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Welcome

A warm welcome to all who have come to the service 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 typical service includes a time of singing praise, prayer, Bible reading and a message is given by the Pastor.

There is also an opportunity 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. We have two. The first is for the workings of our local church, the second for a specified group usually outside our local church.

Crèche is available for children aged 0-3 at the rear of the church building during the service. Most Sundays children (4-9 years old) attend church for the first part of the service and then leave for Sunday school during the offering.

After the service please join us for refreshments and fellowship either to the side of church or in the hall.

Please utilise the church's electronic banking

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First Offering:

For the ministry of this church

Second Offering:

26th March Gujarat Outreach Support

Economic Literacy

2nd April Reformed Theological College (RTC)

9th April Diaconate

An outreach of Perth CRC is:

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Weekly Newsletter



Preacher: R. Noppers

Reading: **Psalm 103**

Text: **Matthew 5:7 "Mercy Multiplied"**

Meditation

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." Many people have found a problem in this saying of Jesus: claiming it depicts the thought that if we are merciful towards others, God will be merciful to us: that is, the onus rests on us. If we wish to receive mercy, we must first be merciful. They find support for this in other statements, such as in the Lord's Prayer: *forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us*: or the parable of the debtors in Matthew 18, where Jesus concludes with the words "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart." There are, however, several problems with such an understanding: not the least being that if this is the case, then none of us could ever receive mercy, or be forgiven completely by God, for as sinners even our best attempts fall far short of His perfection. Even more so, if this is how we are to understand the beatitudes, then the entire doctrine of grace is cancelled. Instead, as spoken to those who are citizens of the Kingdom, who are already saved by grace, it is a reminder of what we are: even more so than what we do! We are merciful because we have already received mercy: we forgive because we have been forgiven: it is only as we receive that we are able to give – and in fact if we consistently find it impossible to do so, begs the question as to whether we are really saved in the first place! A simple example: I can offer you a glass of water, but I am only able to do that if I already have a glass and water to give you! In the same way, I can only be truly merciful as God is merciful; if I have already received mercy from God: and once received from God, it overflows through our lives. Having been completely forgiven, not just a minor debt but that which the whole world could not satisfy; having been granted mercy beyond all deserving, it is simply not possible to then fail to extend the same mercy and forgiveness to others. The blessing? Mercy never runs out! God's mercy is more than sufficient – just like His grace! And for us, the assurance, the certainty, that we are indeed children of God.

RN

Pastoral

Maartje Nieuwkerk was able to return home on Monday morning, with everything going well with her knee replacement. It will still be some time before she is fully recovered, but we can be thankful to God for His healing hand. Henry Alberts also had some heart tests done, which thankfully showed there are no major issues with his heart, and a regime of medication will, DV, make him feel much better. Hetty Zoethout also received word this week that her cataract surgery, for which she has been waiting a while, will now

take place on April 5th. Let's pray that this surgery may be successful and that Hetty will have full sight restored. Melody Oostryck returned safely home from Taiwan last week after spending time with family there. Word is that the Cadet Camp was a wonderful time for Counsellors and Cadets! Praise God! The Youth will be holding an Easter Camp next weekend at Camp Grace, in Busselton, with Karne de Boer leading the talks. Do pray that this will be an encouraging time for our Youth and for safekeeping in travels. Next week Trudy and I will be attending the ministers and wives Recharge Conference in Melbourne, from April 3-6, again pray that this is an opportunity for refreshment as well as catching up with colleagues.

Profession of Faith: Rebekah Oostryck, Eliza Noppers, Nelson Nieuwkerk and Joshua Ossevoort will publicly profess their Faith on Sunday 23rd April, a wonderful opportunity to celebrate together as a congregation the wonderful blessings of our God.

Prayer time continues each Sunday morning, starting at 9:00 am for approximately 15 minutes, in which we may bring this church, our needs and future, before our sovereign God.

Catechism: as normal after the service this Sunday and next Sunday.

Session will meet this coming Tuesday evening at the church, 7:30 p.m. Please continue to prayer for our Session as we seek to shepherd God's flock here in Perth. RN

LINK EDITOR We are still looking for a person to take up the role of LINK editor. Trudy is currently doing it, but this will be difficult while we are away (May-July). The task involves collating notices, pastoral notes and updating rosters. The editor will not necessarily be responsible for weekly printing but could do both jobs with the church photocopier. If you feel you could possibly take on this role speak to either Reinier or Trudy.

