

## DEATH BY CHOCOLATE



Some of the delicious food served at an evangelistic event for Warrnambool ladies

## Sophie's story

Knowing Christ and  
making him known through  
ESL classes

English as a second language is a wonderful opportunity for us to serve our community.

Donvale Church is situated in an area with a high Chinese population. Through ESL (English as a Second Language) God has brought the mission field to us, making it even easier for us to obey the great commission to 'make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28).

After much prayer, training, consultation and guidance from Session, ESL began at Donvale on 9 March 2010. Classes are on Tuesday evenings from seven to nine o'clock with a twenty minute supper in between. The first hour is English conversation, then after supper, classes have Bible study: learning English through reading the Bible.

We enjoy dinners together and various outings. We've been to the beach, a trout farm, out for picnics, and hosted a movie night at the church.

ESL began with three classes, beginners, intermediate and upper intermediate. Soon we found ourselves needing two beginner

*Death by Chocolate* was a name that was sure to attract. We're not sure if people were attracted by their love for chocolate or out of curiosity as to what 'death' had to do with it. For whatever

reason, they came in hoordes and it was an enjoyable night for all. The ladies at Warrnambool Presbyterian Church decided that Easter was a good time of year to host an evangelistic event with a

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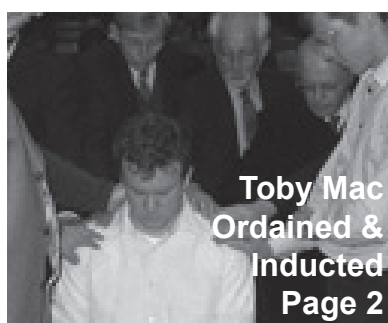
## A conference with our Moderator-General

The Ballarat Presbytery was blessed, inspired, encouraged and challenged by our Moderator-General at a recent conference held in Ebenezer-St John Ballarat South Parish in March. The Rt. Rev. David Jones spoke passionately and pastorally about the 3 'P's' in

ministry: Prayer, Preaching and People. Throughout the conference, different ministry papers were presented by Ministers and Pastors based on their Study Leave studies. The Rev. Willem

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## A conference with our Moderator-General

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Vandenberg led a heart-warming devotion from Colossians 1:1-14 at the commencement of the conference. Next, the Rev. Mark Crabb spoke on 'God is the Shepherd'. Then Pastor Ian Smith continued on the theme of 'Shepherds after God's Heart', and spoke on loving the people of God. On Saturday morning, our Presbytery Clerk the Rev. Dr. John Woodward gave an inspiring devotion from John's Gospel—that ministry is long-term and our task is pointing people to Jesus.

Then, Willem Vandenberg spoke persuasively on 'Christ Centred Preaching' by Brian Chappell. Next, John Woodward spoke and gave a helpful overview of the Old Testament. After lunch, the Rev. Ian Hutton gave an interesting talk on church planting. The conference was well attended both on Friday and Saturday.

Once again our thanks go to Heather Club at Ebenezer-St. John Parish who did a superb job in catering and hospitality. We praise God for the ministry of David Jones, and pray that God will continue to uphold him and his family as David leads us as our Moderator-General for the next few years. To God be the glory.

*Hui Lim  
Promotion Officer  
Ballarat Presbytery*

## Death by Chocolate

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chocolate theme. Ladies and their invited guests enjoyed sumptuous chocolate treats and a talk by Julie-anne Laird who works as an evangelist with Melbourne University Christian Union. Guests were challenged to think about the true meaning of Easter – the defeat of death in the resurrection of Jesus. It was a great night of fun and meaningful discussions. Fortunately, there were no deaths but several people left in a critical condition.

*Louise Johnson*

## Presbyterian Ladies Weekend

**Karnkendi, Nelson  
18 to 29 March**

The weather was good. It seemed a bit cold but overall it was nice. The way to Nelson was pleasant. Belle McKerrow was a good driver and she brought the three of us (Lorna Smith, Jan Carson & myself) to Nelson safely. The people we met there were kind and gentle, and we were welcomed very warmly in Christ's love at the camp. Karnkendi camp site was just lovely. Old but neat, simple but we got everything we needed. It was warm and cozy, even at night. Each beautiful home made meal was plentiful and yummy. The river cruise was enjoyable and peaceful. We enjoyed fantastic weather, the good smell of coffee and scones, and relaxing fellowship.

Furthermore, we enjoyed Dr. Mairi Harman's talk through three study sessions on 'Walking with the Lord'. Yes, Jesus is walking with us all through our lives even though we often forget about it. What blessing and grace we have in Jesus.

