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### **Date Claimers**

#### **December**

10th Lord's Supper

11th & 12th Jesus the Game Changer

**17th 5pm Carols Service**

18th & 19th Jesus the Game Changer

24th Christmas Eve service 9am only

25th Christmas Day service 9am only



Thank you for participat-  
ing in Operation Christ-  
mas Child and bringing  
unconditional love to  
kids in need in South-  
east Asia and the South Pacific.

12 Boxes have arrived in Papua New  
Guinea, the rest are being processed for  
Cambodia and Thailand.

### **Alarm System**

A new alarm system has been installed in  
the church. If you have a key and need  
'out of office time' access to the building,  
please see Bill Sikkema about setting up  
your unique access code.

***Otherwise you will set off the alarm!***

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



**10th December 2017**

**W**elcome to our public worship services on this Lord's Day. It is a delight and privilege to worship our Creator God, who for Jesus' sake, is also our loving heavenly Father. If you are a visitor please stay for fellowship over a cuppa after the morning worship service.

*9am service*

### **Wonderful Counselor**

The verses surrounding the text today were spoken by Isaiah at a dark time in Israel, both spiritually and politically. Where would help come from? Where could they find hope? The help and hope would come in the child to be born. As a Christian community we are familiar with the words of Isaiah 9, 'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given...'. We can look back and clearly see that Isaiah was describing none other than the Christmas gift, Jesus. Here was the one who would make all things right, once and for all. Isaiah uses four throne names, titles, which capture the heart and ministry of this son, Jesus, in your life and mine. Over the next few weeks leading up to Christmas we will look at each of the names, starting today with 'Wonderful Counsellor'. What is the message to us, that mark Jesus as our wonderful counsellor? That we will explore together.

Bible Passage: Isaiah 9:1-7

Pastor: Jim de Witte

*5pm service*

### **Hospitality**

As we enter what is often called the "festive season" we take a look at the early church and how hospitality was practiced within the church and to guests and strangers. Many examples show the blessings that flow to those who give and receive hospitality. It is an attribute found in many, but needs to be practiced as often as possible.

Bible Passage: Matthew 25:31-46

Pastor: Stephen Cheshire

Worship Services  
9am and 5pm every Sunday  
Cnr Sturgeon & Delancey St  
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## Prayer Points

- Thank God for the opportunity to gather together as a church family to worship Him.
- Praise God that Ben Peletier will be ordained today in the Christian Reformed Church of Dee Why.
- Thank God that Janette and Frank could make the journey back to Australia. We praise God for the progress that Janette is making and commit her continued recovery into his care.
- We thank God that Ingeborg could return home after a week in hospital with vertigo. We commit her continued recovery to our gracious Lord.
- We pray for Dennis Graham, as he continues to wait for the go ahead for his much-needed shoulder surgery. We pray for peace and patience; we pray that the antibiotics will knock off the infection, so the surgery can proceed; and we pray for successful surgery and a speedy recovery, with renewed strength and mobility in his shoulder.
- People's individual needs including terminal illness, chronic pain, permanent disabilities, depression, mental illness, grief etc.

### Upcoming Services

Over the holiday period there are some changes to our worship services. On Christmas Eve (24<sup>th</sup>), there will be no PM service, but we will gather at 9am on Christmas Day. There will also be no PM services on the 31<sup>st</sup> December, along with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> January. We would love all to join us in the morning services on these Sundays.

This year we are not holding our own Carols Service, but would encourage you to join in with others who are hosting them. We will also have the Christmas Carol favourites through our December services.



With two Christmas celebrations held in the church last week, it is with a deep sense of gratitude that we say, 'Thank You' to each person who stepped up to make the lunches such a wonderful time.

Thank you to Janette, who guided those coordinating the meals from her hospital bed in Bangkok; thank you to Ingeborg who planned and prepared from her hospital bed; thank you to Cor who managed an amazing team on Wednesday to serve the Golden Oldies with a lovely meal; a huge thank you to Hilda, who stepped up to manage the team for the Redlands Friendship Group lunch on Thursday; thank you to each and every person who volunteered to set up, prepare, cook, serve and clean up. Ultimately, we thank God who blessed the days in many ways. With the effort of each person many were blessed. It is a privilege to be part of a church community that blesses others through their giving.

### Lord's Supper

**TODAY** we hope to celebrate the Lord's Supper in both services.

God's Word calls us to examine ourselves before we eat of the bread and drink of the cup (1 Corinthians 11:28).

In the light of that we are called to ask ourselves these questions:

- Do I believe that my sins are forgiven only because my Lord sacrificed himself for me on the cross?
- Is it my sincere desire to love God and my neighbour, and to serve them according to God's Word?

*Pray that God will help you to see afresh His grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. Pray too that if anything is not right that you might, in repentance, know God's mercy and grace to help you change.*

## Eden Ministries Update

Since returning to Eden for another year, amazing things have happened. We have grown so much. We have just moved to a larger workshop area, have two safe houses in Myanmar and are being invited to government and UN meetings to present our findings and be the voice for the women in our programs in the highest forums yet. It is so exciting to see them actually pushing to implement things we have recommended like victim protection procedures during court hearings.

I have worked tirelessly on the new designs and have just launched our [Eden Magazine](#) which tells all the stories of our new designs. I would love it if you would share it with your congregation. I shared Thiri's story and design with you when I visited in April I think.

We have had interest from a big jewellery company who may be interested in our jewellery. Can you pray with us that their jewellery board loves our designs and wants to stock our product? Having larger wholesale orders would allow us to accept so many more women into our program. The jewellery production funds a great deal of our program and covers each of the girl's wages. They are paid for a full days work and only work a half day and are in classes for half the day. Accepting more women in our program would have huge community impact as one girl in our program supports on average 7 family members with the salary paid to her by Eden. Its so awesome to see God moving!

Thank you so much for your ongoing support and prayer. It means so much. Blessings,  
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### Casual Carols Service

Come join us to sing some favourite carols on Sunday 17th December at 5pm.

## Rosters

### 10th December

<b>Preacher</b>	Jim/Stephan Cheshire
<b>Reader am</b>	Hans Eshuis
<b>Reader pm</b>	Darren Cole
<b>Crèche am</b>	Lauren & Julian
<b>Gate</b>	Kees Mollenschot
<b>Greeter</b>	Gerda Bain Ria Bain
<b>PM Greeter</b>	Frank & Michelle
<b>Coffee</b>	Van Dijk Worthy

### 17th December

<b>Preacher</b>	Jim/Michael Choi
<b>Reader am</b>	Corrie Lindeman
<b>Reader pm</b>	James Newton
<b>Crèche am</b>	Carly & Hannah
<b>Gate</b>	Jan de Beer
<b>Host</b>	Jo Lindeman
<b>Greeter</b>	Stephen Cheshire Wilma Cheshire
<b>Coffee</b>	Lowe Cheshire

## Redlands Community Centre

**Sunday December 17th** is the last day to donate non-perishable food items in the box in the foyer.



This Monday and Tuesday we will be hosting the final video in the series, Jesus- the Game

Changer. It has been an interesting 9 weeks as we wrestle with the impact of Jesus and his teaching and lifestyle on our lives and our society. This week will be no different as we look at Reason and Science. The authors write, '*Despite the popular stereotype that Christianity is anti-intellectual and anti-scientific, modern education, academia and science are actually rooted in large measure in the teaching of Jesus.*' Join us as we talk through this important issue.

*Prayer Meeting:  
Tuesday 7pm @ Church*