From the Churches

### Pakenham Christian Community Church

Sunday, 24 March 2013

#### Challenges

- Sourcing our own lockable cupboard(s) within our new worship space rather than lugging stuff around
- Having time to keep outgoing communication up to date... Apologies all.
- To continue to be organised and making sure I prioritise appropriately

#### Highlights

- Launch team continues to meet regularly
- Launch team and other core group families met together to discuss who we believe God was leading our Church to be partnered with in regards to a 'Sponsor Church'. We realise that we are blessed to have Dandenong, Wantirna (One Hope) and Casey as the 3 key sending Churches, but, through discussions with Jack DV we were encouraged to choose ONE sponsoring Church. We believe God was leading us towards Casey. We've now met with Casey Church Council a couple of times to discuss this venture of faith. The partnership is growing stronger by the day. More Casey families are popping into worship services as a visible way to support this Church plant apart from the prayer support that we receive. God is definitely at work here!
- 23 December was another mountain top experience for this Church Plant. Approximately 50 people were there for our Christmas worship service. My Dad (Pastor Crosbie) brought us the word in three small

sermons (a miracle in itself... joking Dad), that was broken up by a progressive nativity scene. We're trusting that the Holy Spirit was at work in peoples hearts and lives as they heard the true meaning of CHRISTmas. The core group of families (Barrots, Noorbergens, De Jongs, Spans and de Kretzers) were fantastic in the work that was put in to ensure that the Christmas worship service was one to remember. The De Jong's opened up their home for an amazing lunch afterwards. Fantastic opportunity to continue to grow deeper together as a community of believers in Pakenham. Can't speak highly enough of this mountain peak!

- New faces have continued to walk through the doors at PC3 and it's a blessing to see God working in peoples hearts to attend. Sometimes we see these faces on a regular basis but when we don't see them, we need to get better at following people up. God is now drawing together on average 30 adults regularly on a fortnightly basis at PC3. There between 3 to 5 kids on top of that on average. The networks of people in the Pakenham area continue to grow. A real blessing indeed!
- Dave Barrot continues to do a fantastic job of organising various Pastors and Youth Workers from our denomination to bring us the Word. God continues make Pastors available to preach. Dad has continued to play a vital role in not only this area but also in the Launch Team too. On the Sunday's that Pastors can't preach, Dave Barrot and I have led various Bible studies/messages. Dave in particular has been leading the way here of late.
- 10 March was amazing! It was PC3's first ever baptism. We utilised the larger upstairs room because it's a bigger space. Ella Mechielsen was baptised by Dad. Andrew and Leah were proud parents and were overjoyed with the amount of friends and family that were there to support their family on such an important day. This service wasn't without an initial glitch, our overhead projector and computer wouldn't communicate properly. We prayed! God helped Dave sort it out quickly and the rest of the service went really well. Dad did another fantastic job leading us and again the team at PC3 were outstanding! This was easily our biggest worship service with

probably about 80 to 90 people present. Here again, we're trusting that God continues to work in peoples hearts to not only allow Jesus in, but also to make PC3 their spiritual home.

- The Launch Team are now currently working through three key initiatives. Firstly, a role description of what exactly a 'Church Planter/Ministry Worker' in PC3 might look like. Secondly, if we were to run a soup kitchen out of the Living Learning Centre on a weekly basis, what and who would we need to minister to people in a practical way. Lastly, we are wanting to run an Alpha course out of the Living Learning Centre too. Lots to discuss and work through. A busy period coming up for the Launch Team and our core group of families who are sowing into this work at PC3. With God's help, ALL things ARE POSSIBLE!
- Launch Team are also being encouraged to get our small group culture up and running. This is a work in progress but a vital initiative to continue to see community and spiritual growth happen in PC3.
- Our worship team is doing an amazing job with the Barrots, Noorbergens and Madhavans playing a key role here.
- PC3 is sending our first ever contingent of youth through to the State Youth Games with Dave Barrot in June. Looking forward to hearing of how God was at work here not only with our PC3 youth but also all the youth at the State Youth Games.

#### My to do list

- Pray, pray, pray, read His Word and then pray, pray, pray!
- Be more organised and CONSISTENT with regards to outward communication
- Encourage and help lead our Launch Team to have that birds eye view of where we believe God is wanting to lead PC3 and continually surrendering ourselves to Him
- Continue to encourage our Launch Team to continue to focus in on our three key initiatives

Bless ya! Sean de Kretser 0438 017 913