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Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2014 AD

### Worship Services In Perth

#### TODAY

9.30 Am	Pastor Reinier Noppers " <i>Treasure in Jars of Clay.</i> " <u>Readings:</u> romans 8: 28 – 39. <u>Text:</u> 2 Corinthians 4: 1 – 12. Text verse 7.
5.30 Pm	Pastor Reinier Noppers " <i>Occupants of Heaven.</i> " <u>Readings:</u> Revelation 7: 9 - 17. <u>Text:</u> Belgic Confession Article 37 – 12.

#### NEXT SUNDAY

9.30 Am	Rev. Tony van Drimmelen
5.30 Pm	Rev. Dan Kroon

#### WELCOME

*A warm welcome to all of you who have come to the services today, and a special welcome to visitors.  
May the Lord bless each of us as we worship together: that His Name may be glorified and we  
encouraged and strengthened in faith*

#### Meditation

##### Pilgrims on a journey

During one of our walks during this past week we spoke about our life here on earth and it was good to remind each other of the many blessings we enjoy. We also reflected that throughout those blessings there are times of troubles, illness and even death. In that sense it is good for us as Christians to be reminded that we are pilgrims on our way to the Promised Land.

This life as we know it will soon be over. We are here for only a few years, perhaps seventy and sometimes even eighty or ninety years with a special blessing of health and

strength. But in the grand scheme of eternity, it's very short. As the Psalmist reminds us, "As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more" (Psa. 110:15-16 ESV).

Now of course it is true as Christians that we are pilgrims on our way to our eternal home, prepared for us by Christ. However, that doesn't mean we should become so 'heavenly' minded that we are of little or no earthly use. We may not be 'of' the world but we are certainly 'in' it!

Therefore, as Christians we have responsibilities during our earthly pilgrimage. We need to be responsible children, teenagers, young adults, husbands and wives, parents, and

grandparents. We need to provide for our families and teach them the ways of the Lord.

We need to be good and loving neighbours, reaching out to them and assisting them wherever we can. We need to be faithful employees and great employers. We can even grow our businesses and make them flourish, or build a new house or buy a new four-wheel drive, or go on an extended holiday. There is nothing inherently wrong with any of these things. Jeremiah, the Lord's prophet writing to the exiles in Babylon, encouraged them to build houses, settle down, grow gardens, marry and have sons and daughters, *etc.* (Jer. 29:4ff ESV)

The Scriptures don't say that we should all be paupers and behave as though it is more 'Christian' to be poor than to have wealth. What the Scriptures encourage us is to make sure everything we are and do reflects our relationship with our Saviour Jesus Christ. Indeed, that was the fault of the rich fool. He failed to take into account that one day he would need to give an account!

In light of that, we also need to be aware that today may be our last day of our earthly pilgrimage. Someone was once asked, "What would you change if you knew that tomorrow was going to be the day the Lord was calling you into glory?" The answer to that question should be, "Nothing." Now some may be thinking, "I would certainly change some things - say good byes, get my nails done, have a good meal, *etc.*"

That's probably all fine. My point is that at the basic level of our existence as Christians should be to live every day as our last day and then to live it to the glory of God. That's true for the person who is suffering from serious illness and may not have many days of pilgrimage left, but also true for the person who is enjoying good health, for his days of being a pilgrim may be shorter still.

We just don't know when the Lord will call us to himself. What we do know is that this life is relatively short and there is an eternity waiting for us with our glorious Saviour. Let's be ready to meet Him and live as though we are expecting to greet Him at any moment.

*Rev John Zuidema, CRC of Dee Why*

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This morning we again have opportunity to give thanks to God as we witness the installation of **Rob Morgan** to serve as a deacon in this congregation. It is indeed a time to give thanks, for it is God who provides people who are both willing and gifted to serve, and it is God who enables all of us as well as our office bearers, to live according to our calling.

The reality is that we are simply jars of clay, fragile, weak, and at times quite hollow, and the fact that God would entrust the work of His church and kingdom to imperfect people like ourselves, that He would entrust to us the treasures of the gospel and the privilege to help and encourage each other through it, makes us realize even more that this surpassing greatness of any work we do is from God and not from ourselves. It is also an encouragement to realize that none of us serves the Lord in his or her own strength, and that God is the one who alone can and does provide everything we need to complete His task.