We also listened to Pat Leitch's recent mission trip to Korea. It is amazing that God knows each person and uses them according to their gifts for his glory. With the other 30-40 Christian ladies, we freely shared and discussed His love and our hearts. It was surely an encouraging weekend, and I recommend more people to go together next year.

*Soyoung Lim  
Skipton Lismore Parish*

## Ordination and induction of Rev. Toby McIntosh



On Friday 17th of September 2010, the Presbytery of Kilnoorat met at St. John's Warrnambool to ordain and induct Toby McIntosh as Associate Minister of the Warrnambool Charge. This was the culmination and climax of a process that had begun back in August when the Warrnambool Congregation voted to insert the name of Toby McIntosh into a Call.

The service was very well attended by the congregation, members from the surrounding Presbytery and visitors from other churches. Toby and Michelle and their young family were officially welcomed by civic and church leaders, and local church and Presbytery representatives, at a supper held in the church hall after the service. Toby requested Mr. Alec Witham, Assistant Pastor of the Warrnambool Church, to bring the Occasional Sermon and Charge. Alec chose as his text 1 Timothy 4:9-16, and ably expounded the passage with relevant application to Toby as a young pastor like Timothy called to minister in Christ's Church.

Toby joins the ministry team at a significant time of growth and development within the life of the Warrnambool Congregation. Rev. Ben Johnson leads the team, with Toby as Associate, and Alec as part time assistant. Toby and Michelle have a heart for country ministry and rejoice in God's appointment for their lives at this time and look forward to serving God in Warrnambool for His glory and the building of His Church.

*David Schulz*



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classes and a class for nurses (with specialized language to help them pass nursing exams). Within a short time an 'enquirers' Bible study began on a separate night, with one of the ESL teachers leading it.

Much blessing has come from this and as a church we all rejoiced at the baptism and testimony of one of our students, Sophie. She came to know Christ through attending ESL and a Bible study group conducted for those ESL students who were interested in learning more of the Christian faith. You can read her testimony below. A second ESL 'enquirers' Bible study has begun for those with a low level of English. ESL is indeed a harvest ready for picking.

*Rev. Gerald Vanderwert  
Donvale Presbyterian*



Sophie's baptism at Donvale Presbyterian Church

### Sophie's Testimony

*"Good morning everyone. I'm Sophie. I came from China.*

*I'm from a broken family. My parents were divorced, and are busy with having their own families.*

*At the time I came to Australia, I was an escapee, trying to be away from all those family dramas. I was depressed, feeling that there was always a cloud over my head, there were always some problems that could never be solved. I questioned my existence.*

*I kept asking my mother, 'Why didn't you just kill me when I was born, since I'm such a mistake of yours, since there is no place here for me, since none of you cared about me.'*

*My mum could only say, 'How*

*could you say these words, you ruthless child!'*

*She was right, I'd never been grateful for anything. In my eyes, the whole world looked grey. Life was full of suffering. I had no faith.*

*However, half a year ago, I went to a dinner held by people from this church community. I went there empty-handed, but I saw food from all cultures, brought by the other guests. It was a happy evening, it was the first time I*

*learned about 'sharing'.*

*Then I started to come to the ESL class, where I learned that Jesus died in*

*our place and took away our sins. Later, I started going to Gerry's Bible study, where I heard more of God's Word, where I understood more about God's kingdom.*

*I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior.*

*I can actually feel the faith in God growing in my heart. I know that without a normal family, I can*

*still be happy, 'cause I have God, the Father, who would always be there with me. I know that life isn't all about suffering, there's the eternal that we can pursue, with the help of Jesus.*

*I no longer feel abandoned, 'cause I know that now I'm adopted by God. I no longer feel lonely, 'cause I know there's the Father I can always talk to. I no longer blame others when things go wrong, 'cause the Father has told me to forgive and to not judge.*

*We have all sinned, but let the past be the past. God sent Jesus to us, to wash away our sins. He has taken away my sin. I know that by believing in him, I'll be clean again. And I know in God's way, I'll learn how to love again. Please pray for me."*

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# CHAPLAINS IMPACT ETIHAD STADIUM



Luke Roberts & Kate Wall serving as chaplains at Etihad Stadium, Docklands

## Is God interested in people at church?

What about in hospital? Those in prison? What about in a school? How about Etihad Stadium?

