



Newsletter

2 June 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: Living Life in the Spirit
Reading: Romans 8: 1 - 17.

6:00 PM Rev Harry Berends
Message: The three propositions of thanksgiving
Reading: Ephesians 5: 1 -20

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Rev Dr Henk de Waard
6:00 PM TBA (Afrikaans)

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Lord's Supper Diaconate

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – GOSPEL

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,473.55
CRCA Resources	\$277.20



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: D & J. Mekking, R. Heerdink,
K. Knol

Next Week: C & H. van Garderen,
J & S. van Garderen

June 16 J & M. Austrums, C & A. Span,
J. Schapendonk

June 23 G. Huinink, F & M. Piening,
H & R. Piening

PA & VIDEO :

Today: David Cameron, Glenn de Jong

Next Week: David & Phillip Ellings

GREETERS

Today: Rita Piening

Next week: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels

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** leading our service. May God's Word comfort and inspire us, as we seek to live for God in the week ahead.

Pastoral and Prayer Points As we prayerfully wait on the Lord, in respect of the calling of a new pastor, **Garry de Vries**, to serve among us, let us pray also for Garry and Liz, as they need to consider their response. May God lead and guide Gary and Liz to a decision in line with God's calling.

Please pray for God's loving care for **Corry and John Blik and their family**, as they come to terms with the primary cancer that was found in Corry's lung. After a biopsy last week the oncologist revealed that the cancer can be treated with intravenous chemotherapy which will commence straight away at a hospital close to them. This will be a 9 week course of treatment with a rest every 3rd week. Corry will have started this on Friday morning. John and Corry are thankful for the speedy medical response and the care of a competent oncologist. The pain in her spine is being managed with patches and has brought relief. Uphold Corry, John, and the children as they look to God to provide, all they need at this point in time, and for wisdom for the medical staff. We look to a loving gracious heavenly Father!

We praise God for the recovery and healing experienced by many in the recent weeks. **Jos Berends** was able to return to her unit in the village on Thursday.

Welcome to **Sandra Curtis** who joins us in worship, as she makes her home in the Outlook Gardens Village. Welcome also to Keith and Janny Pynakker and to Bill and Fimke Prins, who have already been worshipping with us for some time. Both Janny and Fimke have joined the residents at the Outlook Gardens Hostel and will value your friendship as they make their home in our midst.

We remember **Colin and Maggie Pretorius** as they wait for the outcome of the Vicariate committee's decision, for the next stage in their desire to serve in ministry in our churches. May they know God's loving presence and assurance as they wait.

Pray for **Herman and Nettie Blenk** as they prepare to make the move into residential care at the Hostel. Two rooms have been made available to them and they have accepted them and will move across in this coming week.

We pray for safety as **Henni Burggraaf** travels to the Solomon Islands on Tuesday to visit Simon and Ana for 2 weeks and see the work they are doing there.

Later in June **Janny Appel** will travel to Uganda for the wedding of her sponsor student (22nd) and **Helen and Corey Van Garderen** will also go to Uganda with Hope Builders (29th) where much needed support and help is being given- especially to orphan children in providing education. Pray they can be a blessing as they go.

Wanted

Due to the unfortunate retirement of our current Church Council secretary at the end of June, Church Council are keen to hear from any Church members who would be willing to fill this important role. Ideally the willing applicant would need basic computer skills for recording and producing minutes etc. Access to a computer or laptop is desirable for sending and receiving documents. Church Council meets every month on a Thursday evening.

If you feel you could use your gifts in this role please contact a Church Council member for details. This will save us having to approach you!

Please Note:

Church Council meets this Thursday 6th June at 7.30 pm.

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Church Council.Calling Rev. Garry de Vries

Last Sunday, our congregation overwhelmingly endorsed Church Council's recommendation to issue a call to Pastor Garry, who in the meantime has been notified that Dandenong will send him an official letter of call.

As both Garry and his wife Liz will need to consider whether to stay in Newcastle or come to us, we would urge the congregation to send a card, email or letter, encouraging them to prayerfully consider our call.

Pastor Garry has made it known to some church council members, that if he "feels, sees and hears" he is needed, he will come.

We know we need a pastor and we have called Garry, let us make a concerted effort by letting Garry and Liz hear it.

Church Council

Contact details: Garry de Vries 19 Yarron Close

Cameron Park NSW 2285

Email: gdevries@crca.org.au

NEW CHURCH LINE MARKING.

You may have seen the work being done to reorganise the car park PARKING over the past few months due to the increasing use of our Car Park and the need for extra "Disabled Parking". The line work is now finished and we call your attention to the two new designated areas:

The space directly outside the front Doors of the Church – Parking is no longer designated in this area it is now specifically for drop-off and pick-up ONLY. There have also been added Disabled Parking spaces just inside the normal parking area, for those in need of this space.

Please observe the new arrangements and we pray that these new reorganised areas will be sufficient for all those who use the Car Park.



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 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.

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

Wednesday in the Word Small group now meets every second Friday. We will be known as **Friday Fellowship** and will meet next on Friday 7th June in the home of Nel Steunenberg.

