



5 May 2013

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 Rev Dr Martin Williams
Message: The Drama of Faith: In Stereo
Reading: Mark 5:21-43

6:00 PM Rev Harry Berends
Message: He ascended into heaven
Readings: Ex 33:1-14, Acts 1:1-11

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Rev Gary de Vries
6:00 PM Rev Thinus du Plessis (Afrikaans)

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – RTC

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Solomon Islands Workgroup

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges \$2,326.55
Leadership Training/Professional Development \$350.25



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: L. Dixon, V. Steendam,
M & C. van Rossen

Next Week: P & J. de Jong, T & J. Cram,
I. Meenks

May 19 The Cameron Family,
D & B. van Neutegem

May 26 A. de Vos, C. de Haan, B. Bence,
P & A. Bruinewoud

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Evert & Marnice Marjee

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 **Rev Dr Martin Williams** who will lead us in worship and bring us God's word. This evening we have **Rev Harry Berends** May God's Word comfort and inspire us, as we seek to live for God in the week ahead.



Pastoral and Prayer Points

On Thursday morning, **Thea Bonga** was taken to be with her faithful Lord. Thea knew that her earthly journey was coming to an end and she longed to go home to her heavenly Father. We praise God for His love and grace in Thea's life. We pray for her family as they mourn her loss and pray that they will also experience God's comfort and enabling strength in this difficult time.

Our condolences also go to **Alex and Olga Pleiter** with the loss of Alex's sister, who died in Holland. May you know God's comfort as you grieve this loss, from such a distance.

Jos Berends was admitted to hospital on Wednesday and underwent lung-surgery on Thursday. We rejoice with her and her family and praise our heavenly Father that she came through her surgery well. We continue to pray for God's strength for her in her time of recuperation.

Viola Hodder is in Monash Medical centre after a fall last Saturday, in which she fractured a vertebra in her neck. It is a very unstable fracture with uncertain outcomes at this stage and due to her osteoporosis she is unable to be operated on. She is in an orthopaedic neck brace and they are keeping her comfortable. Viola has affirmed her desire to go to be with her Lord and Saviour. We pray that God will grant her and her family peace of mind and heart during these uncertain days as she trusts God with her life. Family members have been called in from overseas and visitors are restricted to family at this time, till further outcomes are more clear.

Lorna Dixon has been discharged from rehab and she is currently staying with her daughter in Rowville. We praise God for answered prayer and pray for continued improvement.

We praise God for **Jannette van der Jagt's** continued progress and also pray for continued healing and restoration.

We thank God for the blessing He showered on the **Advance Together** conference and pray that those who attended have been equipped and enabled in their Kingdom work.

We also rejoice with a number of our members celebrating wedding anniversaries in the upcoming weeks : **Klaas and Janny Appel** (57 years), **Tom and Ria Raatjes** (54 years) and **Peter & Atie Bruinewoud** (54 years). We rejoice with you and pray for God's continued care over you as couples.

Next weekend **Garry and Elizabeth de Vries** will be visiting our congregation, to meet with church council, to preach here and to get to know our congregation a bit better. They will also meet with some of our volunteers and visit Shawlands. We pray for God's blessing on their visit.

Ruth Harris has moved, and is now living with her daughter Lueline. Her address is 10 Hickory Drive Narre Warren South and her phone number is 9705 0838

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.

CAN YOU HELP WITH BILLETING?

The Moody Men's Collegiate Choir, from Chicago, USA, will visit Melbourne and join us for our Jubilate Choir concert on May, 2013. They will arrive on Thursday 30th May and leave

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again on Saturday 1st June. This means we require "**host homes**" for these students, aged between 19 and 24, for a couple of days and nights. Could you please consider opening your home and host one or two of these young men. If you can please contact Harold or Janneke Dykstra (Ph: 9700-2378).

COMBINED ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

There will be a combined Ascension Day service at the Christian Reformed Church of Casey on Thursday the 9th of May at 7.30PM.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Tini Schram	May 6
Esther Meemks	May 9
Gerry Smedes	May 9
Resta Eybers	May 11

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.

SHAWLANDS COMMITTEE NEWS.

The Shawlands Committee will be organising the Monthly BBQ for the Shawlands Park Community for FRIDAY the 10th MAY. Please pray for us as we make our preparations for this day. Pray also that the Lord will enable us to touch the lives of the residents in the Park, as we meet with them and extend our Christian hospitality, understanding and support. May He bless our endeavours, all those involved and the Park residents.

On behalf of the Shawlands Committee – Monica Austrums.