Our service of God is only limited by our imagination. What better example than being a chaplain at Etihad Stadium, Docklands. Through an amazing series of events, Etihad Stadium has requested chaplains for their stadium staff. Why? They had seen the work of sports chaplains in the AFL and were attracted to the way these chaplains cared for the whole person. The role soon expanded, with the Stadium then requesting chaplains for not only the full-time staff, but also the event staff and millions of patrons that flood their turnstiles each year.

Our Health and Community Chaplaincy Committee member Jeremy Dover comments, 'The openness to chaplaincy is just amazing.'

## What does chaplaincy to a stadium look like?

This openness has created two new ministry areas. Firstly, chaplaincy to the full-time weekly staff. This is based on building long-term relationships, pastoral care and mentoring. Secondly, chaplaincy at the events. This includes the many police, event staff, security and first-aid staff. Many of these regular event staff become friends and feel comfortable in asking their spiritual questions to the chaplain. Jeremy explains, 'I am always amazed at the conversations that God stirs up with people

at the stadium. People want to ask their spiritual questions and offload about life problems. The beauty of this chaplaincy role is that it takes the Church to people, rather than hoping they will go to church. This really is something special that God is doing.'

The other aspect of events chaplaincy is the provision of pastoral care if there is a critical incident. With so many people coming to events it is not uncommon to have accidents or heart attacks. These can be traumatic events for staff and spectators. Being present allows chaplains to provide pastoral care. This new ministry is a world first. It is shifting the paradigm for chaplaincy and showing we can serve God anywhere he opens doors.

There are endless doors opening up for service in chaplaincy. Etihad Stadium is just one avenue. If you are interested in finding out more about how to become a chaplain at the Stadium or how to support this innovative area then email [jeremy.dover@sportschaplaincy.com.au](mailto:jeremy.dover@sportschaplaincy.com.au).

Opportunities are available for more chaplains, prayer supporters, administrative duties, even people to bake biscuits (the staff and police on duty love home baked goodies and it helps build relationships). Training is available to equip you to serve. Next training is available Aug 1st and Sept 26th (<http://www.sportschaplaincy.com.au/calendar.htm>).

*Rev. Jeremy Dover  
Mooroolbool PC*

## Farewell and Fundraising Dinner for Rev. Dr. Douglas Milne

The Theological Education Committee and The Presbyterian Theological College invite you to join us in celebrating the significant ministry under God of Principal Douglas Milne on the occasion of his retirement.

**Scots Church Werner Brodbeck Hall (156 Collins St)**

**7pm Friday 14 October 2011**

**\$55 (\$400 for a table of 8)**

Part of the cost of the ticket will go towards the on-going education of overseas students.

Tickets available from Rev. Kevin Maxwell ([klmaxwell@internode.on.net](mailto:klmaxwell@internode.on.net) or 5824 1042)

or download a registration form from [www.presbyteriancollege.org](http://www.presbyteriancollege.org)



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# GOOD NEWS WEEKEND

**Warrnambool Presbyterian  
reaches out with food, music  
and good news**

On March 25th- 27th the Reverend Mark Glanville, his wife Erin and daughter Mahla travelled from Sydney to south west Victoria to partner with the people of the

「What's jazz got to do with Jesus?」

Warrnambool Presbyterian Church to reach out to their family and friends with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

On the Friday night, a local restaurant was booked out and 72 people enjoyed a buffet dinner and a gospel presentation called 'What's jazz got to do with Jesus?' that Mark gave from the piano, incorporating a variety of jazz pieces. Around half the people present were unchurched friends. Mark gave two talks; the first was about the sadness we have seen in the world in the first few months of 2011. But he then challenged us to see that the problem with the world is 'me'. Through the talk Mark played pieces that were beautiful because of their sadness. In the second talk, Mark opened with the leper's blues and proceeded to share how Jesus makes a difference: in his amazing grace he brings about a restored creation through his death and resurrection. Again, this was illustrated with a range of Jazz pieces.

On the Saturday morning, 98 men turned up to eat a cooked breakfast and hear a talk on 'The thing men fear most and why they don't need to'. Mark talked openly and honestly about death and how we shouldn't trivialise it or be in denial about it. He urged

us to be ready to meet our maker with the confidence that only comes through sins forgiven.

On Sunday Mark spoke at our two guest services. The people who came were challenged to take the real offer of relationship from God seriously and to be amazed and thankful that God should put his own Son on the line to renew our broken relationship.

All in all, we found the Good News Weekend was a great way to focus our evangelistic efforts. Some folk found they had no

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guests to invite. That challenges us to keep building friendships with people who don't know Jesus. Some people found their guests enjoyed

the events... but didn't want to go further with the claims of Christ. And some people were overjoyed to see their friends coming to a growing realisation of who the Lord Jesus is. Please pray that God would continue to grow his Kingdom in Warrnambool and beyond!