We are studying The Story, an exciting new Bible study /video series. If you are looking for a small group home you are most welcome to join our group. Please contact Harry or Jannette van der Jagt on 97031613 for details

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.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Peter Noorbergen		June 4
Tom Raatjes		June 5
Rita Piening	[60]	June 8

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

Thank you:

On behalf of our whole family, I write to thank you and friends at (DCRC) Dandenong Christian Reformed Church for your help with Viola's Thanksgiving service on 10th May 2013. I think mum would have been pleasantly surprised to know so many people came to celebrate her life.

Mum lived 22 years Outlook Gardens Retirement Village, and it was a great part of her life. She enjoyed being involved with the Church, Committee; taking photos and of course the beautiful gardens.

Viola is with the Lord and at peace now. The many happy memories of mum will remain in our hearts forever. Mother's Day was a day of mixed emotions, as will be her birthday of 31 May (almost lived to 88 years).

Thank you for your help in planning the service, also sincere thanks to friends who helped with music, audio and to Martin. Also thanks to Anneke who faithfully visited mum, as her care lady.

Kerryn Smith - Viola's daughter.

News from the Churches

Pakenham Christian Community Church

Wednesday, 29 May 2013

Challenges

- Sourcing our own lockable cupboard(s) within the Living Learning Centre in Pakenham
- To make sure we intentionally 'spread the load' to avoid burn out from the core group
- To continue to be organised and making sure I prioritise appropriately

Highlights

- The Christian Reformed Church of Casey

continues to show visible support by regularly rotating Elders through our worship services which is great. We're also extremely grateful for not just Casey, but many other Churches who have been surrounding us in their prayers too! We're truly grateful.

- Launch team continues to meet regularly. Since finalising the job description for our part time Church Planter/Ministry Worker in PC3, we're now awaiting feedback from the Casey Church Council before we start advertising for possible applicants. While we realise this is a HUGE step of faith, we're realise and are mindful that we as a Launch Team need to be prudent and show wisdom on how best to financially and spiritually support our part time worker. As to whether this is a two day or a three day a week position initially, is still being discussed at a Launch Team level.
- A HUGE blessing is to have our newly appointed Treasurer on board in Andrew Mechielsen. He's a Chartered Accountant and funnily enough, is really gifted in managing money 🙌. Again, another blessing to see someone from our core group step up and be willing and able to use his God given gifts to serve Him who gave them to us. We thanked Chris and Michelle Span who were the previous Treasurers for doing a great job too. It's great to be able to spread the load like this.
- After much thought and prayer, God has opened up an amazing opportunity to continue to grow our existing networks with people from our Pakenham region. The PC3 Soup Kitchen got under away (Monday, 27 May) under the leadership of Chris and Michelle (and head chef Curtis) Span. The Span family are truly gifted in this area and this is yet another example of people utilising their God given gifts to serve Him. Some fantastic connections were made with people that attend various classes at the Living Learning Centre on a Monday night too. The team that came together to help out either serving food or just connecting with people on the night was also outstanding! Reflecting back on our first Soup Kitchen night, you can see God's hand at work and orchestrating things! Amazing stuff!
- Our first ever Mother's Day breakfast on 12 May at PC3 was a HUGE success!

- THANKFULLY the lads managed to NOT burn many items and the ladies seemed to be quite happy with the spread that was on offer. Dad did a fantastic job in leading that service too. I reflected back with the old fella later on and said that I believe his ability to preach and teach is getting better with age, he started laughing, I was actually being serious 🙏
- 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 in particular of late has been outstanding as I have been away with Youth Worker commitments in the Casey Church. As of the 26 May, as a Launch Team, we've decided to proceed with weekly gatherings at the Living Learning Centre. We now have a weekly Soup Kitchen that runs on a Monday night and we thought it's imperative that we have a presence in the centre on a weekly basis on a Sunday now. More work, but God continues to give us the strength and will to keep on keeping on!
- The Alpha course continues to be on our radar as a Launch Team, however, at the moment, we haven't actioned this item yet. 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! Siska, Jeanette and Rob are truly gifted in this area.

Bless ya! Sean de Kretser **0438 017 913**

Latest Wheatbelt Christian Fellowship news update

Hi everyone,

For those interested in the latest news re the outreach mission of the CRCD Wheatbelt Christian Fellowship, just follow the link below.

It has been another BIG week in the bush with some great developments, some even describable as 'mindblowing'.

Our thanks to all who are supporting us in prayer.

Blessings in Christ

Geoff van Schie

<http://wheatbeltchristianfellowship.org/default.htm>



Another version of Psalm 23 ...

The TV is my shepherd, my spiritual growth shall want.
 It makes me sit down and do nothing for the cause of Christ, because it requireth all my spare time.
 It keepeth me from doing my duty as a Christian, because it presenteth so many good programs that I must see.
 It restoreth my knowledge of the things of the world; it keepeth me from studying God's Word.
 It leadeth me in the paths of failure to attend the worship services.
 Yea, though I live to be an hundred, I shall keep on viewing my TV as long as it will work.
 For my TV is my close companion; its sound and picture they comfort me.
 It presenteth entertainment before me and keepeth me from doing important things with my family.
 It filleth my head with ideas which differ from those set forth in the Word of God.
 Surely little good will come of my life because of my TV, which offers me no time to do the Will of God.
 And I will dwell in spiritual poverty forever.
 —"Christophany ", Perth Bible College