Church News

1. Next weekend the Rev Garry De Vries and his wife Elisabeth will be visiting our congregation. Garry will be preaching in the morning and following the service we hope to hold an extended morning tea time / lunch to enable members of the congregation to

meet and talk with Garry and Elisabeth. Church Council strongly encourages members to take time to make them feel most welcome and also assist by bringing a plate of food to share with our church family.

2. Unfortunately our current serving Church Council Clerk has had to inform CC that she will be unable to continue to volunteer her services after next month. To enable a smooth transition, Church Council is keen to appoint a new clerk soon. If you feel that could assist by using your gifts to fill this important role, please contact one of our Church Council members who will be able to give you an outline of the requirements of this volunteer role. We sincerely thank our current clerk for her wonderful service to date and this will be further acknowledged soon.

Attention all avid Rose growers:

Bunerong Memorial Park and Springvale Botanical Cemetery are holding rose pruning demonstrations between the 13-23rd of May. Flyers are on the cupboard for interested parties.

Harry van der Jagt

Address updates:

Mimi LaCroix's address should read No 81 Courtenay Ave, Cranbourne.

Eybers family have moved to 104 Fairway Drive, Rowville. 3178

Apology:

Ada Coe apologises to the members of our congregation whom she told that she was doing her Profession of Faith at Cassey on April 26th, when in fact she is doing it on May 26th.

(I think some one spiked her cup of tea, so Ada didn't know what month it was. ED)

Copies of the **April RTC newsletter** can found on the table in the foyer.

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 John & Heather Nicholson's, Unit 56 Outlook Gardens. Everyone is welcome. Contact on 97956252

OASIS GROWTH GROUP

The Oasis Growth Group will meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month, at the Burggraaf's from 7.30- 9.30 pm. Check with John and Sue Van Garderen - Ph: 8376 6556, if there are any changes. Next meeting May 7th.

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.

RTC Yearbooks

We will shortly be ordering the Yearbooks from the RTC and if any one is wanting to purchase one could you please let Julie know directly on Sunday or via a phone call on 9795 0576 on Thursday as soon as possible. The cost has not been predetermined yet but should be around the \$10 amount.

CRCA Prayer Calendar 1 April - 19 May 2013

For Week of 6 May

6 Recharge Conference

Today pastors, ministry workers, and their spouses will gather in Sydney for the annual CRCA conference. Pray that every attendee will be recharged for life and ministry.

7 Recharge Conference

Pray for keynote speaker Michael Goheen, along with Mark and Erin Glanville, as they challenge attendees to discover our identity as Christians to be a contrast society.

8 Recharge Conference

Pray that God will use the Recharge Conference to build us up as a denomination until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature. (Eph 4:12-13)

9 Recharge Conference

Pray that everybody will return to their homes and ministries renewed in faith, hope, and love, refreshed in mind and body, and eager to serve God's people, strong, firm, and steadfast.

10 St Marys, NSW

Pray for Cheryl Kuitert as she serves as a Medical Missionary with SIM in Malawi, that God will guide her in finding a ministry that the St Marys congregation can support.

11 Solomon Islands

Pray for Simon and Ana Burggraaf as Simon grows into his leadership role as director of SWIM in Honiara, that the mission will expand its gospel impact throughout Solomon Islands.

12 Your Church

Pray that your church would be ambassadors for Christ in this world, that God would enable them to live lives worthy of the Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Cor 5:20)

You're invited to join an RTC Study Tour to Israel and Jordan

Have you ever wanted to explore the lands of the Bible first-hand? An opportunity to do just that is available now.



The RTC is planning a student study tour to Israel and Jordan from 17 Nov to 6 Dec 2013, and there are still some places available for others. You can join with our Old Testament Lecturer John de Hoog and a group of keen students as we travel to many of the places where Israel and Jesus lived and worked, including seven days in Jerusalem.

Full details of the 20 day itinerary are available at <http://www.missiontravel.com.au/rtc2013>. It's a very exciting itinerary.

A trip that offers so much is not cheap, but the cost of \$6,499 includes all airfares, 18 nights 4 star hotel accommodation in twin rooms (with a single room supplement available), all breakfasts and dinners, and most other expenses for a twenty day trip (see the full list at the end of the itinerary). Also included will be a study guide that we will produce for students to help you make the most of this trip. A fair bit of walking is involved for many of the places we will visit, but you don't have to be super-fit, just independently mobile.



We have had some advice from an accountant that it will be possible (in Australia at least), with some minor paper-work, to claim the expenses of this trip as a PD experience for people in Christian ministry, so making it tax deductible.

It's going to be a great experience. The images included on this invitation are photos John took on a trip to Israel and Jordan in 2012. If you are interested in joining us for this trip, please contact the RTC without delay.



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