

# Mainstream



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Last week Michael Waters launched a brief sermon series on Apologetics. Apologetics means giving a defence for the Christian faith. It is looking at historical and scientific evidence for the existence of God and the accuracy and validity of the Bible. **1PETER 3: 15-16** tells us to **"always being ready to make a defence to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you."** Apologetics is all about giving you ammunition for your fight to defend your faith.

Apologetics makes reasoned arguments for Christianity or against alternative belief systems. This process depends on human reason or logic. Apologetics clears away some of the rubble that obscures the gospel from clear view, breaks down some of the confidence in alternative ideas, and shows there is a lot more scientific evidences for the reality of the God of the Bible that makes room for the gospel to be heard on its own terms.

We need more godly believers who will engage thoughtfully and prayerfully in a biblically informed way with other worldviews, who will graciously make the positive case for faith and who will be ready to share the gospel with people who need to know Christ.

There are so many terrific resources available for anyone wanting to know more about apologetics. Take some time to seek some out and continue to equip yourself. Buy some books, watch some DVDs, listen to some further sermons, be a part of one of Michael's connect groups. And then prayerfully seek opportunities to share your faith with your family and friends, **ready to make a defence to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you.**  
**ANDREW TONKIN**

## Welcome

Welcome to church today. If you are a visitor we offer you a special welcome. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us. Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee following the morning service.

### Today, Sunday 21st September

10.00 am	Andrew Tonkin <b>APOLOGETICS</b>
Worship Leader	Michael Waters
Communion Leader	Robyn Hawtin
Reading	Psalm 19
6.00 pm	Andrew Tonkin <b>APOLOGETICS</b>
Worship Leader	Isaac Fabich
Communion Leader	Isaac Fabich

### Next Week, 28th September

10.00 am	Jon Armstrong
&	<b>APOLOGETICS</b>
6.00 pm	

### **Psalm 19: 1-7**

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.  
Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.  
There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

The statues of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

## Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL



# Family News & Prayer



- \* Happy Birthday to Liam Wilson who is turning 19 on Tuesday, 23rd September.
- \* Joan Rosenberg wishes to thank all who attended her birthday lunch. "I was delighted to see you all. Thanks."

## **SAMARITAN'S PURSE BOXES**

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Samaritan's Purse boxes are now available for collection with a brochure from the church Foyer.  
Remember to put a strong rubber band around your boxes to hold them shut. Robyn is now wanting to fill the third box, so if they are ready you can bring them in to the office.  
All Christmas Boxes should be ready and in to the Church Office by the 5th of October, thank you.



## **ADVENTURE CLUB**

Due to the Church Renovations and Construction, Adventure Club has been forced to take an extended break these holidays.

**Adventure Club will not run during the month of October.**

**Adventure Club will recommence on Tuesday, November 11th.**

We apologize for this inconvenience, but can promise you, Adventure Club will return better than ever with our brand new facilities.

## DARETON HOLIDAY PROGRAM

### *We need volunteers*

To work with the program involving the children from Dareton.

From Monday, September 30th

To

Friday, 3rd October



Give your name to Josh Cole and let him know how and when you can help.

We need helpers for the kitchen, set up and pack up, meal preparation, food preparation, as well as those who can help with games, craft, story-telling, etc.

### **"Apologetics"**

As mentioned last week, Michael Waters will be running a small group study on "Apologetics" commencing on Tuesday, 14th October at 7.30 pm. This study will go for four weeks and each week we will be studying two chapters of "On Guard", by William Lane Craig. It will be first in, best dressed, as it will be restricted to twelve people. There will be a cost of \$17 each, to cover the cost of the book, to be paid up-front.

If you want to be a part of the first four week study, you need to put your name on the list in the foyer and pay the money for the book, so that we can be prepared for when we commence.

### **NEPAL: Pray for Jaya, attacked for Evangelising**

A Christian woman in western Nepal was attacked recently for spreading her 'foreign' religion. Jaya, an evangelist who has led 32 people to Christ in the past two years, was beaten by nearly 20 Hindu women and then kicked out of her village.

### **UKRAINE: Four FEBC Volunteers Martyred.**

Four young Far East broadcasting Company volunteers, who were recently captured by pro-Russian separatists in Eastern Ukraine, were brutally beaten to death simply for being Christians. Two were brothers; one leaves behind eight children.

## *This Week* **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

Sunday	21st	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	22nd	11.00 am	Craft Group
		7.30 pm	Board Meeting
Tuesday	23rd	5.30 pm	No Adventure Club
Thursday	25th	12 noon	Meet And Eat
Friday	26th	7.30 pm	No Youth Group



**Church Café** - 28th September - Charlotte Armstrong - Kitchen

**Dareton Holiday Program** - For all involved, there will be a meeting in the side room of the Senior Citz's after church this morning.

**Meet And Eat** - Join us for lunch on Thursday at 12 noon at Jenny's Coffee Lounge.

## **SHARE GROUP**

The yearly program has SHARE Group meeting on the 27th September, but this has been changed as it clashed with the Football Grand Final. It will now be on Saturday, 4th October.

This will be a combined celebration of the 80th birthdays for Joan and Denis Ferrett at The Vines at 2 pm.

Everyone is welcome to come, not just SHARE Group people.

For catering purposes, please let Susan, 0407 695538, or Karen, 0438 433271, know you are coming by the 23rd.



## **Bell Heard Around the World?**

September 21st is known in some circles as the International Day of Peace. It dates back to 1981 when the United Nations declared that the third Tuesday of September, traditionally the start of the sessions for the General Assembly, as a day to focus on peace and to request cease fires around the world. The date was later fixed at September 21. The observance begins with the Secretary-General ringing a bell at the United Nations.

While it is not observed everywhere, the day still stands as a time to request those at war to stop for 24 hours and reflect on what they are doing and why.

## **NEXT WEEK, 28th September**

<u>10.00 am</u>	J. Armstrong	
Worship Leader	M. Waters	
Communion Leader	W. Whitehead	Prayer Leader H. Atkins
Children's Church	None	
Singers	D. Shields, R. Jackson, M. Gardner	
Band	N. Moritz, B. Kiley, R. Fox	
Projector/Sound	C. Waters / C. Waters	
Officer on Duty	A. Munro	
Welcome/Reception	R. Hawtin / K. Underwood	
Helpers	C. Beasy, M. Straub, H. Atkins, P. Leng, volunteer, C. Armstrong, N. Underwood (reader), E. Wagstaff	
Crèche	M. Cox	
Cuppa	B. Eaton ?, I. Cross, J. Purcell	
Communion Prep.	A. Munro	
Grounds	C. Beasy, B. Eaton?	
<u>6.00 pm</u>	J. Armstrong	
Worship Leader	S. Armstrong	
Communion Leader	J. Cole	
Children's Church	None	
Singers	J. Gardner, A. Alabaster, D. Gray	
Band	I. Fabich, B. Moritz, B. Kiley, I. Stewart	
Project./Sound	C. Tonkin / C. Waters	
Officer On Duty	A. Munro	
Reception	C. Waters	
Crèche	J. Cooke	

## **SEEN ON FACEBOOK:**

**"No, I'm not talking about Twitter. I literally want you to follow me."**