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**Evangelism & Communication**



April 27th & May 4th  
Biblical Foundation of Evangelism - Rev Dr Felix Chung  
May 11th & 18th  
Evangelism to Muslims  
- Rev Botros Botrosdief  
May 25th & June 1st  
Evangelism and Sport Ministry  
- Rev Jeremy Dover

Master of Arts in Theology (Intensive)  
July 25th - 29th

**Biblical Counselling**

- The Personal Ministry of the Word  
- Essential Issues for Pastors



Faculty member at  
CCEF, Westminster  
Seminary,  
Counsellor,  
Author

Dr Ed Welch will share a brief history of pastoral care, the latest trends in secular counselling and developments in biblical counselling. He will pass on skills that every church member can use.

**These lectures are open to all members of the public**  
For more information or to register please contact PTC

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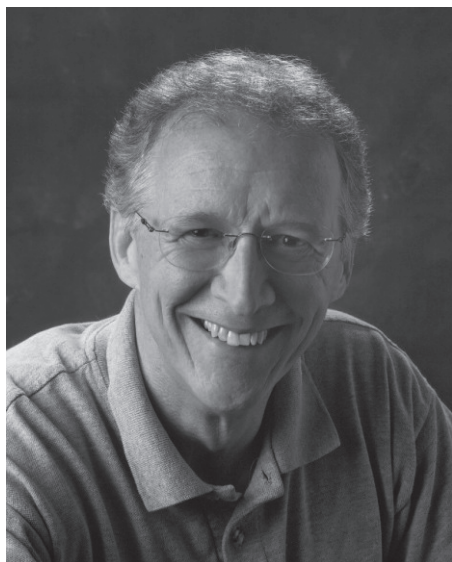
# Congratulations

The State News Committee wishes to congratulate our editor, Chiara Bilyj, and her husband Nicolaus on the safe arrival of Sapphire Rose, their first child, at 9:59am on 22nd April.

Rev. Neil Harvey  
Convenor, State News Committee



## John Piper to speak at Oxygen 11



John Piper: Preaching and Vision Pastor  
Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis

The program for Oxygen 11, The National Pastors and Leaders Conference, has been released, revealing John Piper will speak five times during the three day conference.

John Piper will open the Scriptures and inspire and refresh pastors from across Australia at the morning and evening sessions of Oxygen 11.

Fellow speaker John Lennox will speak once each morning and then take the microphone for an optional question and answer session each afternoon. Lennox recently spoke at the 2010 Katoomba Easter Convention, providing a one hour seminar and Q & A late into the night that delegates

applauded as one of the most insightful sessions at a convention.

KCC Chairman Al Stewart is delighted that both men will be brought together at Oxygen 11.

'We have been eager to have Dr Piper speak to Australian pastors for many years. He has accepted our invitation which is a great delight. I think Lennox will complement Piper well. Piper is gifted in sharing a vision for the supremacy of Jesus. Lennox has a real knack of being able to simplify and capture the essence of the assurance we have of relationship with God. That's what those who are growing tired and discouraged in gospel ministry need.'

John Piper has been the

Preaching and Vision Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis from where he launched the *Desiring God* ministry and published a number of books including *Don't Waste Your Life*.

Professor John Lennox of Oxford University is best known for his appearance in a number of debates with Christopher Hitchens and Richard Dawkins. His razor-sharp insights and ability to highlight flaws in the arguments of the new atheists has drawn strong acclamation from Christians throughout the world.

Mark Boyd  
Katoomba Christian  
Convention

## OXYGEN 11

National Pastors and Leaders Conference

Australian Technology Park  
Redfern, NSW

Monday 29 - Wednesday 31 August 2011

Open to all those engaged in gospel ministry – pastors, leaders, preachers, chaplains, youth and children's workers, teachers and students. Oxygen is organised by Katoomba Christian Convention, an inter-denominational ministry that has been providing Bible-preaching conventions in Katoomba since 1903.

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## Enhance Your Church's Ministry in 2011

with these MDC-sponsored Events

### Embers to a Flame Church Revitalisation Conference (for Ministers & Elders)

June 16-18

Scots Church Assembly Hall,  
Melbourne  
With Revs Dr Harry Reeder (video),  
Bruce Meller, John Irvin, Dr Robert  
Carner, Nello Barbieri & Ben Johnson.

