

Mainstream



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Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19: 14

A couple of weeks ago an older lady who was visiting our Church spoke to me after the service. She told me how much she thoroughly loved the service and then commented how she was amazed to see so many children, teenagers and young adults in the Church. She told me that she came from a very small Church that was at risk of closing down. She said it had been many years since they had any children in her Church. She lamented that as a Church they had ignored the needs of the young people, focussing just on the needs of the older adults and so their services became more and more irrelevant to the younger generation. The Church failed to attract any younger people and so now they are just a handful of elderly people. Unless there is a miracle the Church will most likely close by the end of the year.

Sadly this is a story that we see repeated all over Australia. I am sure we all know of Churches that were once vibrant places of worship and fellowship that are now similar to the one described above. That is why we must continue to have a strong emphasis on reaching the younger generations and making our Church welcoming and relevant to them.

Adventure Club and our Youth Groups are doing a terrific job. Our new crèche lets young families know that they matter. Our new court yard provides a tremendous place that is attractive and fun for children of all ages. And I am grateful that the attitudes of our members are positive towards the changes that are attracting the many younger people to our Church.

Our Church has a future because of the way we communicate the good news of Jesus in fun and relevant ways. Keep praying for our children, teenagers and young families. Keep encouraging our leaders who give so much of their time to Adventure Club, Adventure Sunday and Youth Group. And keep on praising God for what he is doing in and through our Church.

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, Easter Sunday 12th April

10.00 am	Andrew Tonkin
	Super Sunday
Worship Leader	Samantha Armstrong
Communion Leader	Diane Morrall

6.00 pm	Andrew Tonkin
Worship Leader	Brendan Kiley

Next Week, 19th April

10.00 am	Andrew Tonkin
	THE STORY 6- Wandering
Worship Leader	Beth Giddings

6.00 pm	Andrew Tonkin -Church Café Night
	THE STORY 6- Wandering
Worship Leader	Samantha Armstrong
Abbie Alabaster will be baptised at the evening service.	

EXTEND ACCOUNT

DIRECT DEPOSITS - Mildura Church of Christ

NAB - BSB number 083764 Account Number 15423 4854

GENERAL ACCOUNT

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NAB - BSB number 083-764 Account Number 51591-4637

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL



VOCAL WORKSHOPS

We are very excited to announce that a series of vocal workshops will be held at the church in April, presented by Ann Cook.

Ann has been performing and teaching for the past 30 years, and has worked with the Nine Network, MGM Productions, CTC Cruises, People's Choice Awards, Mo Awards, and many other major Australian and international corporate conventions and functions.

She has also had assignments as a vocal coach, teacher and arranger with On Broadway drama school and many high profile recording studios throughout Sydney including EMI.

Ann is currently a pastor at Diggerland where she Worship Leads and heads up the Vocals department.

Invitations are open to all church members who are interested in attending.

All worship leaders and singers are encouraged to make attending a priority, regardless of your current singing ability.

Workshop dates:

Session one: Tuesday 14th or Thursday 16th April

Session two: Tuesday 21st or Thursday 23rd April

Tuesday sessions will run from 8PM and Thursday sessions from 7:30PM. Workshops will run for approximately an hour and a half.

\$10 per person, per session.

This is a ridiculously cheap workshop that shouldn't be missed out on. If you are interested in attending, please enter your name and preferred sessions on the yellow attendance form in the foyer.



Family News & Prayer



- * Continue in prayer for Marianne Haigh as she returns to her own home after many months in hospital.
- * Thank you to all the leaders and helpers of our Adventure World school holiday program.
- * Heather Atkins wishes to say sincerely a huge Thankyou to all those who sent greetings, cards, gifts and generous contributions to help make her 60th Birthday a truly wonderful Blessed day.
May God Bless each of you.

Change of date for SHARE GROUP Trip to Wentworth

Meeting now on Saturday, 2nd MAY



Hymn Singing Afternoon

Sunday 19th April 2.00pm

Featuring:

Soloist Simone Liuzzi

Male Sextet

The Vines Village Choir

Accompanist and speaker Glenn Miller

Come along and share in an afternoon of singing your favourite hymns and hearing performances from our guest artists.

Please bring a plate of afternoon tea to share

YOUTH GROUPS - *FUEL*

Friday, 17th April 7.30 - 9.30pm

XLR8

ROLLERAMA

To start the term off we are going to Rollerama. Come dressed brightly as we kick off the term in style.
Meet and pick up at Rollerama - COST TBA

IGNITION *ROLLERAMA Details the same as above.*
Don't forget to bring a friend.

