

Mainstream



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15th March, 2015

During the week my daughter Chloe had a tooth that was giving her quite a bit of pain and it was making her feel a bit miserable. She said to me, "I wish we didn't have pain."

Is pain a good thing or a bad thing? Our study book for The Story says, "*Pain avoidance is as natural as breathing. It is reflexive. Touch a hotplate and you will jerk your hand away without even thinking. If you see trouble down the road you will take an alternative route. It makes perfect sense to avoid pain and struggle. But some of God's best work is done in the moments of life that feel more like a furnace than an afternoon sunbathing.*"

The story of Joseph is one where we see God use pain, difficulty and strife to shape Joseph and move him into the perfect place for God's greatest blessings – for himself, his family and the whole plan of God's redemptive purposes. Without the betrayal, enslavement, false accusations and imprisonment Joseph would never have become 'Vice President' of Egypt where God could use him.

C. S. Lewis writes, "*God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.*"

While pain is never an enjoyable experience we still can thank God for the difficult times of life and pray that He will use it to shape us, mould us and move us on to where He wants us to be.

ANDREW

Worship With Us

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 15th March

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin

THE STORY 3 - Joseph

From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh

Worship Leader

Beth Giddings

Communion Leader

Ruth Jackson

6.00 pm

Andrew Tonkin

Worship Leader

Brendan Kiley

Next Week, 22nd March

10.00 am

Joshua Cole

&

THE STORY 4- Deliverance

MY STORY

Available now: The Story for Little Ones	\$25
The Story for Children	\$25
The Story for Kids	\$18
From your Leaders Study Guides	\$13

NEW SWIPE CARDS

Sometime in the next week the front door will be changed to a swipe card use only to enter. If you have a church key and you need access to the front door, please see Robyn to obtain a swipe card.

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

NEW DIRECTORY

The 2015 print-out is ready for you to check. This is a directory of regular attenders in the church - names, addresses, phone numbers and emails. Could all new attenders please include your contact details, thank you.

PARENTS' SOCIAL MEDIA INFORMATION NIGHT

While your kids are at Adventure Club, please stay as we lead a Training Night on

“What Parents Need to be Aware of
On-line for Your Kids”

Tuesday, 24th March
6.30 - 7.30 pm
Dinner at 6.00 pm if wanted.
Cost = free

ADVENTURE CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Helpers Needed
Kitchen, teaching, set-up, clean-up.
During School Holidays

Adventure World

Wednesday, 8th April
Thursday, 9th April
Friday, 10th April
Put your name on the list in the foyer

B.I.G.

Men's Barbecue Breakfast

7.30 am Saturday, 21st March

Display of unusual and vintage cars and motor bikes

If you have one of these, bring it along.

Please put your name on the foyer list.

For more information contact Peter Kelly or Noel Underwood

LADIES' CAKE AND COFFEE NIGHT

The Women's Ministry Team invites all Women
to attend a Coffee and Cake evening
Saturday, 21st March 7.00 - 9.00 pm
At the Church

This is an opportunity to have all Women of the Church together for a time of fellowship, where we'd like to share what is happening in the form of outreach. We would like you to come with a heart for those less fortunate than yourselves. All food and drinks provided, but we'd love you to bring your favourite cup and plate set. Please put your name on the list on the foyer door, or see Charlotte or Kaye. (There will be opportunity for a gold coin donation.)

YOUTH GROUPS - *FUEL*

Friday, 20th March 7.30 - 9.30pm

XLR8

Dessert Night

Be sure not to eat a big dinner tonight!

At the Church - \$5

IGNITION

Life Sized Video Games

This is the night your video games will come alive.

At the Church - \$3

GROCERY ITEMS

We are running out of Grocery Items for our pantry cupboard. Could you please help by buying a little extra for someone in need this week? Meals in a can are a good choice, or cans of spaghetti or noodle packs where you can just add water. Nothing that you need to cook as these people don't have a lot to cook with. Thanks!



Mission Update

ST KILDA GATEHOUSE

It's the first time in Gatehouse history we started the year with our doors open five days a week. The women have relayed to staff that it is a huge relief to know that they can access our services Monday to Friday.

In the first two weeks, 127 individuals accessed the Centre in Greeves Street and 120 meals and 18 food parcels were given out. A woman who accesses our centre had all her belongings stolen. We were able to provide her with a new wardrobe, toiletries, food and a new handbag.

We are making big steps forward in 2015 with the establishment of the new Centre in Dandenong. The Centre is aimed at Young Women aged 12 to 25 years who are at risk of Commercial Sexual Exploitation. The Centre is in its early stages of setting up, establishing community connections and refurbishing to create a welcoming open-door space.

Your offerings to Mission/Outreach will support Gatehouse projects.

This Week

Sunday	15th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
		7.30 pm	Café Night - Women
Monday	16th	10.15 am	Aged Care Service
		7.30 pm	W.I.G.S.
Tuesday	17th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club (Charlotte & Blue Team)
Friday	20th	7.30 pm	Youth Groups
Saturday	21st	2.00 pm	Share Group



FAFFS

Saturday, 28th March
6.00 pm

Tea in Chaffey Park
Top of Pump Hill
Merbein
Barbecues available
River Walk
To Chaffey Landing

SHARE GROUP

SATURDAY, 21ST March
2.00 pm
In the Church

Recollections of China
With Denis Ferrett

Please bring a plate of
afternoon tea.

CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

All volunteers are asked to please fill out a Volunteer Induction form for Maintaining Essential Safety measures in churches. If you have a computer, please log onto: <http://www.cocinsurance.org.au/for-members/training-your-church/> Wait for the email reply after you have completed the induction, sign this one and hand to Auralie please, NOT THE ORIGINAL PRINT OUT. If you don't have computer, please see Jon Armstrong.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 21	BIG Men's BBQ Breakfast
March 21	Ladies' Coffee and Cake Night
April 18	Prayer Retreat
April 19	Hymn Singing Afternoon
June 13/14	Leadership Weekend
June 22	Pastors' Prayer Partners' Dinner

NEXT WEEK, 22nd March

<u>10.00 am</u>	J. Cole
Worship Leader	I. Fabich
Communion Leader	J. Armstrong Prayer H. Atkins
Singers	R. Fox, D. Clark, J. Trewin
Band	A. Alabaster, C. Beasy, R. Jemmeson, I. Fabich, J. Tonkin
Projector/Sound	A. Fabich / C. Waters
Officer on Duty	M. Waters
Welcome/Reception	J. Renfree / D. Hind
Helpers	G. Diggle, B. Eaton, P. Duscher, J. Booysen, I. Cross, J. Wiffen, M. Straub, J. Bradford
Crèche	J. Kelly, L. Alabaster
Cuppa	P. Castleman, N. Cook, J. Purcell
Communion Prep.	R. Jackson
Cleaning / Grounds	P. Leng, R. Hawtin / R. Barthelson, P. Booysen
<u>6.00 pm</u>	J. Cole
Worship Leader	S. Armstrong Prayer R. Jackson
Singers	A. Gray, A. Thorne
Band	K. Stewart, I. Fabich, B. Moritz, I. Stewart
Projector/Sound	J. Cole / J. Armstrong
Officer on Duty	M. Waters
Reception	R. Hawtin
Crèche	R. Fox

KIDS IN CHURCH

3 year old Reece: 'Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is his name. Amen.'

A little boy was overheard praying; "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a really good time like I am."

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jacob sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, 'That preacher said he wanted him brought up in a Christian home, and I want him to stay with us.'

One particular four year old prayed: 'And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets.'



*"I know God loves everybody, but he never met my sister."
Arnold, aged 8*