With that in mind we continue to pray for **Rob**, that God may equip him and give him the wisdom he needs in this task as deacon, and that God may continue to lead the whole session in its task of leadership.

Our prayers continue also for **Arie** as he remains quite weak and unable to do very much, though a visit is welcome. Others too are in various stages of recovery and we pray again for **Emma, Isaak, Leon** that their recoveries may also remain on track to full health.

Today we have a shared lunch after the service, please stay and enjoy some fellowship over food together. All are welcome!

School holidays have also begun and we pray for school teachers, staff and students that this might be a time of refreshment and relaxation. Catechism Classes are also again on hold until the end of July.

Next Sunday I will be in **Australind** for the regular Classis preaching swap.

*Pastor Reinier*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \* This morning **Rob Morgan** will be installed in the office of Deacon.
- \* **Ladies Craft Group** meets again this Wednesday 9.30 Am at the Church. We'll be making some 3D flowers. **Morning tea:** Melody. All welcome.
- \* **Wilson Bible Study** will meet this Wednesday DV 7.30 Pm at the Oostryck's place. We will be studying lesson 33 "Book of Romans". Please read Romans 15: 14 – 33. All welcome.
- \* **Cadets & Gems** on holidays till the 25<sup>th</sup> July.

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## Financial Church Update

Weekly income required as per budget:  
\$2,726.00  
To date required 52 weeks: \$141,752.00  
Income received to date: \$114,389.30  
Budget shortfall as of today: \$27,362.70  
*BoM*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Update – June 2014

**\$348.80 Church Planting Taskgroup**  
**\$160.85 Diaconate**  
**\$212.50 Manoah Hostel**  
**\$365.65 CWF.**  
**\$211.80 WA Future Churches Fund**

Total electronic contributions for June \$2780.00

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## Ladies Aid RTC

An envelope has been placed in your pigeonhole.

Once again looking forward to a good response to assist the committee in the fantastic work they do at our College.

*Hetty Zoethout*

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# Happy Birthday

*Trudy Noppers* Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July

*Arnold Zoethout* Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July

*You're indeed a year older but also a year wiser. May the blessings of our God enrich you from within*

*We hope that this new year will be filled with the Grace of God as well as peace, happiness and love.*

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NEWS FROM OTHER CHURCHES



## AUSTRALIND:

- Travelling are **Michael & Jolande Potter, Otto Terstege** and **Hennie Melleghers** in Holland. **Peter & Connie** with **Jarred, Jasmine** and **Calvin** up North. **Shanna** in Russia.

## GOSNELLS:

- **John & Margaret de Jong** continue to wait to see the surgeon regarding **John's** brain aneurism.
- The blood clot in **Eppie Pellicaan's** leg seems to have cleared.

## WILLETTON:

- **Scott Hobers** succumbed to surgery and had all four wisdom teeth pulled.
- **Mr. O'Hara** battles the frailties of old age.
- **Esther Baggerman** still has some way to go before she is completely off her crutches.

*Please uphold our dear brothers and sisters in prayer, many for healing and others for safe travels*

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GOSPEL

Gujarat Outreach Support by  
Planting churches, Economic  
change and Literacy training

## PRAYER POINTS

### G.O.S.P.E.L. for July

1. **VBS.** Our team of workers from Central Gujarat Mission Field are thankful to God almighty for blessing the summer Vacation Bible School program. This program was held for three days in May. Nearly 300 children attended.
2. **CLEAN WATER TO DRINK.** Rajasthan Mission Field workers are so thankful to the Lord for clean water. Clean drinking water was too far away. The provision of a well has also been a great witness amongst Hindu villagers. They now say that, "Christians indeed care about people".
3. **TUITION CENTRES START UP.** On the 6<sup>th</sup>, June, 2014. (After the Nth Hemisphere summer holidays) over 20 groups got under way again. These are a great innovative way to give Christian education in poor rural villages. Pray that God may touch young lives with the Gospel.
4. **THREE NEW CHURCH PLANTS.** Our Maharashtra Field workers praise God for enabling them to start three new worship groups in three different villages. Please, continue to pray that God blesses these worship groups spiritually.

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## From Russia

Hello everyone,

After months of planning we have finally all arrived in Helsinki for a little rest and relaxation and team building before leaving for the camps on Wednesday.