### English as a Second Language Ministry Training

July 22, 7-9.30pm

Scots Church Assembly Hall,  
Melbourne

#### **Introduction to ESL Ministry**

*For those starting off*

July 23, 9.30am-2.30pm

#### **Maintaining & Growing ESL Ministries**

*For those who are underway*

Trainer: Mrs Judy Rowlands, Coordinator of ESL Ministry for the PCNSW

### Evangelism Clinics Equipping PCV members to share the Gospel

Full Clinics are offered over 2 week-ends, in 3 different locations this year.

• August 5-6 & 12-13

South Yarra Presbyterian Church,  
Melbourne

• September 2-4 & 9-11

Bendigo Presbyterian Church

• October 14-16 & 21-23

Hamilton Presbyterian Church

With "Getting to know your neighbour" on Friday nights and XEE (Evangelism Explosion) training on Saturdays. Speakers: Langdon Stewart (Director, XEE), Revs Nello Barbieri, Robert Carner, & Kamran Nazir

We also encourage congregations to participate in the 2011 National Church Life Survey (NCLS), for an in-depth analysis of your church based on the responses of members. Contact the MDC now to register. For more details or to register for any of the above, call the Ministry Development Office on 9655 1406 or email [ministry@pcvic.org.au](mailto:ministry@pcvic.org.au).

# NEW MINISTRY ROLES IN THE PCV

The Presbyterian Church of Victoria's Ministry Development Committee is seeking suitable candidates for the following roles:

### Intentional Interim Minister

The IIM is a new role created by the PCV to provide specialised ministry for a parish during a time of vacancy. This will include helping the vacant parish to deal intentionally with unresolved issues, conflicts or difficulties, and to encourage a fresh vision and strategy for ministry, before the selection process for a new pastor is commenced.

An IIM serves exclusively in one parish for a period of no longer than two years.

Successful applicants will be:

- Ordained Ministers of the PCA, preferably with at least 5 years experience in parish ministry
- Able to demonstrate proven skills in serving a parish under stress
- Experienced and trained in conflict resolution (or prepared to train)
- Able to accept the conditions of a limited-term appointment

Salary is ordinarily 120% of the minimum declared by the Assembly.

### District Interim Moderator

The PCV has designed the new role of District Interim Moderator to provide moderatorial oversight to a number of parishes in a defined area, relieving ministers with their own charges of this additional burden of responsibility.

Successful applicants will be:

- Ordained Ministers of the PCA
- Capable of administering essential church oversight to a number of charges and home mission stations as interim moderator or moderator
- Able to demonstrate proven experience as a parish pastor
- Available for extensive travel and overnight stays away from home
- Able to multi-task
- Comfortable with multiple points of accountability

For a position description for either of the above roles please email [ministry@pcvic.org.au](mailto:ministry@pcvic.org.au), or call (03) 9655 1406.

To discuss a position or quickly register interest ring our Ministry Development Director, Rev Dr Robert Carner, on 0419 780 810.

We also have multiple opportunities for ministry in rural Victoria. Some are part time allowing for bi-vocational ministry, graduate students who are called to ministry but need time for study, or retired ministers who desire to engage in pastoral work on a part time basis. We seek ordained men as well as those who are called to ministry but not ordained who are willing to consider Home Mission Service.

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news from around the presbyterian church of victoria

Home Advertising 6 Tips for Great Articles

## Young people: captured by the gospel

It was a privilege to witness God at work on Summer Camp in December. Both campers and leaders learnt and grew spiritually through the engaging and challenging messages that Andy May brought to us from Ephesians each day. It was wonderful for the study groups to explore the depths of God's grace, and to consider what it means to be truly 'captured' by the 'mystery' of the gospel in their every day lives. Each session brought glory to God; it was inspiring to see so many musical, technical... Read the rest of this article, by Nic Billy from Presbyterian Youth Victoria, on page 4 of the March 2011 edition!

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## Thank you: flood appeal made a real difference

We want to thank anyone who contributed to the flood appeal through the Presbyterian Church. Our home was flooded on 15th January in Rochester. We don't know who you are, but please know that the money you contributed has made a real difference in helping with repairs to our home. While this flood event has been a huge trial, we have been so blessed by the generosity of so many friends and strangers. We are still living in a temporary home six months on but hope to be moving home by the end of June. Continue to pray for all those who were flood affected; there is still a long way to go. In our congregation, some of those who have been affected are living in their homes, but under very trying conditions. Mostly they are waiting on tradesmen—the locals are snowed under. We all look forward to getting back to 'normal'. Once again, thank you and may God bless you for showing love to your brothers and sisters in Christ in such a tangible way.

Leanne and Don Pickens  
Rochester Presbyterian Church

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