

# 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  
"Better than the Best" (Romans 1:1-7)

**5:00 pm** Rev. Andrew de Vries  
"Preparing for the End" (Matthew 23:29-24:14)

## Pastoral Notices

- Today is Mother's Day (not that we needed to tell you that). Mothers are important people. There are few people in our lives whose influence we feel more keenly than our mother's, whether we recognize it or not. So it is fitting to celebrate motherhood today and other days. But let us not forget those for whom Mother's Day brings mixed emotions, even sorrow.
- This evening we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together. Let us remember that we serve a living Saviour. Yes, Jesus died for our sins, but He was also raised for our justification (Romans 4:25). Hence He is able to help us in our weakness. We should never think the Lord's Supper is for the spiritually strong. For those who have it all together. Quite the opposite! It is for those who know that they can do nothing good in God's sight apart from Christ. It is for those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. So brothers and sisters, come to Jesus' table and be satisfied!
- On Thursday, Marjory Vanderpyl was admitted to hospital, following her second course of chemotherapy. She is likely to be in hospital for up to two weeks and is able to see close friends and family. There is no visiting allowed between 1:00 and 3:00pm. You can view regular updates from Marjory on *Facebook*. Please uphold Marjory and her family in prayer at this time.
- Farewell to Klaas van Tuinen! He has been worshipping with us for several months and will be returning home to United States this week. May the Lord bless you and your family.
- The Reformed Church of Christchurch received good news this week. Rev. Barry James has confirmed that he will arrive on 29 June. He plans to stay for a couple of months.
- Robert van Wichen will be preaching at the Reformed Church of Christchurch this evening.
- Congratulations to Andre Posthuma on getting a job teaching outdoor education and English at Linwood's alternative education unit for students who have been kicked out of mainstream schools three or more times. He starts tomorrow. May God give you abundant grace and wisdom for your work.

## Matters for prayer

- Magdy Girgis who has come down with pneumonia.
- Ans Bosma who has been sick for quite some time.
- Often we pray for those who are sick or undergoing surgery. We should also remember to give thanks when they get well or the surgery is successful. In

that regard, we can give thanks that Mike Vannoort is regaining his strength.

- That God would guide us in our decision making about extending our facilities.
- Andrew Dickson has requested leave from his work in Uganda in order to pursue a relationship which has been developing since his arrival there in late 2008 and also to work through some significant concerns he has about the work in Mbale. Andrew has been granted three months' unpaid leave beginning on 16 May and will initially travel to the US and then on to New Zealand. His being here will give opportunity to work through his concerns with his sending church (Hamilton) and the other involved parties. Please pray that the Lord would work through these things for the growth of the Gospel and the good of his people.

## Ascension Day Service

Wednesday, 12 May @ 7:30pm

Every year, the three Reformed Churches in Christchurch meet together to commemorate and celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven, and to contemplate His return in even greater glory. We look forward to seeing you there! Fellowship groups will not be meeting that night.

The collection will be for the mission work in PNG. You may be aware of the substantial shortfall (about \$30,000) for the Kiwi Haus project, where the Doumas live. There will also be many ongoing costs associated with this outreach. The Cornwall St deacons would like to encourage everyone to prayerfully consider supporting this very worthwhile cause, as many of you have already been doing.

## What's on this week

**Shared lunch** is not on today because it is Mother's Day.

**Women's Ministry - Wednesday Bible Study:** Thank you to those who were able to come and help tidy up Marjory's garden and clean her house. Join us this week as we sing at Ilam Homestead, 7 Ilam Road, 10.30am. ALL WELCOME TO JOIN US as we witness to the residents there.

**Crafty Ladies Wanted** from Bishopdale, Cornwall Street and Dovedale churches. Knitters, Sewers, Patchers, Weavers, Painters, Cardmakers, and anyone else – Meet on **Friday 14 May 7.00pm** onwards at the Reformed Church of Christchurch!

Just bring whatever your crafty passion is and work on your own project. Supper will be provided, baking welcome!

Not a crafter? Feel welcome to come and share the fellowship, bring a game even.

**Any questions** please phone Sarah van Leeuwen.

**Uganda Update:** next Sunday night there is the opportunity to listen to Lucretia talk about her recent trip to Uganda starting at 7:00pm. For Bishopdale families, soup and buns will be provided straight after the afternoon service.