Announcements and Notices

SHARED LUNCH – Next Sunday April 2nd after the service we have our monthly shared lunch. Bring a plate of sandwiches or a rice dish or curry or a salad or some other favourite food to share. Join us for some relaxing fellowship and good food.

WILSON FELLOWSHIP meets coming Wednesday March 29th, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Willem and Corne de Jager, studying chapter 4 of the Book on Isaiah.

Manoah Extraordinary General Meeting

A meeting dealing with the future expansion of the hostel nursing home will be held on Monday 27 March at 7.30 pm in the Gosnells church. Members welcome and non-members are also welcome to attend as observers. (We are aware this is also the date of Rehoboth AGM!)

News from other churches:

Gosnells: Anna Bongers passed away just over a week ago, in Bridgetown. Our thoughts and prayers go to her family, Ans Verkerk and the wider Meyerink family. The family are thankful that her suffering is over and she is with her heavenly father.

Chris Pol has declined in health due to his lung cancer. Keep him in prayer, and also Coby and their family. Leny Wolfs spent time in hospital with heart trouble. This has now been stabilised with medication and she has returned home. Holly Hattingh continues to recover well, and is now starting physio.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MANOAH FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Do you enjoy coming along to the Manoah Market Day each year?

Then why not **volunteer** on the Fundraising Committee for Manoah. Currently **only one person has said yes** – we need more workers to share the load. The Manoah Board is seeking volunteers to join a fundraising committee to help organise the next annual Manoah Market Day and look at any other fundraising opportunities for Manoah. Interested? Then please forward your interest to Gerard Goiran (ceo@manoah.org.au) or Hesli van Laar (hesli@manoah.org.au) by Friday, 31 March 2017. [Help us keep Manoah impacting our Community](#)

"Mercy and forgiveness must be free and unmerited to the wrongdoer.
If the wrongdoer has to do something to merit it, then it isn't mercy,
but forgiveness always comes at a cost to the one granting the forgiveness."

- Tim Keller



What's Happening This Week

Sunday 26th March 9:00 a.m. – Prayer Meeting before church

Today – catechism after church

Monday 27th Extraordinary Meeting for Manoah @ Gosnells Church

Tuesday March 28th Session Meeting @ church

Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Bread @ the Church

Wednesday Wilson Fellowship Group @ de Jager's 7:30 p.m.

Friday – Sunday Youth Camp @ Busselton

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Saturday April 1st Cecilia Husselmann



Coming Up...

Sunday April 2nd 9:00 a.m. – Prayer Meeting before church

April 2nd Shared Lunch

April 5th Canning Bible Study @ Wolmarans

Good Friday April 14th Lord's Supper

April 16th Easter Sunday Combined Service with Korean Presbyterian Church

April 19th Canning Bible Study @ Bardi's

April 23rd Public Profession of Faith

Service Rosters

Date	Preacher	Duty elder	Greeters	Reader	Musician	Data	Sound
26 th March	R Noppers	Willem	Sam & Jannet	Beslin		Johan	Paul N.
2 nd April	R Noppers	Bardi	Willem & Yvonne	Raymond	Rebecca	Luke	Klarinda
9 th April	D. Groenboem	Willem	Bardi & Jacqueline	Beslin	Elsa	Paul N.	Nelson
GOOD FRIDAY	R. Noppers	Sam	Willem & Eril	Jacqueline		Johan	Paul vdk
16 th April	R Noppers	Bardi	Sam & Yvonne	Beslin		Johan	Nelson

Helping Hands

Date	Coffee	Crèche	Sunday School
26 th March	de Jager, Alberts	Annette, Nicola	Nicolene
2 nd April	Noppers, Hetty	Rebecca, Beslin	Nicolene
9 th April	Pleysier, Jill	Vanessa, Klarinda	Holidays
GOOD FRIDAY	P vd Kooij, John	Trudy, Eliza	Holidays
April 16th	R vd Kooij, Victor	Jacqueline, Luke	Holidays



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Jason Ponzio, Devotional Thoughts For The Day