

Mainstream



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20th & 27th December, 2015

No doubt you've already heard the familiar words of the much loved Christmas Carol "O Holy Night" this year. Don't miss the truth of the final verse: **"Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace."**

If you want to know how to love one another, look at the love that sent Jesus to earth to live a life of love and pay the price for all of our sins.... *"Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."* (1 John 4:10). *"But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us!"* (Romans 5:8).

It's all about love. This isn't a love of fancy words and impossible tasks. This is a love that says, "I am willing to love you no matter what." And we can love in that way because He first loved us. Here are some simple ways we can live out that love in the week ahead.

Share: Share with a friend a time in your life when you felt most loved by God.

Encourage: Invite a friend to our Christmas Eve service. Most people become a part of a church because they're invited by a friend.

Evaluate: Ask yourself, "Am I striving to love people the same way Christ loves me?"

Pray: *Father, I realize that your mission is all about love. You love us so much that you gave us the most precious One in the universe, your Son Jesus Christ. This season is the season of giving, but it can also be tainted by selfishness, greed, and despair. Truly you taught us to love one another. Your law is love and your gospel is peace. May my life reflect the true message and joy of Christmas.*

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, 20th December

10.00 am Andrew Tonkin

Christmas

Worship Leader Joshua Cole

Communion Leader Wayne Whitehead

6.00 pm Andrew Tonkin

Worship Leader Joshua Cole

Café Tonight

Next Week, Sunday, 27th December

10.00 am Andrew Tonkin

&

6.00 pm No Evening Service

Sunday, 3rd January, 2016

10.00 am Joshua Cole

Thursday, 24th December

**CHRISTMAS
EVE
SERVICES**

5.30 and 7.30 pm

No Service Christmas Day



Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL



Family News & Prayer



- Pray for Nancy McAllister who is very unwell after a slight stroke and for Bob McAllister who had a fall in Woolworths, and for Bronwyn who is caring for them.
- Pray for all those who are ill at this time; those who are recovering from illness and operations.
- Pray for all who are travelling to various holiday places or visiting family and friends. May they be blessed with safe travel.
- Congratulations to Carolyn Meade who is celebrating her 50th birthday on Tuesday, 22nd December.
- Happy Birthday to Geoff Clout who celebrated a very special birthday last Thursday.
- An early birthday greeting to Helga van Rensburg who is turning 40 on the first of January. Happy Birthday Helga.
- Piano Tuner:
Ian Mansell's grandson, Shaun Pragt, is in Mildura for the month of January. If you would like to have your piano tuned (grand or upright), please contact him on 0447 211766 or by email on sjpragt@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Natalie Moritz is cooking Christmas Lunch again this year in the Church Hall.

If you will be alone at Christmas time or you know of someone who would like to attend, you will be all be made most welcome. Please book with Natalie Moritz.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

For sale in the Library
\$3 for hand-made cards
\$2 for all other cards



Mission Update



Port Hedland News

In past years we have supported Ross and Helen Norling, and then Jenny Norling when Helen passed away, at the Port Hedland Aboriginal Church of Christ through our Faith Promise for Missions Program. We have just heard news of Ross's passing.

"This week Ross Norling passed away after a battle with cancer. As a statesman in aboriginal work in the north of W. A., we need to celebrate his life and honour his work. The funeral service will be held in Hedland on Friday 18th December, but because many could not travel to Hedland we will be holding a memorial Service in the Dalkeith Road Church of Christ at 10.00 am on the 18th December."

Barry Thygsen

- *There are currently 78 people named S. Claus living in the U.S. and one Kriss Kringle.*
- *December is the most popular month for nose jobs.*
- *Weight of Santa's sleigh loaded with one Beanie Baby for every child: 333,333 tons. Number of reindeer required to pull the sleigh: 214,206—plus Rudolph.*

GROCERIES

Thank you for all the generous donations we have received from everyone. Please remember to keep buying for those who will be a little short of food these holidays and pick up a couple of items for them as you do your grocery shopping.

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	20th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	21st	7.30 pm	Peanut Pal Night
Thursday	24th	5.30 pm	Christmas Eve Service
		7.30 pm	Christmas Eve Service
Friday	25th		No Service Christmas Day
Thursday	31st	8.00 pm	FAFFS New Year's Eve



DECEMBER

ANGEL TREE THANK YOU

The Women's Ministry Team want to say a HUGE **Thank you** to everyone who either bought a gift or donated to the Angel Tree. We've been able to provide all the requested gifts to Haven, Meminar and the Private Hospital. We're also thrilled to let you all know that you donated enough to **buy** an ipad for the Base Hospital. You really are a very generous church, and again, we thank you very much for your generosity to the Angel Tree.



PEANUT PAL NIGHT



Next Monday night, 21st December at 7.30 pm is our big Reveal Night when we come together to celebrate Christmas and learn who was our Peanut Pal this year. Please bring a gift to the value of \$10 for your Peanut Pal and a gold coin donation for the gifts we buy for the Kmart Wishing Tree. A small plate of supper too please.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

FAFFS

For those around the ages of 50, 60, 70

You are invited to spend an evening of fun at the home of Brian and

Auralie Munro on New Year's Eve from 8 pm.

Please let Auralie know if you can come.

PIGEON HOLES

In the foyer there are some pigeon holes, where you will find, from time to time, someone has left some mail for you. Could everyone keep a check on what's in the pigeon holes as there may be a birthday card, Christmas card or note for you in them.

NEXT WEEK, 27th December

10.00 am

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

Crèche

Cuppa

Communion Prep.

Cleaning / Grounds

A. Tonkin

M. Waters

D. Ling

A. Alabaster, M. Gardner

A. Alabaster, E. Tonkin, I. Fabich, J. Tonkin

C. Waters / J. Armstrong

J. Cooke

No Adventure Sunday

R. Hawtin / E. Phillips

D. Ferrett, G. Diggle, J. Booyesen, I. Cross, J. Wiffen,

C. Armstrong, M. Cox, J. Kelly

R. O'Connor, E. Gibbs

K. Underwood, J. Purcell, R. Brown

C. Waters

J. & R. Barthelson / M. Waters

2016 3rd January

J. Cole

I. Fabich

M. Cameron Prayer Leader - H. Atkins

A. Alabaster, M. Gardner, J. Trewin

A. Alabaster, E. Tonkin, R. Jemmeson, J. Tonkin

T. Eaton / C. Waters

K. Underwood

No Adventure Sunday

D. Shields / M. Butler

J. Cooke, C. Beasy, M. Cameron, N. Underwood, J.

Booyesen, U. Willsmore

M. Beardsmore

G. Beruldsen, E. Phillips, I. Cross

R. Hawtin

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

*Season's Greetings
From All Of Us To
All Of You*

Sarah, the new young bride called her mother in tears. She sobbed, "Richard doesn't appreciate what I do for him." "Now, now," her mother comforted, "I am sure it was all just a misunderstanding." "No, mother, you don't understand. I bought a frozen turkey roll and he yelled and screamed at me about the price."

"Well, the nerve of that lousy cheapskate," said her mum. "Those turkey rolls are just a few dollars." "No, mother, it wasn't the price of the turkey. It was the aeroplane ticket." "Aeroplane ticket... What did you need an aeroplane ticket for?" "Well, mother, when I went to cook it, I looked at the directions on the package and it said, thaw from a frozen state, so I flew to Alaska."

"The hinge of history is to be found on the door of a Bethlehem stable."

J. John