Wendy, Mark and Grace arrived from Canberra on Saturday and have already spent some time resting and enjoying Helsinki. It has been very cold for them, surprising as it is midsummer here! It has been cold and wet for days and they even had snow on midsummer day!! Today when we arrived it was 5degrees, though it warmed slightly as the sun came out at times. It was amazing to blow "smoke"... something we hardly ever can do in Perth during the winter!

Jill and Guy also arrived safely on Sunday and Candice joined them at the hotel as well yesterday.

She had already been here a few weeks visiting relatives.

Then early this morning Shanna, Elizabeth, Peter West, Caleb and I arrived safely. It is a very long trip to make and we are all tired: App 18 hours flying and we all had about 9 hours in Hong Kong between flights..... making it a very long time at airports and in the sky!!

We are thankful to God that the trip for all went well and that ALL our luggage arrived safely and intact. What a blessing!!!

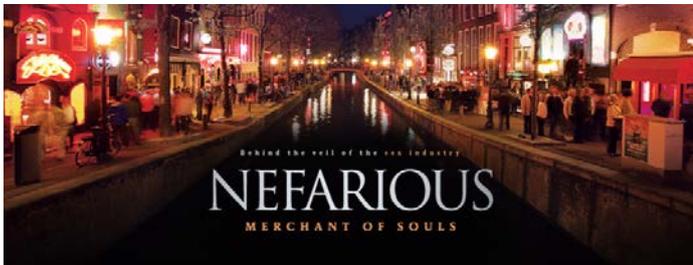
Today we all went our separate ways: some exploring Helsinki, some shopping that needed to be done before Russia, some resting and sleeping and we finished the day with a meal together at our favourite Pizza place. John and Kirsten Donovan joined us for the meal, for those who know them! They have worked with KOI for many years and are now living in Finland. John could not come to Russia this year for various reasons, but he is really missing it he told us.

We have return tickets on the ferry to Estonia (Tallinn) for tomorrow and hope to spend a pleasant day together as team building and enjoying that beautiful ancient city. Please pray for safety for the day and also a good night sleep tomorrow night as we will be on the way to camp the next day..... also for tonight as we are very tired after little sleep during the trip over!

With greetings from chilly Helsinki, but with warm fellowship among the team members!

*Jenny*

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## **Awareness Evening on Sex Trafficking**

Sex trafficking involves the act of recruiting, harboring, transporting, or obtaining a person for a commercial sex act through use of force, fraud, or coercion (*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*). Every year, thousands of women and children fall into the hands of traffickers in their own countries and abroad. Every country in the world is implicated by this injustice, whether as a country of origin, transit, or destination.

**Come and watch the awareness documentary 'Nefarious Merchant of Souls' & be informed, moved and to pray & to see how God can use you to stand against this injustice.**

**Presentation from Peter Abetz MLA (starting 7:15) focusing on policy change in this area Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm - 10:00pm, at Gosnells Christian Reformed Church (55 Mills**

**rd. West Gosnells). Please bring a donation to the cause.**

Refreshments will be provided before the screening,

***It's recommended to be 18 years & older to view this documentary or with parent's permission.***

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## **SENIOR MEN OF OUR CHURCHES**

We will meet again, Lord willing, on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> JULY, at the Peletier home, 26a Bridge Street, Wilson. 10am.

All very welcome,

*Jan.P*

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## **M15+ content to be screened from 8.30pm on SBS**

Letter to Prime Minister with copy to Minister for Communications Hon Malcolm Turnbull

***Dear Mr. Abbott,***

We are writing to you with regard to the decision by the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) to amend its code of practice to permit the screening of content classified M15+ from 8.30 pm (previously 9.00pm), from the end of March 2014.

We fail to understand why the SBS and ABC are not required to adhere to the same Code Of Practice as the commercial television stations as was called for in several submissions to the National Classification Scheme Review. Children and young adults are entitled to the same level of protection regardless of television station. Parental locks on televisions are an important development and provide some level of protection. However, at a time when anti-social behaviour has become such an issue, and when there is mounting evidence of a correlation between excessive exposure to on screen anti- social behaviour - not necessarily violence - it would seem necessary that we take every measure available to ensure the protection of our children and young people, the future of our country.

