

Reformed Church of Bishopdale

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A warm welcome to you, especially to those visiting us. May you be encouraged in your faith as we worship the Lord together. Please join us for tea or coffee in the hall after the morning service. A crèche is available for children under 5.

10:00 am Rev. Robert van Wichen
"Excuses, Excuses, Excuses" (Romans 3:1-20)

5:00 pm Rev. Andrew de Vries
"Are You Ready?" (Matthew 24:36-25:30)

Pastoral Notices

- Farewell to David and Johanna Capill and Emma, Lucinda, and Annabelle who will be leaving this Wednesday for a four week stay in the Netherlands. May God grant you safe travel and a wonderful holiday.
- Farewell to university students returning home for the holidays and welcome back to those who have come home!
- The Reformed Church of Christchurch are considering whether to extend a call to Dr Tim Rott as their minister, and so they invited him and his wife Georgette to visit. The Rotts are from the Presbyterian Church of America. Dr Rott will be preaching there again twice today. Next Sunday, Rev. Barry James will be coming for about two months to help out on a short-term basis.
- Our annual visitation will take place on Friday 9 July commencing at 7:30 pm. The visitors this year will be from the RC Nelson. As this is an open meeting all members are welcome to attend. If you have any questions for the church visitors or concerns you wish to raise please contact Fred Braam.
- We say farewell to Cees de Ruiters this morning. He is heading to the "mother land" this week to spend three weeks with family and friends. We wish you safe travels and a refreshing time away.
- We are calling for nominations for elders and deacons for 2011. Please hand your nominations to your Fellowship Group elder by the 7 July Session meeting. The elders retiring are Fred Braam, Richard Moot and Richard van Garderen. The deacons retiring are Peter Mahoney, Peter Thompson and Graeme Zuidema.
- Session had hoped to meet this Wednesday to plan for a congregational meeting to progress the approval of the proposed church extension. However, the Building Committee needs more time to evaluate some changes to the project that may bring the overall cost down while still achieving the same increase in seating. So this will be discussed again at the Session meeting on 7 July.

Other matters for prayer

- Heidi Posthuma in Tibet as she awaits a decision from the university whether or not she can stay.
- Marjory Vanderpyl in hospital.
- Lily van Ameyde who had to be hospitalized this week on account of a skin condition.

What's on this week

Shared lunch this week will be hosted by Rob Moot's district at his and Henny's home - 33 Sharnbrook Lane, Regent Park. All visitors are most welcome.

Catechism: This week we will have our midyear breakup. We will be watching the film, "The Voyage That Changed the World." Please bring a plate. We will finish at 8:45pm. If you have any questions, please speak to Robert van Wichen.

Pastor's Class will be held on Tuesday, 29 June at the Reformed Church of Christchurch at 10:00am. Please contact Robert van Wichen or Marguerite Braam (359 6398) if you would like the discussion questions beforehand.

Women's Ministry - Wednesday Bible Study: Thank you to those who came last week as we looked at the Breastplate of Righteousness. Join us this week as we have a book and movie review. Please bring along any books or movies you have read/watched recently and let us know what you thought of them. We will start with coffee from 9.30am.

Junior Youth Group: It's almost the holidays! To celebrate we are going to have JYG on Friday the 2nd of July. Meet at Andre's house with \$2 at 6:45pm for some chill action. You can get picked up again from Andre's at 9:15. Please let Andre, Tim or Yvette know by Wednesday if you are coming or not. Thanks, JYG leaders.

Notices

Tear Fund - Next week being the first Sunday of the month, we will be having our usual special collection to support the work of Tear Fund.

Combined Men's Breakfast #2...Coming soon!! Please keep Saturday the 10th July 2010 free for a combined Men's breakfast to be held at the Bishopdale Reformed Church. Lord willing, our guest speaker will be Rev Daniel Wilson from the Nelson Reformed Church.

Men's Christian Convention: On the 27th and 28th of July, the Men's Christian Convention will be hosting their 2010 conference: 'In The Beginning'. At each end of the Bible there are perfect bookends – two chapters of the world as it was and two chapters as it will be. But we will study the early plan of God, and the fall of man too, in a way that covers creation, work, home, temptation, sin, grace and almost all the foundational issues. Come and be refreshed and strengthened. This is a great opportunity for Christian men in our city to come together to be challenged by God's Word and enjoy each others' fellowship.

Sign up online or come and see me after church. After July 1st, the cost goes up from \$15 to \$20. You can enrol now and pay at the door. If you want me to enrol for you, please see me after church. Richard Moot.
PS Website on the form should read <http://register.mcc-nz.org.nz/> Don't forget the .nz

Address book: Unfortunately, one address was left out of the new address book. Please add the following address:

Chris and Vinke Botha, and their daughter Anneke
250 Domain Road
RD 1, Oxford
Phone: (03) 312 3678

Creation magazine subscriptions are available for \$20.00 per year. Please speak to Marguerite Braam if you are interested in subscribing. This magazine will help you to think through your faith and is a useful evangelistic tool.

