



# Newsletter

12 May 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 Gary de Vries  
Message: The Gates of Hades will not overcome it  
Reading: Matthew 16: 13 - 20

6:00 PM Rev Thinus du Plessis (Afrikaans)  
Message: TBA  
Reading: TBA

## WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Br Phillip Scheepers  
6:00 PM Rev Harry Berends

## OFFERINGS

### THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Solomon Islands Workgroup

### NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – World Hunger & Thanksgiving - WDR

### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$1,575.15
Reformed Theological College	\$584.50



## ROSTERS

### COFFEE SERVING :

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

Next Week: The Cameron Family,  
D & B. van Neutegem

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

June 2 D & J. Mekking, R. Heerdink,  
K. Knol

### PA & VIDEO :

Today: David Cameron, Glenn de Jong

Next Week: David & Phillip Ellings

### GREETERS

Today: Martin & Coby van Rossen

Next week: Yke & Anneke Laverman

## Our Worship Today

This morning we welcome **Rev Gary de Vries** who will lead us in worship and bring us God's word. This evening we have **Rev Thinus du Plessis** conducting the Afrikaans service. May God's Word comfort and inspire us, as we seek to live for God in the week ahead.

## Pastoral and Prayer Points

On Monday morning **Viola Hodder** passed away to be with her Lord. We praise God for the grace He showed in Viola's life and we pray for her family as they grieve. We pray that they will be enfolded in God's loving arms in this time of grief and loss.

A number of other families are also still in mourning following recent losses of loved ones. We think especially of **Thea Bonga's family**, of **Alex and Olga Pleiter** and of **Gus and Diane van der Kooij** and their family. We pray for God's enabling strength, for His comfort and for His presence with them in a difficult time of adjustment.

We also want to uphold in prayer the **Eybers family**. Last Sunday morning Gert's brother was admitted to intensive care following complications during surgery. He is now recovering at home and we thank our faithful God for answered prayers. We pray that the family will experience and covet God's presence in this time, being so far away from loved ones in a time of need.

**Jos Berends** is making good progress after her lung-surgery on Thursday last week and is now in rehab. We praise God for His healing hand and pray for continued improvement and for patience for Jos as she works through the changes necessitated by her recent surgeries.

We also uphold in prayer **the staff at Outlook Gardens**. Over the past few weeks a number of residents have passed on, and we uphold the carers who have been involved in caring for them for some time. We pray for God's strength as they not only have to come to grips with loss but continue to provide care.

We praise God for continued healing and restoration for **Jannette van der Jagt, Lorna Dixon, Henk van der Kruk** and **Gerrie de Haan** and we pray for patience and strength both for them and their families as they continue to recuperate.

This week we have the opportunity to welcome the **de Vries couple** to Dandenong. Over the past few days **Garry and Elizabeth** have gotten to know our congregation a bit better, visiting Shawlands and the Op-Shop and meeting with church council. This morning Garry will lead us in worship and we pray for God's blessing both on him as he leads us and on us as a congregation. We also pray for travelling mercies for them as they make their way back to Newcastle.

## 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

Hilly Elfring	May 17
Krijna Knol	May 17
Jonathan Burgraaf	May 18
Martin Van Rossen	May 18

May the Lord bless you And send from above  
The peace of His presence, The joy of His love.

## Church News

### 60th Anniversary DCRC

On July 1st., our congregation will celebrate 60 years of service to our Lord King in de wider Dandenong area.

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In order to celebrate this special event, church council is seeking input and involvement from members, for ideas and suggestions, as to how we could best commemorate and celebrate this memorable occasion.

Please contact any of the council members so we can plan a wonderful celebration for all to enjoy.

P.S. Are there any old photos we could use for a power point presentation?  
Cor Span.

### **Report Church Council meeting 2/5/13**

Cor led in opening devotions, reading from the "Message" Romans 8 : 28 - 39.

A passage of great encouragement for hope, grace and salvation.

God will be with us as we seek His guidance in this time of vacancy and other challenges. Prayer followed the devotion.

Some time was spent discussing the itinerary for Garry & Liz deVries, during their time in Dandenong. Garry & Liz will arrive Friday afternoon and have lunch with the op-shop team, seeing this ministry in action. Corey VG will show them around in the village and hostel and from there we move to Shawlands where we intend to have a barbeque with the management and residents. Garry & Liz will be able to see first hand what this ministry is all about.

