

# What's on? \*

- Sun 24 Nov** Worship Service & Water Baptism 9am, Worship Centre  
Connexion Worship Service 10:30am, Worship Centre  
Turtles 3:45pm and Garage Boys 3:45pm  
Infusion Worship Service 5pm, Worship Centre
- Tue 26 Nov** Fun & Fitness 9:30am, Hall
- Wed 27 Nov** Craft Group 10am, Ashwood Room  
Prayer Time 12noon, Prayer Room  
English Conversation Classes 1pm, Hall
- Thu 28 Nov** Mates "Magic Night" 4:30pm, Hall  
English Conversation Classes 7:30pm, Hall  
Introduction to Christian Faith 7:30pm, Prayer Room
- Fri 29 Nov** Community Prayer Time 8am, Prayer Room  
DYG "The Big Event!" 7:30pm, Offsite
- Sun 1 Dec** Worship Service 9am, Worship Centre  
Connexion Worship Service 10:30am, Worship Centre  
Turtles 3:45pm and Garage Boys 3:45pm  
Infusion Worship Service 5pm, Worship Centre

## Your Ministry Team @ Doncaster

Who (Ministry Area)

Russell Croxford (Senior Minister)	Availability via Church Office this week Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sunday
Sinton Clemow (Associate Minister)	Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sunday
Beverley Watson (Families Minister)	Mon, Wed, Sunday (AM)
Belinda <del>Watson</del> (Young Adults Minister)	Mon, Fri (PM), Sunday (PM)
Ben Chong (Youth Minister & Care for a Hurting World) Away with Red Frogs	Mon, Sunday (AM)
Brendan Petty (Children's Minister)	Wed, Thurs (PM)
Lai Poh Tang (Cross Cultural Ministry Director)	Phone Home: 9842 5731
John Uhlman (Pastoral Care)	

If you wish to see a Minister during office hours, please phone ahead to confirm availability. All ministers can be contacted via email - their first name@doncasterchurch.org.au

## Christ the King



The Christmas Bowl provides food, shelter and capacity-building for refugees from Myanmar and they return home. Help relieve suffering caused by conflict and poverty by giving to the

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**Doncaster**  
Church of Christ

24<sup>th</sup> November 2013

## Welcome

### A warm welcome to our worship services today!

Welcome to Doncaster Church of Christ, thank you for choosing to worship with us today. To enable us to get to know you, please write your name and address on the enclosed Carecard and place it in the offering bowl. If you wish to take advantage of the audio loop, please sit in the centre section of seating during the 9am worship service.

## Inside Today

**Series:** Going Deeper for the last time

**Speakers:** Simon Clemow

**Topic:** Christ the King Sunday

**Text:** Luke 23:33-43

9:00am

**conneXion**  
Infusion @ 5pm

## About Us

**Our Mission** "Gather Grow Go".

**Our Vision** We see ourselves as being "a gift to the community"

**Our Message** "At Doncaster Church of Christ you will find purpose, hope and meaning for life in a welcoming, caring, Christ-centered community".

## Our Typical Sunday Worship Services

**Sunday 9am Service** A well rounded one hour service with a traditional feel, followed by morning tea in the hall. Includes Kids' Storytime.

**Sunday 10.30am for a 10:45am start, conneXion** is a relaxed and contemporary worship service ideal for young families. Including Donny Kids church, 10:30am in Upper Room.

**Sunday 5pm Infusion Service** A modern, and often creative time of worship aimed at youth, young adults, families and singles.

## Our Theme for 2013

The vision behind the theme Age to Age is that God is the Lord of our whole story at Doncaster - past - present - future - and that is significant, especially as we celebrate 150 years on Doncaster Hill. God has been and will be faithful through all generations. God stands at the centre of all we are and do. God is the sole reason for our existence, and all are united in Him!

Ephesians 3:14-21 & Daniel 2:20

## Next Sunday...

**Speaker:** Russ Croxford

**Series:** Advent Conspiracy—Week 1

**Reading:** Luke 2:21-40

**Theme:** Worship Fully

**9am**

Worship Leader: Di Marchant

Communion: Kathie Simmonds

**10.30am**

Reader: Chris White

Morning Tea: Rhonda & Leonie

**5pm**

Worship Leader: Ben Croxford

Communion: Lauren Croxford

*Please check your rosters and note the date you are to serve as not all people who assist in the running of our worship services are listed above. Thank you!*

## Offerings



## Offerings Received Last Sunday

From the Plate	\$	2,441.40
By Direct Credit	\$	1,550.00
By Credit Card	\$	2,650.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,641.40</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Offering</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,055.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(413.60)</b>

If you would like more information on the ways you can financially support the mission and ministry of the Doncaster Church of Christ, please speak to one of the Ministry Team, treasurer Bob Pfeifer, or contact the church office.

