

# Mainstream



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In my early teens one of my absolute favourite TV shows was Doctor Who – the real Doctor Who with Jon Pertwee and Tom Baker. Most of the stories were broken up into 4 episodes. Each episode would end with a cliff hanger that left you wondering what would happen next. Would the Doctor survive? Would the TARDIS be lost forever? Would the Daleks finally win?

The end of each episode would leave you in suspense until the following evening when the next episode would air at 6:30 on ABC TV. We would then see that the Doctor did survive, the TARDIS would be saved and the Daleks would be defeated. And Doctor Who fans would breathe a breath of relief.

Last week we had the final message of the Old Testament. The Old Testament story ends on a bit of a cliff hanger. What next? The Temple had been restored. Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem and the walls of the city were rebuilt. Ezra rediscovered the Law and began teaching it to the people as they began to return to their homeland after years of exile. Things were looking better than they had for generations. But what next?

400 years of silence followed. God didn't speak through any prophets or give Israel any direction. He remained completely silent for 400 years. That was until an angel appeared to a young teenage girl in Nazareth to pronounce a miracle conception. That was until a star appeared above a town called Bethlehem to announce that a King had been born. That was until a company of angels appeared in the skies proclaiming "Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

God had been silent for 400 years. But now the silence had been broken by the sound of a baby's cry. But it wasn't just any baby. It was the promised Messiah. It was a baby named Jesus, God in the flesh, who would change this world forever!

**Andrew Tonkin**

Happy  
*Father's*  
Day

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.

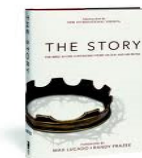
## Today, Sunday, 6th September **FATHER'S DAY**

10.00 am Andrew Tonkin  
**THE STORY 22**  
**The Birth of the King**  
Worship Leader Brendan Kiley  
Communion Leader Wayne Whitehead

6.00 pm Andrew Tonkin  
**THE STORY 22**  
**The Birth of the King**  
Worship Leader Samantha Armstrong

## Next Week, Sunday, 13th September

10.00 am Andrew Tonkin  
& **THE STORY 23**  
6.00 pm **Jesus' Ministry Begins**  
Café Tonight



## **PRAYER WEEK**

*"Come just as you are, opening your heart and telling Him how you feel and what you desire. You are God's child, and he is eager and willing to see you!"* Wesley L. Duwel



### **Time to Pray**

The church is open for prayer

- between 7-8 am Monday to Friday
- throughout the day Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

*"Hebrews 4: 16 'Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.'*

# Loving God - Loving People

**GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL**

# *Family News* *& Prayer*



- Pray for those who have been in bad health recently—Vic Robinson, Graeme Muller, Marj Teague, Marianne Haigh, Bob McAllister

## **Samaritan's Purse**

After our launch last week by Janeen Norris, you now have until the first weekend in October to get your shoe boxes filled and back to Robyn. We already have about 12 boxes in and hope to better our total of 100 last year. See Robyn today to get your boxes and any more details to fill some shoe boxes for children who will love to receive them at Christmas time.



Please Note: All church Bank Account Numbers have now changed! When keying in BSB, it may come up with INDUE Ltd BSB, but this is correct. Please change your bank account debits as soon as possible. Have you changed your direct deposits yet?

### **GENERAL ACCOUNT**

#### **DIRECT DEPOSITS- Church of Christ Mildura**

BSB number 703-810 Account Number 05300208

### **EXTEND ACCOUNT**

#### **DIRECT DEPOSITS - Mildura Church of Christ**

BSB number 703-810 Account Number 05300270

## **HALL'S GAP WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Friday, 9th—Sunday, 11th October

*What is God's Purpose For Me?*

Guest speaker—Kaye Reid

From Doncaster C. of C.

Registrations close 14th September Full Camp—\$180.00

Registration forms in the foyer.



## YOUTH GROUPS - *FUEL*

September 11th 7.00—9.00 pm

### IGNITION

#### **VIDEO GAMES**

Chill out night tonight \$3

### XLR8

#### **NERF NIGHT**

Bring your nerf guns for the battle, but no bullets. \$3

## Mission Update



### **METAMORPHOSIS—Prayer Letter of Ruth Perkins**

“As I touched down at Adelaide airport at 6.57 am on June 27th, the pilot announced that it was 5°. That was a bit of a shock after the 48 or so that I’d been used to in my final days in Niger! With the power and water problems we were having, my mother was not the only one counting down the days to my departure! Hot season is hard to cope with anyway, without having to pack my house up under such conditions. But I paced myself and finished everything.