**N.B.** The 9.00 pm time was introduced by the Howard Government to protect children

***The Australian Family Association May 2014 Newsletter.***

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**These** cities are each caricaturized as "Sin City":

- Las Vegas, Nevada, US (gambling, alcohol, prostitution)
- Montreal, Quebec, Canada (strip clubs, sex shops)
- Terre Haute, Indiana, US (gambling, alcohol)
- Soho, London, England, UK (prostitution)
- Dubai, United Arab Emirates (untraditional culture, prostitution, drinking, clubbing)
- Kings Cross, Sydney, Australia (prostitution, gang activity)

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**The** peace treaty between Jordan and Israel includes extensive arrangements for the sharing of water resources and a shared program for

preserving and improving the existing water quality of the Jordan River and its tributaries. It also includes a comprehensive plan for the creation of shared desalination centers.

**Wikipedia.org**

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**John** 20:29 is a comfort to believers of all ages; it "means " there are no second-class Christians chronologically" (R. Brown 1984: 109). It is a beatitude: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Jesus' word segues to second- and subsequent-generation believers who could not see Jesus as apostles saw him.

**Willard M. Swartley, John: Believer s Church Bible Commentary**

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**F**orth in thy name, O Lord,  
I go, my daily labor to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know  
in all I think or speak or do.

**Charles Wesley from his hymn "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord"**

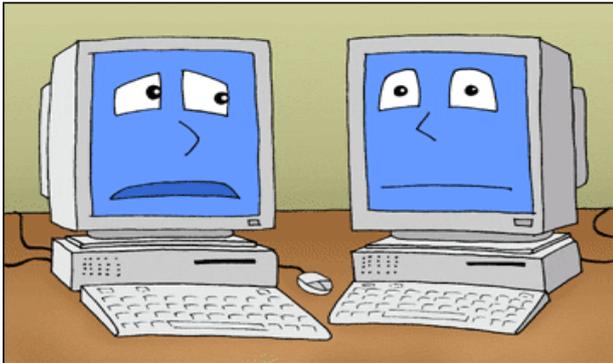
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**I**f you have come to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together.

**Lilla Watson, Aboriginal elder, educator, and activist**

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**OH MY NO ... HUMANS DIDN'T INVENT US AT ALL ... WE EVOLVED FROM PLASTIC, WIRES, AND LITTLE MICRO THINGERS**

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**Please remember the '4 Ps'...**

- \* **PRAY** for the Spirit to be poured out on us His people
- \* **PLANT** fellowship groups and churches in an ongoing way
- \* **PREPARE** leaders who will lead such fellowships and churches
- \* **PRODUCE** necessary structural reforms in our church.



## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK (School holidays)

WEDNESDAY

9.30 Am

Ladies Craft Group – Church

7.30 Pm

Wilson Fellowship Group – Oostrick's

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**SHARE & CARE**  
About One Another in Christ

*Eril Morgan* 9258 4566

*Mary van der Linden* 9478 1394

### Second Offerings

Today: Solomon Islands Workgroup

July 13<sup>th</sup>: Manoah Hostel

July 20<sup>th</sup>: Christian Wheatbelt Fellowship

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### WORSHIP MINISTRY

DATE	GREETERS	DATA Am / Pm.	SOUND Am / Pm	Musician/s	VIDEO Am Pm
<i>Today</i>	Jill & Raymond	Isaak & Luke	Luke & Isaak	Rachel	James
<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Rob & Henry	Evan & Isaak	Luke & Evan	Rebecca	Henry
<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Hetty & Henry	Luke & Isaak	Isaak & Luke	Rachel	James

### CRECHE

<i>Today</i>	Ilizebel, Saara & Beslin	<i>Today</i>	Holidays
<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Vanessa, Jordan & Eliza	<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Holidays
<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Jasmine, Bethia & Nelson	<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Holidays

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE		YOUTH COFFEE	
<i>Today</i>	Fams Loos, Slooter & John v/d B	<i>Tonight</i>	Van Dam 4 Utunga Crt, Parkwood
<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Fams M. Kik & Alberts	<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	TBC or Gosnells Church
<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Fams Husselmann, Zoethout & Ina	<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Van Dam 7 Dyer street, Kelmscott

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*God often pays debts without money.*

*Irish proverb*



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