NEW CHURCH 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.



Mission Update

Communication to Vanuatu has been difficult during the aftermath of Cyclone Pam. GMP received news from Richardson Toka, Secretary General of the Churches of Christ in Vanuatu, which gave us further insight into the situation. Richardson visited various communities Showers of Blessing: Empowering Women Vanuatu Appeal: Cyclone Pam Women are now included in the processes of installing and managing bore wells. At times, a woman will carry a baby on her back with a 20litre bucket of water on her head. Women in rural Zimbabwe play crucial roles in providing for their families. They are responsible for collecting firewood, water, cooking and looking after the children. Installing Showers of Blessing water bores and wells in rural villages has greatly eased the burden on the women and girls whose daily task has been walking long distances to fetch water for their families. Showers of Blessing provides assistance with food distribution, the drilling of wells and the establishing of income generating projects. The goal is to support people to become self-sustaining in a very challenging economy. You can read more about the project through the GMP website: www.inpartnership.org.au/ We know that churches and schools have been damaged, health concerns are growing and the full effect on people is hard to assess. Churches in Vanuatu are feeling overwhelmed and Richardson has communicated a message of gratitude for the generous support extending from Australia. The impact of the cyclone will be felt for a long period of time and a longer-term response is being planned. Please continue to remember Vanuatu and Richardson Toka in your prayers.

The prayer committee invite you to our
Annual Prayer Retreat
SATURDAY 18th April, 2015
9.30 am to 3.00pm

"Be still and know that I am God"
Psalm 46:10



Venue - Andrew & Kylie Tonkin's garden
7 Cyprus Avenue, MERBEIN

A day to come near to God
A day to quietly reflect on
God's Word



A time to listen to what God
might say to you.

Morning tea and lunch provided
Please write your name on the list in the foyer
if you wish to attend.

This Week -School Holidays

Sunday	12th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	13th	11.00 am-3pm	Craft
Tuesday -	14th -	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
		(Kaye & Noel & Blue Team)	
		8.00-9.30pm	Vocal Workshop
Wednesday	15th	10.00am	Days for Girls Sewing Group
Thursday	16th	7.30 - 9pm	Vocal Workshop
Friday	17th	7.30pm	Youth Groups
Saturday	18th	9.30am -3pm	Prayer Retreat



NEW SWIPE CARDS

The front door has now been 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 today to obtain a swipe card. Very few have changed from key to swipe card - don't get caught outside.

Turn off the Alarms

If you are moving between the church building and Chivell House, you must swipe your card to disarm the alarm. You only need to swipe your card once and the light should turn red before you enter.

Please turn on the Alarms

If you are the last one to leave the Sound Room, The Office, the Church Building or Chivell House, you must swipe your card three times to turn on the alarms. The light will/should turn green when alarmed.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 12	Super Sunday
April 14	Adventure Club
April 14 & 16	Vocal Workshop
April 18	Prayer Retreat
April 19	Hymn Singing Afternoon
April 19	Church Café
April 21 & 23	Vocal Workshop
May 2nd	Share Group
May 10th	Mother's Day
June 13/14	Leadership Weekend
June 22	Pastors' Prayer Partners' Dinner
July 18	Women's Ministry Breakfast

NEXT WEEK, 19th April

10.00 am

Worship Leader
Communion Leader
Singers
Band
Projector/Sound
Officer on Duty
Welcome/Reception
Helpers

A. Tonkin
B. Giddings
D. Morrall
M. Giddings, T.B.A.
A. Thorne, I. Fabich, E. Tonkin, I. Stewart
E. Moore / J. Armstrong
R. Jackson
D. Shields / M. Butler
M. Cox, C. Meade, K. Underwood, N. Underwood, J. Barthelson, P. Leng, C. Beasy (Reader), M. Cameron

Crèche

Cuppa

Communion Prep.

Cleaning / Grounds

6.00 pm

Worship Leader

Singers

Band

Projector/Sound

Officer on Duty

Reception

Crèche

A. Knight, H. Nicholson
C. Armstrong, N. Cook, P. Castleman
K. Underwood
W. Duke, M. Cameron
A. Tonkin
S. Armstrong,
J. Gardner, A. Gray, K. Kiley
G. Stewart, M. Gardner, B. Moritz,
E. Moore / P. Norris
R. Jackson
G. Muller
R. Hawtin



A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible -- Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse. Little Bobby was excited about the task, but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Bobby was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my shepherd . . . and that's all I need to know!"

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"