## In Other News ...

**The Broadhurst family** welcomes Esther Jayne - a new daughter for Chris and Emma and sister for Alice and granddaughter for Leonie. Another precious gift from God.

**Office News.** The Church office has been very blessed with volunteers to help with various office administration tasks. Currently we have on board Linda Cheung, Lin Wong, Maggie Wang, Wai Yeen Lee, Sharon Geijsels, Jennie Waters, Amy Tong, Barb Davis, Ern Kiefer and Annette Palmer. We really appreciate all your help. Thank you very much.

**Sermons on each Sunday** worship are recorded into DVD. If you are interested in a copy, please contact the church office during working hours or email office@doncasterchurch.org.au. A donation for each copy would be appreciated.

**150th Anniversary books** can be purchased at \$20 per copy from the Church Office during office hours.

**Accommodation needed** for married couple. Maybe shared house, small unit in Doncaster area. Fairly urgent. Contact Marg Wegner or the church office.



**AGE TO AGE**

## Our Prayerful thoughts and opportunities...

Please remember in your prayers this week all the young adults who, after 12 years of study will be "letting their hair down" at the many Schoolies Festivals.

Pray too for the Chaplains from the Red Frogs Network who give up their time too in a ministry of presence to these young people. Pray for:

- Safety for volunteers and schoolies;
- Team cohesion as they work long hours in potentially difficult situations;
- Great relationships to be built with the Schoolies;
- Good working relationships with the other key service providers.

Opportunities for corporate (group) or silent prayer include:

**Sundays at 10.15am; Wednesdays between 12pm and 12.30pm; and Fridays between 8.00am to 8.30am**

These prayer sessions are for anyone and there is NO pressure for you to pray out loud. We pray for whatever God has placed upon our hearts - for our world, for our community, for our church and for each other.

**Everyone is welcome and invited**

## Notes from the November Elders's Council

- Ongoing discernment and prayer for the FDC and future development of our site;
- Prayer of thankfulness for the baptism of Sophie, Jenny and Amir ongoing discipleship strategies to deepen spiritual growth and encouragement were discussed and will be implemented;
- Planning for an Elders retreat in February 2014;
- The appointment of the Treasurer for a term of 1 year, at the request of Bob Pfeiffer was confirmed. The possibility of an assistant treasurer and contingency planning for the future of this position was discussed. If you are interested in the assistant treasurer role or have any suggestions about this role please contact Bob or Simon.
- Policy development in the areas of Elders roles and Membership will be confirmed at the December meeting

## The Red Frogs

Did you know that this year we have two excellent people from Doncaster, volunteering their time with RedFrogs in Rye?

Red Frogs in a national volunteer chaplaincy network that supports 'Schoolies' during their celebrations of the end of their high school education. The team of 48 volunteers down at Rye, including our own Ben Chong and Bec Marchant, will seek to assist Schoolies by offering a free bus/walk home service, cooking free BBQs and pancake breakfasts, cleaning up rooms, handing out free Allen's Red Frogs and water, and by offering practical and emotional support through what can be a challenging week. Please keep Ben, Bec, the Red Frogs team in Rye and schoolies in your prayers this week.

## Weekly Thought by Simon Clemow

One of the final scenes in the Gospel of Luke, is the finale for Luke's Lectionary Year, and for our "Going Deeper" series. In this rendition of an eye witness account, the hearers of the story are asked - which of those present at the Lord's crucifixion do you most closely relate with?

Those at the foot of the cross, weeping for the things that have been lost?

The people who watch on in silent condemnation as another trouble maker, who almost brought down the Roman Legions upon them, is put to death?

The guards and officials who mock Jesus and his messianic claims?

The sarcastic criminal who hopes, despite his words of a miracle?

Or the other criminal - guilty of the charges laid upon him - who has looked beyond himself - hearing the prayer of Jesus as he hung on the cross to "forgive them Father, for they know not what they do." Knowing that the messianic claims of Jesus were true, not because of some great miracle he saw, or because he received material help - but by simply looking upon the suffering of Jesus and hearing not anger, pain, blame and acidic vitriol, but a message of forgiveness.

As we begin to prepare ourselves again for the coming of the Christ at Christmas, let us not forget that in the shadow the manger, with its message of peace on earth and angelic celebration, is the cross - a place of death, destruction and sorrow.

Before we gather around the manger and witness the miracle of God's incarnation, consider which of those who witnessed God's brutal political execution do you most closely relate with?



## The Philippines – Typhoon Haiyan - Appeal \*

One of the worst recorded typhoons in history, super typhoon Haiyan, is estimated to have killed 10,000 people in the Philippines and left hundreds of thousands displaced.