## Notices

**Open Home Foundation:** On Sunday 16th May the Deacons will be holding a special collection to support the work of the OHF. There is a tremendous need in New Zealand for loving (Christian) homes to shelter less fortunate children from our communities, and we support the work undertaken by The Open Home Foundation. The Deacons.

**Senior Youth Group Notices:** Study and dinner tonight was to be held at Rob and Henny Moots' but due to it being mother's day today it is postponed and the new date will be advised. Enjoy your free evening and do something nice for your Mum!

Our next event is this coming Friday (14th May). We will be going swimming/hydro-sliding at QE2 pool. Meet at Church at 6.45pm to carpool. Bring money to cover entry and/or hydro-slide costs (exact costs will be txd to you during the week). The pool closes at 9pm so we aim to be back at church by 9.30pm for those that need picking up.

Look forward to seeing you there!!

**Pastor's Class** will be held next on Tuesday, 18 May 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.

### Attention Potential Campers!

Tickets for the Rock n' Roll Queen's Birthday Camp are now on sale! Forms have already been sent to your youth-group, so pick one up, fill it out, and send it back to book your place at the biggest show of the year! Or you can purchase your ticket online, and you don't have to be tech-literate at all! You can find a link to the form either on the QBC 2010 Facebook page, or you can email sethzorn@hotmail.com to request the link.

The weekend will feature performances from ministers Leo de Vos and Andrew Nugteren, touring from Wainui and Wellington, with supporting acts from Camp Parents, Committee members, and the best cooks in town!

Don't forget to book before May 21st, or you'll lose the early-bird fees! See you all there!

## Treasurer's Report

### Giving for past ten weeks:

Week 9	\$6,910.87	Week 14	\$6,723.29
Week 10	\$6,669.10	Week 15	\$3,693.00
Week 11	\$8,591.60	Week 16	\$5,249.00

Week 12	\$6,156.00	Week 17	\$7,104.00
Week 13	\$7,439.70	Week 18	\$8,172.35

Our weekly budget is \$6028.

Tear Fund: \$634.00

Building fund total pledges: \$40,000

## Future Meetings

<b>May</b>	12 Ascension Day service at Cornwall St (7:30)
	19 Elders Meeting & Deacons Meetings
	26 Fellowship Meetings
<b>June</b>	2 Session Meeting

## The Week in Brief

Mon 10	6:50 pm	Cadets & Calvinettes Monday night fellowship
Tue 11	7:15 pm	Catechism Tulip DVD at Zuidema's home
Wed 12	9:30 am	Women's ministry - singing
Thu 13	7:30 pm	Christianity Explored
Fri 14	7:00 pm	Craft evening at Cornwall St

## Rosters

### Crèche

09 May	am	Cindy van Garderen, Shirley Schinkelshoek, Bryce Janssen, Miriam Capill
	pm	Robyn Bosma, Yvonne Janssen, Suzy McCracken, Jordan Fietje
16 May	am	Vivien Mahoney, Arja Amersfoort, Carien van der Colff, Lucinda Capill
	pm	Amanda Zuidema, Belinda Vannoort, Annelise Posthuma, Lydia Couprie
23 May	am	Joyce Verkerk, Vicki Payne, Nathan Janssen, Jeremy Klaassen
	pm	Paula Couprie, Michelle Posthuma, Nikita Huls, Jonathan van Wichen

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

### Shared Lunch

2 May	Fred Braam
15 May	Rob Moot
23 May	Steve Sterne

### Sunday School

This week: Marcella van Leeuwen

Next week: Laura Giddy

### Coffee

9 May	L & A Amersfoort, D & E Bangma
16 May	H & C Berends, H & A Bosma
23 May	J & A Bosma, M & A Bosgra

### Church Cleaning

15 May	Bert & Fo van Ameyde, Jackie Romeyn, Louise Storm, Anthony & Nicole van den Engel
22 May	John & Rebecca van Ameyde, Robert & Laurel van Wichen, Mark & Mandy Vanderpyl
29 May	Richard & Linda Vanderpyl, Mike & Belinda Vannoort, Richard & Cindy van Garderen