



Weekly Newsletter of the Christian Reformed Church of Perth Inc.

Welcome

A warm welcome to all 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 that we are encouraged and strengthened in faith. A crèche is available at the back of the building for those who wish to use it for children aged 0-4 years of age. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service.

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Worship Services in Perth

13th March 2016

AM: Ben Murphy

PM: Craig Van Echten **Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

Text: Luke 22:63-71 Kangaroo Court

Meditation

The Agony in the Garden

Jesus agony in the olive orchard provides a vivid example of the paradox of his person. On the one hand,, we see his human hunger for the companionship and prayer support of his friends, together with the recognition that his will could be distinct from his Father's (Not my will, but Thine, be done Luke 22:42 KJV) On the other hand, even in the midst of his pain, he spoke to God in the unique intimacy of the address "Abba, Father. (Mark 14:36)

But what was his distress? The Greek words deserve to be more vividly translated than they are in the NIV. The REB is better. It reads, "Horror and anguish overwhelmed him, and he said to them, "my heart is ready to break with grief". And Luke alone adds, with his medical interest, that "His sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground." Jesus referred to his coming ordeal as a "cup" from which he shrank in dread. Was it simply death? Socrates met his end in the prison cell in Athens in a very different mood. He drank his cup of hemlock, Plato wrote, "without trembling, ... very cheerfully and quietly." So was Socrates braver than Jesus? No, all the evidence is against this. Jesus' physical and moral courage had not for a moment wavered. In that case their cups must have been filled with different poisons. The cup that Jesus ardently longed to avoid was neither the physical pain of crucifixion nor the mental anguish of desertion by his friends but the spiritual horror of bearing the sins of the world. In the Old Testament the cup was a regular symbol of God's wrath. For example, Isaiah described Jerusalem after its destruction as having 'drunk from the hand of the Lord the cup of his wrath" Is 51:17.

From the agony in the garden Jesus emerged with a resolute determination to go to the cross. Though John does not include an account of Gethsemane, he does include a saying that the other evangelists do not: "Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?" (John 18:11)

John Stott: Through the Bible, Through the Year; p240.

Worship Service Snapshot

A typical service includes a time of singing praise to our God, an opportunity for prayer and a message is given by the Pastor.

There is also a time for us to give financially. If you are not a member or regular attendee of CRC Perth, please don't feel obligated to participate in the offering.

In the morning service, children (4-9 years old) attend church for the first part of the service and leave for Sunday school during the offering.

At the end of the evening service there is a time to ask questions pertaining to faith.

Please utilise the church's electronic banking

Banking details:

Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Christian Reformed Church of Perth
BSB: 066 153 #: 1002 5589

Mark as tithe or first offering or the name of the second offering (e.g.: Diaconate)

First Offering

For the ministry of this local church

Second Offering

6-March Help a Child Foundation
13-March World Transform
20-March Candidacy Committee
25 March Good Friday Prison Fellowship
27-March Easter Sunday
Cadets & Gems (National)

Birthdays This Week

18th March Annette Laird

Pastoral

Once again we extend a warm welcome to Ben Murphy who will lead us in worship this morning, and Craig Van Echten this evening, as our regular Classis preaching swap. I will be spending the day in Australind.

Congratulations to Evan and Rebecca de Haan, with the birth of little Joshua last Monday morning. Joshua was born a little early and will need to stay in hospital for a few weeks until he gains a bit of strength, but we can be thankful that everything is going well and that both mother and baby are fine. Do continue to pray for them both through these first few weeks.

Paul Nieuwkerk will have surgery this week to shave a disc on his spine that is causing substantial pain and discomfort: we pray that God will guide the hands of the surgeons and provide a full and complete recovery. Sarien de Beer, from Mandurah, has had some heart problems these past few weeks and is also recovering at home. Again we can be thankful to God for the blessings of modern medicine and for the treatment she has been able to receive, and ask Him for patience and strength during this time.

Pat Pleysier sustained a broken leg while on holidays in New Zealand and had to return early; she is struggling to get around: we pray that there will be swift healing.

Corne de Jager's mum had major heart surgery recently to repair an aneurism, which went well. We do pray for recovery for her and also for God's strength to surround Corne as her mum is so far away at this time. Trudy and I received news recently that my uncle in Holland passed away after being hit by a car while on his bike on the way to the shops. He went in to a coma and did not wake up – the funeral was held this past Wednesday. We also commend my aunty to the care of the Lord through this difficult time.

Leon is recovering, albeit slowly from the viral infection around his heart. Each day is a little easier, for which we give thanks to God. Lord's Supper will be held as usual this year during the Good Friday service.

Announcements

Rosters: updated rosters will be on the table at the back of the church this morning – several changes have been made to accommodate changing circumstances, so please check to see when you are on. More volunteers are always welcome for the reading, greeters, data, sound, music and crèche rosters. See Trudy or myself to sign up! A reminder that all crèche volunteers and those working with children, who are over the age of 18 need a Working with Children card, or be in the process of applying for one.

Catechism Classes: there will be NO classes after church today; however, classes will be held as usual tomorrow afternoon, with the young people being picked up from Rehoboth Kenwick campus.