Churches of Christ Overseas Aid (COCOA) is partnering with Australian Lutheran World Service to bring humanitarian assistance into the devastated city of Tacloban and surrounding areas of northern Leyte.



Typhoon Haiyan, known locally as Yolanda, made landfall in the Philippines Eastern Visayas Region in the early morning of 8th November, hitting an area still recovering from the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that struck Bohol province in central Visayas region in October.

Sebastian Rhodes Stampa, the head of a UN disaster assessment coordination team reports, "This is destruction on a massive scale. There are cars thrown like tumbleweed and the streets are strewn with debris."

Tacloban, a city of 220,000 and capital of Leyte, is now without food, water and electricity. The typhoon-affected areas include communities experiencing high levels of poverty. The hardest hit areas are extremely difficult to reach due to flash floods, landslides, fallen trees, damaged infrastructure and telecommunications.

If you would like to contribute to this appeal, please place your donation in the bowl near the door as you exit the worship centre.

If you would like to benefit from the tax deductible nature of COCOA in giving to this appeal, please make your donations direct to Global Mission Partners via their website: [www.inpartnership.org](http://www.inpartnership.org).

## Book Share \*

Although the book shelves have been moved they are still operational. You are asked to donate a gold coin for each book borrowed and the proceeds go to the School Chaplaincy Fund. Donations to date are \$1,814. Well done!

Christmas is fast approaching and the need for reading matter over the holiday period comes with it. As the Book Share Shelves will be closed in January please make your selections soon. A longer borrowing period will be accepted over summer.

Thank you for your support and **HAPPY READING**. More information from Heather Mansell

## Christmas Postage \*

**BUY YOUR STAMPS FROM THE CHURCH** – and help our fundraising efforts. Postage for Christmas cards this year will be 55c.

Bob Pfeifer now has packs of 55c stamps suitable for Christmas postage. He also has packs of stamps for regular postage, and can supply pre-stamped envelopes if you would prefer these.

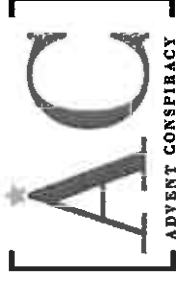
Speak to Bob to get your stamps.



## Doncaster is conspiring this Christmas, will you? \*

This Christmas season Doncaster is joining with thousands of other Christian churches around the world in the belief that Christmas can still change the world! The Advent Conspiracy asks us to seriously consider what Christmas is all about - to reclaim it as a holy season - not a season of excess and worship at the altar of consumerism.

For example, you'll be asked to consider giving one less present this year, setting aside that money to bring it on Christmas Day to combine with other gifts as together we share the Christmas message with those beyond our community. Stay tuned for the launch video at each of the three worship services today. This season, lets conspire together to Worship Fully, Give More, Spend Less and Love All. To find out more, visit [www.adventconspiracy.org](http://www.adventconspiracy.org)



## FRIENDS \*

FRIENDS will be concluding a successful 2013 with our annual Christmas lunch on Thursday 5th December at 12.30pm. All of our church family and friends are invited to come and join us. Please see Glenys or Sheila to reserve your place, cost \$15pp.

## Neighbourhood Christmas Dinner \*

Our 3rd annual Neighbourhood Christmas Dinner is coming around again! Make sure to put **Sunday 15th December** into your diaries, and start letting your friends, families and neighbours know too. The event will begin at 5PM and end at 8:30PM.

We will be looking for volunteers for welcoming, serving, cooking and to be in the choir and more information will be coming in the following weeks. We will also be collecting presents for UNOH (Urban Neighbours of Hope – [www.unoh.org](http://www.unoh.org)) once again to share with needy children. We invite you to join us in bringing an unwrapped gift for an infant, toddler, young child (5-9) or older child (10-14). Your contribution will be much appreciated this Christmas.

If you would like to be involved, please contact Ben at [ben@doncasterchurch.org.au](mailto:ben@doncasterchurch.org.au) or call the office at 9848 1546.

## DYC - the big event! \*

Friday 29th November 7.30pm

This is a bit of a mystery night - and we want your ideas! Should it be a murder mystery? Trivia night? Op shop formal? Fundraiser? All we know is it is going to be a big event that you will want to bring your friends to!

More info, speak to Lauren 0409 047 041



## CCVT News in brief \*

The CCVT Mission and Ministry Board wish to inform Churches that Martin Boutros, the Executive Director of Mission and Ministry, will be concluding his ministry with us at the end of January 2014. Martin has played a significant role in leading our Mission and Ministry team for the last five and a half years and we pray for God's blessing and guidance in the years ahead for Martin and his family.