

Mainstream



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Today's Bible reading features a woman who anointed Jesus with a jar of very special perfume worth approximately a whole year's wages. And she didn't just sprinkle one or two drops on Jesus' head, she poured out the whole jar. It was a sign of absolute devotion and worship. The cost to her didn't matter. All that mattered was that she demonstrated her passion for her Saviour.

How passionate are you about your passions? What is most important to us is clearly demonstrated by the amount of time, energy and money we are prepared to put in. To the woman in the story nothing was more important to her than Jesus, so it was no big deal for her to pour out a jar of perfume worth thousands of dollars.

I have a friend who is passionate about music. Throughout the years he has amassed a music collection of over 25,000 records and CDs. He has spent thousands of dollars. Every weekend he scours music shops and markets for more additions to his collection. He will often travel hundreds of kilometers to attend music fairs. But ask my friend and he will tell you that all the time, effort and money is absolutely worth it because he has a PASSION for his music.

Although at times I become quite envious of my friend's music collection, I know that in life there are far more important things to be passionate about. Your spouse, your children, your health. Are these things that get priority of your passion? And the most important thing, the one thing that actually impacts not only our life in the here and now but also all eternity, is our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps today you might take some time to evaluate where the very best of your time, energy and resources are spent and see if you are being passionate about the things that truly matter the most.

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 in the hall following the morning service.

Today, Sunday 2nd November

10.00 am

JAZZ SERVICE-

Maryborough Traditional Jazz Ensemble

Andrew Tonkin

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

True Worship

Worship Leader

Brendan Moritz

Communion Leader

Joshua Cole

Reading

Mark 14: 1-11

6.00 pm

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Next Week, 9th November

10.00 am

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6.00 pm

The Last Supper

Mark 14: 17-26

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL



Family News & Prayer



- * Please be in prayer for the Year 12 students who are sitting their end of year exams at the moment.
- * Please be in prayer for those who are unwell.

PRAYER WEEK

'If we would ask more, we would have more. But because we don't ask, we don't have. I wonder how many wonderful gifts are left wrapped in heaven because they were never asked to be unwrapped on earth? They just remained there. Chuck Swindoll

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



'Since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith. Hebrews 10:19-22

"Apologetics"

Michael Waters is running a small group study on 'Apologetics'. This study goes for four weeks to begin with, and will be spending two weeks on each chapter of "On Guard", by William Lane Craig. A second group will be commencing soon on a Wednesday or Thursday. The On Guard books are available today or from the office at \$20 each.

youth Update

Friday, November 7th 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm

MEXICAN NIGHT We're turning Mexican for the night come ready for a night sure to be lots of fun. Free entry if you wear a sombrero ?

At the Church \$3

CAMP FUSION

Barmera - Lake Bonney November 28th - 30th

Fuel Youth's Annual Camp

Now Full price \$70

Mission Update



New Beginnings at Kulai (Bangladesh)

Bangladesh Praise God for: The 12 Mru who were baptised on Sunday October 12 at Kulai village. Pray that: These young Christians will keep growing in their faith and understanding of God. A new minister can be found to live among them and minister to them. New Beginnings at Kulai (Bangladesh) The day dawned warm and overcast, much like any other autumn day in the Bandarban Hills. There was a sense of joy and reverence for those gathered at the local water hole near Kulai village. On Sunday, 12 October a dozen (primarily young) people stepped into the cloudy water to dedicate their lives to Christ through baptism.

Their testimonies reflect the outreach ministry of Pastor Vanlian to the Mru. People are steadily coming to faith, bringing light and hope for those who are hearing the gospel for the first time.

PRAYER WEEK -This Week

Sunday	2nd	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	3rd	7.30 pm	Elders Meeting
Tuesday	4th	5.30 pm	No Adventure Club
Thursday	6th	1.30pm	CWF Garden Party
Friday	7th	7.30 pm	Youth Group



CWF

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 6th November at 1.30pm and will include our Annual General Meeting in the church hall .

All office bearer positions will become vacant, so be in prayerful consideration of whom you would like to lead us in the next year.

Positions to be filled are: *President Vice President*
Secretary Assistant Secretary
Treasurer Card Convenor
Games Convenor
World Day of Prayer Convenor
Missions Committee



Followed by our **Garden Party**

At Andrew & Kylie Tonkin's
 Garden in Merbein
 7 Cyprus Ave (off Channel Rd)
Thursday, 6th November
2.00 pm
Devotion - Andrew Tonkin
Cuppa - Elaine Wagstaff.
Bernadette Witcombe

NEXT WEEK, 9th November

<u>10.00 am</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	D. Ferrett
Communion Leader	J. Armstrong + Prayer Leader H. Atkins
Children's Church	J. Kelly, A. Beasy
Singers	M. Cameron, M. Cox, D. Clark
Band	G. Miller, C. Beasy
Projector/Sound	TBA / C. Waters
Officer on Duty	M. Waters
Welcome/Reception	D. Shields / L. Potter
Helpers	J. Bradford, G. Diggle, H. Atkins, W. Duke, J. Wiffen
	Volunteer, C. Staley (Reader), B. Eaton
Crèche	C. Waters, I. Beasy
Cuppa	J. Barthelson, R. Barthelson, I. Cross
Communion Prep.	A. Munro
Grounds	C. Beasy
<u>6.00 pm</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	B. Kiley
Singers	S. Armstrong
Band	K. Stewart, B. Kiley, B. Moritz, I Stewart
Project./Sound	T. Eaton / C. Waters
Officer On Duty	M. Waters
Reception	A. Munro
Crèche	A. Munro

A young woman teacher with obvious liberal tendencies explains to her class of small children that she is an atheist. She asks her class if they are atheists too. Not really knowing what atheism is, but wanting to be like their teacher, their hands explode into the air like fleshy fireworks. There is, however, one exception. A girl named Lucy has not gone along with the crowd. The teacher asks her why she has decided to be different.

"Because I'm not an atheist."

"Then," asks the teacher, "What are you?"

"I'm a Christian."

The teacher is a little perturbed now, her face slightly red. She asks Lucy why she is a Christian.

"Well, I was brought up knowing and loving Jesus. My mum is a Christian, and my dad is a Christian, so I am a Christian."

The teacher is now angry. "That's no reason," she says loudly.

"What if your mum was an idiot, and you dad was an idiot. What would you be then?"

A pause, and a smile. "Then," says Lucy, "I'd be an atheist!"