Saturday morning there will be a meeting with church council members, their partners and Jesse, together with our guests followed by a long lunch.

Sunday, Garry will lead us in worship and afterwards, the congregation has an opportunity to meet with them over coffee etc.

We trust that the Lord will lead us to come to the right decision as to calling Garry to serve here.

Representatives of Church Council will have a meeting with Jesse Schram reviewing his work amongst our youth.

We hear that Jesse has a good rapport with the youth and is being mentored by Jonathan VandenBerg (Syndical Youth worker) on a regular basis.

Henni Burggraaf is working one day per week and is doing her best to look after those who need pastoral care.

Church council seeks assistance from our members to pass on any pastoral concerns, needing follow up.

Harry VanderJagt would love to see more musicians to bolster our music team.

Appreciation was expressed for our musicians, who

faithfully accompany us in singing our praises for the Lord.

The GROW Committee - Synodical Health Network, has organized a one-day forum in Sydney to discuss the significant challenges associated with the arrival of South-African migrants, relating mainly to differences in culture and need between them and Australian members. Colin Pretorius will attend.

The Advance Together conference, held in Dandenong two weeks ago was discussed.

A well organized and attended day, most beneficial for those present. We will hear more details at a later date.

Censura morem was conducted, prior to Lord Supper on June 2.

All present expressed their desire to celebrate this feast of grace.

The chairman thanked Eunice for her excellent job as our clerk.

The passing of Mrs. Thea Bonga was noted and her family was remembered in our closing prayer, which was led by several members.

Next meeting June 6th.

Reporter: Cor Span

**Christian Reformed Church  
Women of Australia  
Convention  
NSW  
2014**

"ELANORA"  
Conference centre, 19a Wesley Street  
Elanora Heights NSW

**God is Faithful !**  
but where are you ? Gen 3:9

from 3pm  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014  
to 3pm  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014

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## 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. 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 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.

### **Please Note:**

The CBI May newsletter is available from the table in the foyer.

### **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.

### **CONCERT:**

The Jubilate Choir in conjunction with the Moody Collegiate Men's Male Choir from Chicago U.S.A., will be giving a concert in the Dandenong Christian Reformed Church, Cnr Gladstone Rd and Outlook Drive Dandenong North on Friday night 31st May, 2013 starting at 7.30pm. This concert consists of a wide variety of modern and traditional sacred music.

A light supper will be served after the concert.

Admission Prices: \$15.00 pp; \$12.00 Concession; \$30.00 Family (2 Adults, 2 Children)

For tickets & further information please ring Hetty on 97001128 or Janneke on 97002378

## **News from the Churches**

### **Pakenham Christian Community Church Challenges**

- Sourcing our own lockable cupboard(s) within the Living Learning Centre in Pakenham
- To continue to be organised and making sure I prioritise appropriately

### **Highlights**

- Our relationship with the Christian Reformed Church of Casey continues to grow stronger and stronger. Rotating Elders from Casey Church Council continue to pop into worship services as do visiting families too as a visible way to support this Church plant apart

from the prayer support that we receive. Praise God!

- Launch team continues to meet regularly. Over the past month we've really started to gather momentum in discussions. We've finalised a job description of a Church Planter/Ministry Worker in PC3 with the help of Jack De Vries. We've since sent that job description through to the Casey Church Council for their oversight. Our Launch Team will now await Casey's feedback on this job description before going out to advertise this role. We'll also now get together to work through some key initiatives to raise adequate funding to support a part time worker in PC3. Another huge blessing is the imminent arrival of our new Treasurer in Andrew Mechielsen. Andrew is a Chartered Accountant and it's a real blessing to have him use his gifts in serving God in PC3. Chris and Michelle Span have done a fantastic job to date. It's great to be able to spread the load like this though.
- 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 A LOT better at following people up. God is now drawing together on average about 25 adults regularly on a fortnightly basis at PC3. There are between 3 to 5 kids on top of that on average. The networks of people in the Pakenham area continue to grow. Dave Barrot has played an integral part in this building of networks in this area of Pakenham. 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 of late. It's fantastic to see his gifts being utilised to serve Him.
- Michelle Span and I had a fantastic meeting with Tammy at the Living Learning Centre (LLC) in Pakenham where we worship out of on a fortnightly basis. It's been on our hearts from the outset to get involved in caring for the poor and needy in Pakenham and through research undertaken, this was one of two key areas that we saw PC3 connecting with the

Pakenham community in a real and relevant way. The other area, was young families/parents.

