

Mainstream



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At some point in their Christian walk, many believers ask some difficult questions: Is Christianity really true? Are there good reasons to know which religion is true? Could it be that God does not really exist?

These are important questions, and we all have an intense interest in their answers. After all, if atheism is true, then why should we subject ourselves to the teachings of Jesus? Why should we insist on views that turn others off, especially the claim that Jesus is the only way to heaven? If the Christian view of reality is wrong, we may be missing out on something!

Not many Christians ask such questions.

Most people never question their faith, whether it be belief in God or not (as both require faith) perhaps because they are afraid of the answers they might receive. If life is comfortable, let's not shake it to the point that radical change is required. Besides, how can anyone really find definite answers to these ultimate questions?

Answers to these questions and many more can be found through the study of "Apologetics" in conjunction with the historical book we call the "Bible" as we have discovered during this short series over the past 4 weeks. I hope you have enjoyed it and learnt something new as God challenges you in a very personal way to get to know him better. Again, I encourage you to join one of our studies on defending your faith with "real evidence" 1 Peter 3:15 Col 4:5

Michael Waters

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 5th October

10.00 am

Michael Waters
APOLOGETICS

Worship Leader
Communion Leader

Ruth Jackson
Craig Beasy

6.00 pm

Michael Waters
APOLOGETICS

Worship Leader
Communion Leader

Brendan Moritz
Ian Stewart

Next Week, 12th October

10.00 am

Joshua Cole

&

6.00 pm

THE GOSPEL OF MARK



"Apologetics"

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 to begin with, and we will be spending two weeks on each chapter 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 \$20 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. A second group will be commencing on a Wednesday.

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

PEANUT PALS

Have you sent a note to your Peanut Pal lately to say that you are thinking of them? It doesn't have to be a birthday or anniversary, it could just be a "I'm thinking of you kind of day". Let her know, it just might brighten her day.

Groceries

Our grocery cupboard is looking lempy at present. We have many unfortunate people call in and ask if we can help them with a little food. When you next go grocery shopping, are you able pick up a little extra for those who cannot afford to buy food? These would be appreciated: - meals in a can, long-life milk, small coffee, small cereal.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE BOXES

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Today is the day to hand in your filled Shoeboxes. I have sent 4 cartons off and have another ready to go. That is 84 shoeboxes already, but some of these are from other groups. 199 empty shoe boxes were picked up, so there must be quite a few to come in. If you haven't had time or haven't been able to fill a shoe box and would like to contribute to the postage of some boxes, that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to those who have supported this ministry this year so far



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.



PRAYER WEEK

"God does not stand off as I struggle to speak. He cares enough to listen with more than casual attention. He 'translates' my scrubby words and hears what is truly inside. He hears my sighs and uncertain gropings as fine prose."

Timothy Jones

Time to Pray

The church prayer room is open

- between 7-8 am Monday to Friday
- throughout the day Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
- 1 pm Monday with Andrew present

*"O you who hear prayer
To you all men will come."*

Psalms 65: 2

Mission Update



KENYA: Somali Widow at risk

A Somali Christian widow has been attacked and issued with death threats by Islamist extremists in Kenya who insists she send her children to a Muslim school. She was strangled, beaten and stabbed in the foot when a gang of eight, some women, broke into her house last month. Since she reported the attack to the police and has refused to drop the case, extremists are plotting to kill her, according to community members. Her attackers are reportedly angered by her refusal to send her six school-aged children to a madrassa and to dress them according to the Islamic dress code. When police arrested three suspects after the attack, Muslim elders posted bail for their release, then warned the widow to drop the case or risk her life. She fled Somalia more than a decade ago after her first husband died. Persecution inside Kenya forced her second husband to recant his Christian faith and return to Somalia. She has already had to move home within Kenya once before after fellow Somalis beat two of her sons unconscious as 'aspotates' in separate attacks in Nairobi in 2011.

PRAYER WEEK *This Week*

Sunday	5th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	6th	7.30 pm	Elders
Tuesday	7th	5.30 pm	No Adventure Club
Friday	10th	7.30 pm	Youth Group



PLEASE NOTE:

Our Hymn Singing Afternoon will now be on Sunday 19th October.

Dates for your Diary

19th Oct	Hymn Singing
2nd Nov	Jazz Service
11th Nov	Adventure Club
20th Nov.	Gingerbread Houses
28th Nov	Camp Fusion
30th Nov	Advent Sunday

*He who runs from God in the morning
will scarcely find Him the rest of the
day.*

John Bunyan

SHARE GROUP

SATURDAY, 18TH OCTOBER

We're going to visit *Tranquil Gardens*
in Red Cliffs.

Be at the Chapel in Tenth Street
At 1.30 p.m. to join the bus.

Entry to the garden is by a gold coin
donation.

Afternoon tea will be
provided for \$5.

Please put your name on
the list if you intend to
come.



How to get Inner Peace

The way to achieve inner peace is to finish things you've started. It is definitely working for me. I am now making a point of always finishing what I start and think I am well on my way towards finding inner peace.

Here are the things I have finished today:-

Two bags of chips, A strawberry cheesecake, A packet of biscuits,
A bottle of coke, A small box of chocolates

NEXT WEEK, 12th October

10.00 am

Worship Leader
Communion Leader
Children's Church
Singers
Band
Projector/Sound
Officer on Duty
Welcome/Reception
Helpers

J. Cole
M. Waters
J. Armstrong Prayer H. Atkins
S. Armstrong, H. Nicholson
K. Tonkin, D. Clark
A. Thorne, I. Fabich, C. Beasy, B. Moritz
C. Waters / C. Waters
K. Underwood
J. Cooke / J. Booysen
G. Beruldsen, G. Diggle, M. Cameron, H. Atkins, P. Leng,
I. Cross, J. Renfree

Crèche

Cuppa

Communion Prep.

Grounds

6.00 pm

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Reception
Crèche

R. O'Connor, K. Hawtin

M. Straub, R. & B. Witcombe

C. Waters

W. Duke, D. Homfray

J. Cole

I. Fabich

M. Gardner, A. Beasy, A. Thorne

C. Waters, R. Jemmeson, E. Tonkin, B. Moritz

A. Fabich / J. Armstrong

K. Underwood

G. Muller

J. Kelly

Little Timmy was saying his prayers one night. His mother overheard this entreaty: "And please make Tommy stop throwing things at me. By the way, I've mentioned this before."

After a family disturbance, one of the little boys closed his bedtime prayer by saying, "And please don't give my dad any more children. He doesn't know how to treat the ones he already has!"

An ocean liner was sinking, and the captain yelled, "Does anybody know how to pray?"

A minister on board called, "I do."

"Good," said the captain. "You start praying. The rest of us will put on the life jackets. We're one jacket short."