Canning Bible Study

We start at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Bardi Bester this Wednesday March 16th studying Isaiah. New members welcome, so join us for study and fellowship. More details speak to pastor Reinier

CHURCH WORKING Busy Bee

CRC Perth are having a busy bee this **Saturday 19th March 2016**

There are many jobs that need to be done, such as

1. New gate will need concrete
2. New gate will need new paint (any one with too much paint at home)
3. Trees need to be trimmed
4. Gutters need a clean,
5. Front bargeboard needs painting(If you have a belt sander to get rid of the loose paint please bring it along ☺) A cherry picker is all ready booked.
6. We will need to go through the whole church, to sort and dispose of items that have not been used for the last 10 years. We also need to consider where to store the stacked up chairs when not in use.
7. Go through the church seating and repair as appropriate.
8. Running cables for sensor lights
9. Fitting Exit lights + emergency lights.
10. Tag electric cords.
11. Replace a tap in the kitchen
12. Make laminated signs for doors
13. General cleaning

If there is anything else that needs done, please let me know. If you plan to come, please speak to me for further information on the particular tasks at hand.

Thanks Pieter
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Australind Senior's Day – Sunday 24th of April

Due to a clash of dates with the Rehoboth anniversary celebrations, we now plan to hold our Senior's day on **Sunday the 24th of April**, Lord willing! The bus has been booked and will cost only \$15 per person. The bus will be leaving from the Gosnells Church. Our morning Worship service begins at 9:30am. This will be followed by coffee and then a fellowship lunch provided by us. Our afternoon service is likely to begin at 1pm. So come on down and join us for an enjoyable day of worship and fellowship. Please book your seat on the bus with Bill Louw (93981902). We look forward to having you

SENIOR MEN OF OUR CHURCHES

We plan to meet again THIS TUESDAY 15th March at the Peletier home, 26 Bridge Street, Wilson, 10am.

Our guest speaker will be JOHN STEENHOF a semi retired teacher, Pastor and missionary (leaving for Uganda next month with his wife Alice) He was to have been with us last month, but was very unwell.

When I spoke with him yesterday, he was in good health and really looking forward to joining us....

All senior men very welcome.

Jan P

Financial Update:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Second Offering</u>	
7 th February	\$3864.40	\$183.90	TRAIN Workgroup
14 th February	\$1604.65	\$265.20	Solomon Islands Workgroup
21 st February	\$4330.95	\$199.65	WA Needy Churches Fund
28 th February	\$1776.40	\$314.90	Christian Wheatbelt Fellowship

Budgeted Offerings to date: 35 weeks @ \$2845 \$99 575.00

Actual Offerings to Date: \$92 615.80

Shortfall to date: **\$ 6 959.20**

Help Required

Manoah Market Day SATURDAY APRIL 30 9:00 a.m.

Yes, it is still weeks away but YOU can help NOW

- Volunteer your time to help set up, man a stall or pack up afterwards
- Make goods or prepare goods to sell (Plants, Jams. Preserves, pickles, cakes, biscuits, slices, knitted goods, home crafted items)
- Clean out your cupboards, garage, home of items you no longer need or use. Give them a clean and if they are in good saleable condition, drop them off at Manoah House or phone Willy as to an appropriate time to drop them off.
- Donate services that can be auctioned off or ask businesses you know for donations

Remember your time and goods help care for our elderly who are no longer able to care for themselves.

It is easy to show you care.

Phone Willy Louw '0398 1902 for more details or to offer your help or speak to Trudy at Perth CRC

What is on this week

Wednesday	16 th March	9:00 A.M	Bread at Church
Wednesday	16 th March	7.30 P.M.	Canning Bible Study at Bardi's Home
Friday	18 th March	7:00 P.M	CADETS @ Gosnells
Friday	18 th March	7:30 P.M.	Youth group @ Gosnells
Saturday	19 th March		Working Bee @ church

Worship Ministry

Date	Duty elder	Greeter	Data	Sound	Reader	Musician	Preacher
13 th March a.m. p.m.	Bardi	Steve & Hetty Steve & Rob	Luke Paul N	Paul vdK Nelson	Raymond	Rachel MP3	Ben Murphy Craig Van Echten
20 th March a.m. p.m.	Sam	Bardi & Jacqueline	Luke	Paul vdK Klarinda	Jacqueline	Elsa Ralph	R. Noppers
Good Friday	Willem	Sam & Eril	Luke	Klarinda		Ralph	R. Noppers
27 th March a.m. p.m.	Steve	Willem & Jannet	Johan Luke	Paul vdK Nelson	Nelson	Ralph	R. Noppers J.de Jongh

Video: James

Helping Hands Please arrange your own swap if you are unable to do your duty.

Date	Coffee Fellowship	Crèche	Sunday School
13 th March	John v/d Berg, Nieuwkerk	Jacqueline, Isaak	Saara, Yvonne
20 th March	Noppers, Loos	Vanessa, Bethia	Trudy, Rebekah
Good Friday	Pleysier, Johan	Illizebel, Joshua	Trudy,
27 th March	R & H van der Kooij, Victor	Melody, Beslin	Trudy,

ORGAN CONCERT TOUR

Evert van de Veen (The Netherlands)

Beautiful organ works and own arrangements on Psalms & Hymns! Enjoy listening to a big organ in Perth on the Friday night. Or go to Guildford on Saturday afternoon and enjoy a coffee with the organist after the concert.

DATE	VENUE	TIME
April 8	Wesley Uniting Church, Perth (William Street)	8:00 p.m.
April 9	Chapel of St. Mary & St. George (Guildford Grammar School)	2:30 p.m.
April 10	Free Reformed Church, Armadale- Organ & Audience Singing	7:30 p.m.
April 15	Free Reformed Church, West-Albany	8:00 p.m.
April 16	Free Reformed Church, Albany	8:00 p.m.
April 17	Free Reformed Church, Albany- Organ & Audience Singing	7:30 p.m.

CD's and sheet music will be available at the concerts.

Entry at concerts is by donation or collection.

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