There were many people praying over that meeting and God is, and will ALWAYS remain to be faithful! The meeting was a great success and we've been given the green light to start a soup kitchen. We've also been given the go ahead to organise our own registered builder(s) to come in and create storage space for us in the LLC. Our need to store various bits and pieces related to our ministry work is a MUST and we're now looking to delegate this task out to relevant parties. LLC will be across all works to be undertaken in the building and we'll obviously need their approval before commencing. A HUGE praise point, because it's tiring to lug things around all the time 🙏

Michelle and I will now need to have another meeting to discuss our next steps. Michelle (and Chris and young Curtis by default 🙏) have agreed to head up the team that will be in charge of the PC3 soup kitchen. They've been blessed with this gifting and have already had a good bit experience in running a similar program a few years ago in Pakenham. Another PRAISE GOD moment in the young life of this Church plant!

- We've also commenced planning for our first ever Mother's Day breakfast at PC3 before our morning worship service on 12 May. The Father's were spoilt and now it's our Mother's turn! Dad will be leading the service on 12 May so we're all looking forward to hearing from God's Word later on that morning too.
- Peter & Jeanette Noorbergen, Dave Barrot and I attended the Advance Together training day at the Dandenong Reformed Church on Saturday, 27 April. Sadly, I missed the boat in really promoting this heavily with other PC3 members. It was an AMAZING opportunity to be trained, challenged and equipped in our work in PC3. We all split up into various electives that were on offer and then shared what we learnt together. To the CRCA and RTC leaders that invested their

time and energy into preparing and running this event... AWESOME and a HUGE THANK YOU!

- I spoke of an Alpha course that the Launch Team was looking at running on the alternate Sundays to our worship times. We haven't forgotten about the Alpha course, we've got that on our radar of things to look into in May. We really hope that this Church Plant/Ministry Worker will take a lead in running this program for us. God will provide 🙏
- Our worship team is continuing to do an amazing job at PC3. Love our worship times!

**Bless ya!**

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

#### **For Week of 13 May**

13 Baldivis, WA

Pray that God will direct Hope Church to those he is calling to himself and bless others as they begin to serve and minister to the local community.

14 Blacktown, NSW

Pray for Bernie Coleman, as she works on behalf of New Life CC in Mitchell High School, that there will be opportunities to reach young people in the area for Christ.

15 G.O.S.P.E.L., India

Pray for wisdom as GOSPEL resources, trains, and coaches the evangelists, that churches become self-governing and self-supporting, upholding the Gospel unashamedly.

16 Nerang, QLD

Pray for the Nerang church's ongoing effort to network on the Gold Coast and become part of a greater movement to bring the Gospel to "Paradise".

17 Kingston, TAS

Pray for Kingston's new Christianity Explored Course, that God would bring many non-Christians along to hear the gospel, and for leaders to help share the load.

18 Grace, WA

Pray for the Grace church as they seek to reach and integrate the South African migrant community into their local church and community.

19 Pentecost Sunday

Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the CRCA -that all churches will catch the missional vision of reaching the lost for Christ!

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#### **No Time To Pray—KN Perry**

I knelt to pray but not for long,  
I had too much to do.  
I had to hurry and get to work  
For bills would soon be due.

So I knelt and said a hurried prayer,  
And jumped up off my knees.  
My Christian duty was now done  
My soul could rest at ease.

All day long I had no time  
To spread a word of cheer.  
No time to speak of Christ to friends,  
They'd laugh at me I'd fear.

No time, no time, too much to do,  
That was my constant cry,  
No time to give to souls in need  
But at last the time, the time to die.

I went before the Lord,  
I came, I stood with downcast eyes.  
For in his hands God held a book;  
It was the book of life.

God looked into his book and said "Your name I cannot find.  
I once was going to write it down... But never found the time"

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"The heart and soul of the Christian life is learning to hear God's voice and then developing the courage to do what He asks us to do."  
Bill Hybels

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"If you wish to travel far and fast, travel light. Take off all your envies, jealousies, un-forgiveness, selfishness and fears." G Clark