



SHAPING KINGSTON

The story of God's
children
in Kingston
especially focussing on
the Reformed Church

A wonderfully detailed account of the formation of a Reformation Founded Church and Community at Kingston, Tasmania.

Very diligently researched and documented, and I might add, full of the evidence of The Holy Spirit's guidance at every step of the journey.

“Surely only Jesus Christ can change men so that they can trust each other and work for the Glory of God” (Page 26)

Thank you, Kees, for the privilege of reading and commenting on your very solid work. I can only marvel at your persistence and stickability to get it finished. It's a great work which should have a large and interested readership.

With Many Blessings in Christ,

The Revd Robert Legg OAM

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From their initial close connection with St Johns Presbyterians, a committed group of immigrant Dutch Christians moved on to build a church true to the Reformed tradition at Kingston. With original sources and interviews supplementing his research, Kees Wierenga chronicles their 60+ year story, a story based on faith and prayer, bold decision making, determination and costly effort, not only in erecting a church but also in initiating the Calvin School, Jireh House, various aged care facilities, and support for recent refugees.

Julie Gardam

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We often read history on a grand scale - Julius Caesar, Alexander the Great, Napoleon or Churchill. But history about ordinary people, perhaps our own forebears, is on a scale we can relate to.

I like the clear and objective review of what Reformed Christians believe, and stand for, and how this affects their lives. I find this study comprehensive, instructive and sobering. Coming from Dutch stock myself, and as one whose parents were involved in the pioneer days described, it is “history on a small, manageable scale” that points faithfully to the trust and dependence of the Christians on the love and guidance of God.

This book tells the stories, the struggles, the achievements of a group of Dutch pioneer emigrants to Australia whose deep Christian faith motivated them to seek to serve God in a new land. And to do that in all aspects of life, ultimately for his glory. This book shows that in a detailed, thorough, personal yet objective manner. A fascinating narrative!

Peter van der Schoor