

Mainstream



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Last Wednesday was an incredible day. The day started off hot. It was already over 30 degrees when I got out of bed in the morning, and the temperature just continued to climb and climb throughout the day. By mid afternoon the temperature peaked at just over 44 degrees.

The weather forecast had predicted a cool change to come through late Wednesday. Every soul living in Sunraysia waited for that change with the anticipation of some relief from the heat. But as the change approached the strong winds whipped up the top soil from dry, parched paddocks and we ended up with the thickest dust storm we have had for many years. I was driving in my car at the time and I needed to pull over because I couldn't see more than a few metres in front of my car.

But eventually the wind calmed down and the effects of the cool change were felt – and how wonderful it was to wake up early Thursday morning and feel the beautiful cool breeze.

I couldn't help but think how Wednesday was a perfect illustration to how our life can so often be. The trials and temptations of life can beat down on us unmercifully. We feel our strength begin to wane. Sometimes just as we think things are going to get better, they only get worse. But in God's perfect timing He comes through to bring his peace, comfort and assurance.

Read these words of hope from **PSALM 107**, "*There are the sailors sailing the seven seas, plying the trade routes of the world. They, too, observe the power of God in action. He calls to the storm winds; the waves rise high. Their ships are tossed to the heavens and sink again to the depths; the sailors cringe in terror. They reel and stagger like drunkards and are at their wit's end. Then they cry to the Lord in their trouble, and he saves them. He calms the storm and stills the waves. What a blessing is that stillness as he brings them safely into harbour! Oh, that these men would praise the Lord for his loving-kindness and for all of his wonderful deeds!*"

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, 17th January, 2016

10.00 am Andrew Tonkin
Worship Leader Brendan Moritz
Communion Leader Diane Morrall

Being in the Will of God

6.00 pm Andrew Tonkin
Worship Leader Samantha Armstrong

Next Week, Sunday, 24th January

10.00 am Andrew Tonkin
& **How to Co-operate with the Will of God**
6.00 pm

Dates for 2016

February 1-14	Prayer and Fasting
February 15	Prayer and Fasting Celebration
February 27	Vision Summit with Ted Keating
March 4	World Day of Prayer
March 6	Commence two morning services
March 7	Church Annual General Meeting
March 25	Good Friday
March 27	Easter Sunday
April 28	Billy Graham Evangelistic Crusades commence
May 21	Ladies' Day
June 4	Leadership Weekend with Graham Agnew

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL



Family News & Prayer



- 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
- Continue to pray for Marianne Haigh.
She was transferred to Adelaide last Tuesday, to have another knee replacement on Wednesday, 20th January. It is believed that she will also need to commence kidney dialysis in the near future.
- Belated birthday greetings to Anthony Fox who celebrated his 50th Birthday on January 5th.
- Happy 40th Birthday to Alan Hungerford for Saturday, 23rd January.

PINK FORMS

In order for the new Rosters for the rest of the year to be finalised, you will need to return the Pink Forms you received in the mail, by the end of January please. We already have the first one in. If you didn't receive one in the mail, we don't have your address and yours will be in your pigeon hole.

Words of encouragement from Billy Graham

"Do not look at us as examples of faith. Don't look at people; look at God. Meditate on who he is, what he has done for you, and what he has commanded us to do. He doesn't count your mistakes against you. He bore all your sins and made you pure and irreproachable. He sees you through the cross of Christ as his beloved and righteous children. And he gave you the great privilege as his co-workers to be a part of his great love mission to the world. Do not be casual about your commitment to the Lord. Do not let yourself be contaminated by the world. You cannot have one foot in the world and one foot in the kingdom of God. Quit straddling a fence, dragging the name of Christ down and making yourself unhappy at the same time. Beware of any distraction that keeps you from focusing on the Lord and on his calling on your life. It takes discipline to take time to study the Bible and meet the Lord. Place yourselves at God's complete disposal, without reserve. Then not only will many people be blessed by you but you yourself will also move from blessing to blessing."

Taken from "The Legacy of a Couple: Ruth & Billy Graham
by Hanspeter Nuesch

Mission Update



Place of Connection, Healing and Acceptance

In the small community of Dareton just across the mighty Murray River from Mildura, the newly opened Youth Community Centre has a prominent place in the main street, as well as in the hearts and minds of the local community.