It’s now over a month since I arrived in Australia. It took about a month to find my feet. Freezing temperatures, jetlag, a maze of red tape to negotiate. Driving a different car, on the other side of the road, and adapting to automatic and different driving conditions. No more negotiating roads crowded with foot traffic, hundreds of motor bikes, donkeys and push carts loaded with cement or milk powder.”

*Ruth Perkins is planning a visit to the Mildura Church of Christ on Saturday, November 21st, where we will be hosting a Mission Breakfast.*

*Donations to the Faith Promise Giving for Missions go to help support Ruth Perkins and her work in Niger.*

Copies of Graham Agnew’s book,

### **HOPE in 60 Seconds**

are still available.

Cost = \$20.

See the Officer on Duty for your signed copy.

One evening a little girl and her parents were chatting. The little girl said, ‘Daddy, you’re the boss, aren’t you?’ Her father smiled, pleased, and said, “Yes.” The little girl continued, “That’s because Mummy put you in charge, right?”

## PRAYER WEEK *This Week*



Sunday	6th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	7th	7.30 pm	Elders
Tuesday	8th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
			Kaye & Noel & Red Team
Friday	11th	7.00 pm	Youth Groups
Saturday	12th	7.30 pm	F.A.F.F.S.



### F.A.F.F.S

#### Family And Friends, Fifties—Sixties

Saturday, 12th September, 7.30 pm

*My Fair Lady*

Mildura Arts Centre

See Janette Cooke today for bookings.

Cost \$28 payable with booking please.



Our sermons are now available on the Internet. Find them at: [www.milduracofc.podomatic.com](http://www.milduracofc.podomatic.com) or join our Facebook page.

Or you can order them on a CD. Fill out an order form and leave it with the Officer on Duty. \$3 each

### The Story

We have a small supply of The Story bibles for purchase today at \$25 each.

Study books are available also for \$15.

There is one children's Bible left at a cost of \$25.

See the officer on duty this morning.

*The church is the great lost and found department.—Robert Short*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September 29th	Dareton Holiday Program
October 7/8	Seniors' Expo
October 9-11	Hall's Gap Women's Retreat
October 10th	Rotating Dinner
October 25th	New Comers' Lunch
November 14th	Gingerbread House Day
<b>November 21st</b>	<b>Mission Breakfast with Ruth Perkins</b>
November 28th	Camp Fusion
December 19th	Carols at Namma

## NEXT WEEK, 13th September

10.00 am

Worship Leader

Communion Leader

Singers

Band

Projector/Sound

Officer on Duty

Welcome/Reception

Helpers

Crèche

Children's Church

Cuppa

Communion Prep.

Cleaning / Grounds

6.00 pm

Worship Leader

Singers

Band

Projector/Sound

Officer on Duty

Reception

Crèche

Café

A. Tonkin

J. Cole

D. Ling Prayer leader W. Whitehead

M. Cameron, D. Clark, A. Thorne

A. Thorne, M. Waters, B. Moritz, I. Fabich, J. Tonkin

P. Bekker / C. Waters

J. Cooke

D. Homfray / N. & K. Underwood

W. Duke, M. Straub, J. Booysen, I. Cross, J. Wiffen,

C. Armstrong, C. Staley, P. Leng

K. Hawtin, E. Gibbs

S. Armstrong, A. Beasy, H. Nicholson, M. Gardner,

E. Moore

G. Beruldsen, D. Ferrett, E. Phillips, R. Brown

R. Bekker

R. Jackson, C. Armstrong / D. Homfray, M. Cameron

A. Tonkin

J. Cole

A. Alabaster, A. Gray, K. Kiley

A. Alabaster, R. Jemmeson, E. Tonkin, C. Waters

C. Tonkin / J. Cooke

J. Cooke

C. Waters

J. Kelly

Kaye & Women's Ministry

### God will provide for us

A young woman brings her fiancé home to meet her parents. After dinner, her mother tells her husband to find out about the young man, so the father invites the fiancé to his study for a drink.

"So, what are your plans?" the father asks the young man.

"I'm a University student studying arts", he replies.

"Admirable, but what will you do to provide a nice house for my daughter to live in?" asks the father.

"I will study and God will provide for us." the young man replies.

"And how will you buy her an engagement ring such as she deserves?"

"I will concentrate on my studies and God will provide for us."

"And children?" asks the father. "How will you support children?"

"Don't worry sir, God will provide," replies the fiancé.

The conversation proceeds like this, and each time the father questions, the young idealist insists that God will provide.

Later in bed, the mother asks, "How did it go, dear?"

And the father answers, "He has no job and no plans, but the good news is, he thinks I'm God."