Blood Bank Reminder: Over 60 donors so far! Fantastic! If you haven't signed up yet or if you have any questions, please look for me after church or sign the form, which is in the foyer. The times for the blood donation are between 3 – 8pm so keep in mind that you are still able to donate in the evening if you are working. October 26th, mark it in your diaries.
Thank you very much, Alisha Moot

Senior Youth Group: Hey guys!! Just giving you a heads up about our upcoming Hammer Retreat. The dates are 23rd - 25th July 2010 so keep this weekend free. Registration forms are available from your SYG committee. Grab your copy a.s.a.p. It's a great chance to chill out and spend time with friends :) Any queries, see your SYG committee.

Sermon Cassette Tapes: Approximately 200 tapes of sermons from the period 2006 / 2008 have been retained. With the changes in technology for these to be useful in the future, they need to be converted to mp3 format. If you have the equipment and are willing to do this then please see one of the Deacons.

South Island Ladies Fellowship 11 September 2010: The Dovedale Ladies will be hosting this event shortly and we would be very grateful if one of the ladies from each South Island Reformed Church could put together a little report on the various activities in your Ladies groups over the last year. This will be inserted in the booklet handed out on the day. Please could you forward them to willemse@paradise.net.nz by 1st September 2010."

Notes of Thanks

- The immediate and extended family of **Ids Dijkstra** would like to sincerely thank all those who have supported them with words of sympathy and kindness after the passing into glory of their father, grandfather (opa) and their great grandfather.

We want to also thank you for your spiritual support and prayers during the past three months as he was slowly deteriorating healthwise.

It is a great comfort to us that we belong on earth to such a widespread Christian community, Jesus Christ's church, His bride.

"Endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory" (2 Timothy 2:10)

- Peter and Margaret, Beverley (Mum), Neil and Joan, Rob and Karen want to thank our brothers and sisters at Bishopdale for their love and prayers, messages, cards, and beautiful flowers which were sent to us at the time of

Arth's passing into glory on 19th May. He was a very much loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, and while his passing is a great loss to us all we are content in, and comforted by, the knowledge that he is now with his Lord and Saviour. Such a blessing and amazing grace! Peter Thompson

Treasurer's Report

Giving for past ten weeks:

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| Week 16 | \$5,249.00 | Week 21 | \$7,676.00 |
| Week 17 | \$7,104.00 | Week 22 | \$6,775.40 |
| Week 18 | \$8,172.35 | Week 23 | \$4,909.30 |
| Week 19 | \$4,888.30 | Week 24 | \$3,864.40 |
| Week 20 | \$4,052.50 | Week 25 | \$11,216.40 |

Our weekly budget is \$6028.

Future Meetings

July 7 Session Meeting
16 Fellowship Meetings
21 Elders Meeting & Deacons Meetings
28 Fellowship Meetings

The Week in Brief

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| Tue 29 | 10:00 am | Pastor's class at Cornwall St |
| | 7:15 pm | Catechism |
| Wed 30 | 9:30 am | Women's ministry – book review |
| Fri 2 | 6:45 pm | Junior Youth Group |

Rosters

Crèche

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| 27 June | am | Cathy Carranceja, Loraine van der Colff, Katie Sterne, Ivanna Janssen |
| | pm | Robyn Bosma, Julie Fietje, Nicole van den Engel, Daniel Huls |
| 4 July | am | Vivien Mahoney, Cindy Tyrell-Baxter, Carl Janssen, Lucinda Capill |
| | pm | Amanda Zuidema, Shirley Schinkelshoek, Lucy Vanderpyl, Mariska van der Colff |
| 11 July | am | Hetty Klaassen, Yvonne Janssen, Rachael van Wichen, Jordan Hill |
| | pm | Paula Couprie, Michelle Posthuma, Aidan Schinkelshoek, Rachel Mahoney |

NB: Please swap if you can't make it on your rostered session, adult with adult, senior youth with senior youth etc.

Shared Lunch

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| 27 June | Rob Moot |
| 4 July | Steve Sterne |
| 11 July | Leo Fietje |

Sunday School

This week & next week: Nikita Huls & Annelise Vannoort

Coffee

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| 27 Jun | M & R de Ruiter, B & L Dimbleby |
| 4 Jul | K & J de Ruiter, L Dijkstra |
| 11 Jul | R & M Eisenhart, L & J Fietje |

Church Cleaning

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| 3 July | Claire & Simon Bosma, Cedric & Cathy Carranceja, Simon & Paula Couprie |
| 10 July | Jacob and Thelmarie Couprie, Steve & Danielle Capill, Matthew & Joanna Cross |
| 17 July | Martin & Rebekah de Ruiter, Brian & Elizabeth Dimbleby, Kees & Joke de Ruiter |