John and Ruth Saulo, who have pioneered the ministry in Dareton, have seen how the Youth Centre has already begun to have a positive effect. "A local youth who would talk to no one, eyes down his whole life, has found a home in the drop-in centre. He's comfortable enough to come in and make a cuppa and be right at home", shares John.

Roughly half of Dareton's population is Indigenous but the drop-in centre reaches across cultures, connecting with locals from any cultural background. Many locals are associating the Drop-In Centre with the regular and popular outreaches to the old Namatjira Mission (Nama). For many years Nama had a reputation as one of the State's most troubled Aboriginal communities, but John and Ruth have seen positive change over the last eight years since they began their vital ministry work.

Their ministry and the Drop-In are focused on bringing the community together. Police and local welfare agencies are all invested in its success, as well as a strong level of direct involvement from younger Christians empowered through the youth steering committee established by John who says, 'They provide the voice of the community'. Other local churches are also supportive, especially Mildura Church of Christ and the Wentworth Dareton joint Uniting and Church of Christ parish.

God has used the Saulos to pioneer a new work and build a foundation of strong networks and integrity in the community, especially amongst the Indigenous community in the region. Our invitation to you is to join them in prayer and financial support to continue to invest in this vital ministry

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	17th	9.30 am	Prayer
Tuesday	19th	12 noon	Admin Meeting
Wednesday	20th	11.00 am	Sunraysia Prayer



JANUARY

Pushpay

Pushpay is designed to simplify everyday giving for anyone with a computer or Smartphone. Load your banking information, debit or credit card once, and make payments with security and ease!

From your computer log on to <https://pushpay.com> or from your Smartphone search "Pushpay" in the App Store and download the app for free.

You will be walked through steps that will download your bank or card information and you will also choose a 4 digit security code. After registering you can give online quickly and easily. You simply choose Mildura Church of Christ and our profile will come up. You first enter the amount to give, choose the reference, decide on recurring gifts, enter your emailing address, then press Give and enter your password or code...and you're done.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, March, 7th at 7.30 pm

We invite all Deacons, Group Leaders and Bible Study Leaders to contribute to the AGM Booklet which will be brought out mid -February. Please write a report on your group's activities in 2015 and send it to the Church Office by the end of January.

There are still some out-standing Membership Forms. Please collect one from the foyer table or your pigeon hole or return the one you took home last year.

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.

There are many items in those holes at present: Christmas cards, rosters, Peanut Pal notes, etc. Please take home your mail today.

NEXT WEEK, 24th January, 2016

10.00 am

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

A. Tonkin
M. Waters
W. Whitehead
A. Alabaster, M. Cameron, K. Hawtin
A. Alabaster, C. Beasy, J. Waters, I. Fabich, A. Thorne
I-B. Beasy / B. Moritz
A. Munro
No Adventure Sunday
D. Shields / E. Phillips
J. Bradford, G. Diggle, P. Duscher, I. Cross, J. Wiffen,
M. King, J. Cooke, J. Renfree, U. Willsmore

Crèche

Cuppa

Communion Prep.

Cleaning / Grounds

C. Waters & A. Beasy
K. Underwood, B. Eaton, P. Castleman

6.00 pm

Worship Leader

Singers

Band

Projector/Sound

Officer on Duty

Reception

A. Tonkin
B. Moritz Prayer A. Tonkin
M. Gardner, DE .Gray
B. Janetzki, E. Tonkin, A. Thorne, B. Moritz, I. Stewart
A. Beasy / P. Norris
A. Munro
C. Waters

In the musical Fiddler on the Roof, Tevye, a man devoted to tradition, finds his thinking challenged when his oldest daughter wants to marry for love, instead of having her marriage arranged by her parents. It had never occurred to him that one would marry for love, and one night he cannot help but asks his own wife the question (in song, of course!): "Do you love me?"

Tevye: Golde, do you love me?

Golde: Do I what?

Tevye: Do you love me?

Golde: You're a fool!

Tevye: I know! But do you love me?

Golde: Do I love him? For twenty-five years I've cooked for him, cleaned for him, starved with him. Twenty-five years my bed is his. If that's not love—what is?

"Nobody has the right to make you feel bad without your permission."

Eleanor Roosevelt