

# Mainstream



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Watchman Nee was a great evangelist and Apostle of China. He is considered the founder of the house church movement in China in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. When the Communists under the leadership of Chairman Mao seized power in 1949, they began brutal persecution of China's brave Christian believers.

Following Jesus cost Watchman Nee a great deal. He spent the last 20 years of his life as a prisoner in Mao's 're-education camps'. But he refused to deny his Saviour Jesus Christ and he held to his faith right to the end. One of the last people to see him alive was a fellow prisoner Nee had won to the Lord. When the fellow prisoner was released Nee asked him to seek out his brother, Witness Nee, and deliver a message: "Let my brother know that I never gave up my faith."

Not long after Watchman Nee was found dead in his prison cell – having succumbed to years of starvation and maltreatment. When the guards removed his body they found a handwritten note underneath his head. The note read, "**Christ is the Son of God. He died to atone for men's sins and after three days rose again. This is the most important fact in the universe. I die believing in Christ.**"

(From 'The Cross' by Rod Parsley)

**Andrew Tonkin**



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, 25th October

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin

**The Story 27**

**The Resurrection**

Worship Leader

Joshua Cole

Communion Leader

Michael Waters

6.00 pm

Andrew Tonkin

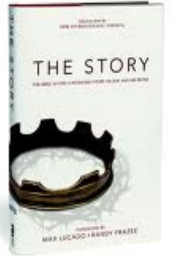
**The Story 27**

**The Resurrection**

Worship Leader

Samantha Armstrong

Café Tonight



## Next Week, Sunday, 1st November

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin

&

**Jazz Service**

6.00 pm

**Double A Jazz Band**

## **NEW ATTENDERS' LUNCH**

**TODAY**

12 noon

Please join us for lunch today if you are a new comer to this church. Meet some of our Elders and Deacons and learn more about the church and its members.

# Loving God - Loving People

**GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL**

# *Family News* *& Prayer*

- Pray for those who have been in bad health recently.  
Joan Ferrett, Peter Staley, Marianne Haigh
- Pray for those students who are preparing for end of year exams.
- Congratulations to Matthew Cameron and Jody Carmody who recently announced their engagement.

## **Crèche**

Due to the fact that we don't have enough people willing to be on the evening crèche roster, there will no longer be a crèche supervisor at the night services. Parents of pre-school children are welcome to use the crèche room, but must supervise their children at all times.

## **Help Needed**

We need a volunteer to clean the toilets in the new building please. See Heather Atkins for more information.

## **GINGERBREAD HOUSE DAY**

**Saturday 14th November**  
**Two sessions 10am-2pm**



You've been given more time to purchase your kit,

so if you'd like to attend, reserve your ticket.  
Tickets can be purchased from the Church office,  
Samantha Armstrong or the Officer on Duty this  
morning.

**Cost is \$30** which includes the full kit with all the  
trimmings, as well as a lovely afternoon tea.

Have you filled out and handed in your Member Information Sheet yet?  
Spare sheets are available from the foyer table.



## YOUTH GROUPS

October 30th 7.30—9.30 pm      More information—Josh Cole

**IGNITION      Music Videos**

\$3

**XLR8      Chill Out**

\$3

## Mission Update



### Serious Plight of Christian Refugees in Germany

With up to 10,000 mostly Muslim migrants arriving each day, police are warning that tensions are soaring in Germany's massively over-crowded migrant centres. Islamic law is being enforced, while violence and rape are endemic, much of it driven by racial and religious hatred and a culture of violence.

Christian refugees, who are particularly vulnerable, are being abused and threatened. The head of the German police union wants migrants separated according to race and faith before someone is killed.

The German government is resisting, wedded as it is to the idea of a multi-cultural utopia. While some politicians insist that distinguishing between migrants would go against Germany's values, others write it off as a logistical impossibility. Please pray for a change in policy, and that God will intervene on behalf of His people.

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.

\*Must Say 'Mildura Church of Christ' on both accounts now. \*

Have you changed your direct deposits yet? Please do this before we close off the NAB Accounts!

**This includes the Extend Account!!**

### GENERAL ACCOUNT

**DIRECT DEPOSITS- Mildura Church of Christ**

BSB number 703-810 Account Number 05300208

### EXTEND ACCOUNT

**DIRECT DEPOSITS - Mildura Church of Christ**

BSB number 703-810 Account Number 05300270

### *This Week*

Sunday	25th	9.30 am	Prayer
		12 noon	New Comers' Lunch
		7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	26th	11.00am	Craft Group
		7.30 pm	W.I.G.S.
		7.30 pm	Board Meeting
Tuesday	27th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Friday	29th	7.30 pm	Youth Group

Spring

OCTOBER

### **W.I.G.S.**

#### **Women In God's Service**

26th October 7.30 pm

We are going to play some old-fashioned games; ones we used to play when we were kids.

Quoits, bocce, totem tennis to name a few.

At the Church—in the courtyard.

A small plate of supper to share please.

### **C.W.F.**

#### **Christian Women's Fellowship**

Our next meeting is set for 5th November. We will be going to visit the gardens at the Tonkin home in Merbein. This year we will be having a barbecue lunch.

We will leave the Church at 12.30 pm for lunch at 1.00 pm. Please bring a salad or a dessert—AND a chair.

Again, our men are most welcome to join us.

Following lunch, we will be holding a short Annual General Meeting, so spend some time considering who you want to lead us in 2016.

### **The Story**

We have one copy left of The Story bible for purchase today at \$25.

Study books are available also for \$15.

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

See the officer on duty.

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

### **NEXT WEEK, 1st November**

#### 10.00 am

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

#### A. Tonkin Jazz Service

I. Fabich  
D. Homfray  
D. Clark, K. Tonkin  
Double A Jazz Band  
? / B. Moritz  
W. Whitehead  
S. Armstrong, A. Beasy, H. Nicolson, M. Gardner, T. Eaton  
D. Morrall / M. Butler  
J. Bradford, G. Diggle, W. Duke, C. Meade, D. Ferrett,  
M. Straub, volunteer, P. Leng

#### Crèche

#### Cuppa

#### Communion Prep.

#### Cleaning / Grounds

#### 6.00 pm

#### Worship Leader

#### Singers

#### Band

#### Projector/Sound

#### Officer on Duty

#### Reception

#### M. Cox, E. Gibbs

#### N. Cook, L. Homfray, B. Eaton, E. Phillips

#### R. Hawtin

#### P. Leng & R. Hawtin / W. Duke & R. Barthelson

#### A. Tonkin

#### B. Kiley Prayer A. Tonkin

#### N. Moritz, A. Beasy

#### B. Janetzki, B. Kiley, I. Stewart, B. Moritz, J. Tonkin

#### A. Fabich / P. Norris

#### W. Whitehead

#### R. Hawtin

A church was considering the purchase of a new chandelier. A member who was unable to attend the business meeting where it was initially discussed, wrote a note to the elders to express her concern.

The note said simply:

I am definitely opposed to buying a new chandelier for the church for three reasons:

1. I can't spell chandelier.
2. If we got one, who's going to play it?
3. If we've got that kind of money in the bank, why don't we buy a new light fixture to brighten up the church?

*A vicar's son was asked to entertain the visiting bishop while his parents prepared the lunch. The boy asked him, "Can you tell me how you became a bishop?"*

*The bishop replied, "Well, first you have to go to church every Sunday, then be top pupil in Sunday School and later be best student at theological college. Then you get ordained and when you are the best vicar in the diocese you become a bishop."*

*"Oh, I see," said the boy, "because I heard my dad say to my mum this morning, he wondered how on earth you became a bishop."*