

NEXT WEEK, 6th March 2016

<u>9.00 am</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	B. Kiley
Communion Leader	B. Eaton
Singers	A. Beasy, A. Kiley,
Band	C. Beasy, B. Kiley, B. Moritz, C. Waters,
Projector/Sound	I-B. Beasy / G. Stewart
Officer on Duty	R. Hawtin
Children's Church	T.B.A.
Welcome/Reception	J. Kelly / D. Cox
Helpers 9.00 am	Volunteer, M. Cox, W. Duke, M. Straub, M. King (Reader)
Crèche	J. Kelly
Cuppa	G. Booker, I. Cross, Z. Stewart
Communion Prep.	A. & B. Munro
Cleaning / Grounds	P. Leng, R. Hawtin, N. Bell / W. Duke, R. Barthelson
Library	J. Cooke, L. Potter
<u>10.30 am</u>	
Singers	A. Beasy, R. Jackson, A. Kiley
Band	C. Beasy, B. Kiley, E. Tonkin, B. Mortiz, C. Waters
Welcome / Reception	M. Butler / N. Dean
Helpers	J. Bradford, H. Atkins, M. King, U. Willsmore, R. Poole,
	C. Meade (Reader), G. Diggle, P. Leng
Crèche	M. Cox, L-M. Cox
Cuppa	J. Barthelson, R. Barthelson, E. Phillips
Communion Prep	R. Jackson
Cleaning / Grounds	P. Leng, R. Hawtin, N. Bell / W. Duke, R. Barthelson
Library	J. Cooke
<u>6.00 pm</u>	
Worship Leader	I. Fabich Prayer - R. Jackson
Singers	J. Gardner, A. Gray, D. Gray
Band	S. Hutcheon, I. Fabich, R. Jemmeson, J. Tonkin
Projector/Sound	T. McGinty / P. Norris
Officer on Duty	R. Hawtin
Reception	A. Gray

Some years ago, a former American astronaut took over as head of a major airline, determined to make the airline's service the best in the industry.

One day, as the new president walked through a particular department, he saw an employee resting his feet on a desk while the telephone on the desk rang incessantly. "Aren't you going to answer that phone?" the boss demanded.

"This isn't my department," answered the employee nonchalantly, apparently not recognising his new boss. "I work in maintenance."

"Not any more you don't!" snapped the president.

*'We are all here for a spell;
get all the good laughs you
can.'*

Will Rogers



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During the week I went to the car wash to give my car a really good wash. After spending a few dollars and putting in a bit of muscle my car looked really good. It was nice and clean and shiny. But less than two hours later a very light shower came over and my car ended up with dusty spots all over it. I was so annoyed that I had gone to the cost and effort to get my car looking so nice and clean only for some light rain to mess it all up again.

How often does this describe our life? We make big efforts to battle against temptation, we repent of our sin and we pray for God's strength to remain faithful and strong. But just when things look really good we slip up, make a poor choice and everything is all messed up again.

The Apostle Paul put it like this in **ROMANS 7: 18-19**, "*I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.*"

It can be very easy to beat ourselves up for the times we give in to sin. We may even feel as if we have been defeated and wonder how God could ever continue loving such a terrible 'sinner'.

But Paul goes on to say in **ROMANS 7: 24-25**, "*What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!*"

While we should never seek to justify or condone our sin or make excuses for it, we do need to get things into the proper perspective. The fact is, in this life we will daily face temptations and if you are human there will be times when we all give in to those temptations. But we have not been defeated, because the victory over sin has nothing to do with our own efforts toward holiness. Our victory comes through Jesus and all he achieved through the cross. Jesus bore our sin and gave to us a cloak of righteousness. Not because we deserve it, but because our God is so rich in love, mercy and grace. And that love, mercy and grace has been extended to YOU!

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, 28th February, 2016

10.00 am Andrew Tonkin
Worship Leader Joshua Cole
Communion Leader David Ling

THE CHURCH

Unless the Lord Builds the House

Reading Matthew 16: 13-18; Psalm 127: 1,2

6.00 pm Ted Keating
Worship Leader Brendan Moritz

Next Week, Sunday, 6th March Commencement of Two Services

9.00 am 10.30 am Andrew Tonkin
& **THE CHURCH**
6.00 pm **Unless the Lord Builds the House**

Matthew 16: 13-18

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

PRAYER WEEK This Week

Sunday	28th	9.30 am	Prayer
Monday	29th	7.30 pm	Board Meeting
Tuesday	1st	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Thursday	3rd	12.30 pm	C.W.F.
		1-2 pm	Sunraysia Prayer
Friday	4th	10.00 am	World Day of Prayer
		7.00 pm	Youth Groups
Sunday	6th	9.00 am	Two Services
Monday	7th	7.30 pm	A.G.M.



FEBRUARY!
MARCH



**Sunraysia Prayer
Come Together—Billy Graham**

Thursday 3rd March
1.00—2.00 pm

**Adventure Club
Cooking Roster**

March 1st

Zena Stewart
& Red Team

**Christian Women's Fellowship
3rd March**

We are meeting at the church at 12.30 pm for an informal afternoon. Bring some finger food for lunch.

Devotions: Philippians 4; 10-20

Merryn Cox—"Content"

(Overcoming the "if only" Syndrome.)

Hostesses: Anne Beaufort, Marj Teague & Kaye Underwood

Good News Library

The Church Library will be open between the two morning services and straight after the second service. The Library will not be open in the evening, so no borrowings can occur at this time for now.

Friday, 4th March

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

10.00 am

St Margaret's Anglican Church

ALL WELCOME

CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 7th March
7.30 pm

One Notice of Motion has been received from the Elders:

Re-Appointment of Associate Minister

"That the Church extends Joshua Cole's appointment as Associate Minister for another 2 years."

Dates for 2016

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 2	Hall & Lane Sale
April 28	Billy Graham Evangelistic Crusades commence
May 21	Ladies' Day
June 4	Leadership Weekend with Graham Agnew

Our sermons are now available on the Internet. Find them at:
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

History Trivia

The Bible's system of chapters was introduced in 1238 by Cardinal Hugo de S. Caro, while the verse notations were added in 1551 by Robertus Stephanus, after the advent of printing.

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

CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 7th March
7.30 pm

Voting commences today for Church Leaders Profiles

Jon Armstrong

Has been our Connect Group Deacon for two years. A past Mission/Outreach Deacon. Married to Samantha. Works as a field geologist with Bmax. He is a Sound room operator. Re-nominated as Deacon for Connect Groups (Small Groups).



Samantha Armstrong

Has been our Children's Ministry Deacon for four years. Married to Jon, she is known for her singing and worship leading. Works as a Laboratory Technician with Lindeman's Karadoc Winery. Due to have her first child this year. Re-nominated for Children's Ministry Deacon.

Larry O'Connor

I have been attending Mildura church of Christ with Rachel, Janaya and Amelia for 4-5 years. I am a qualified Accountant and have recently finished a 21-year stint with La Trobe University's business school where I taught Accounting and Finance. I have also been a Board member and Treasurer at Mallee Family Care Inc. for the last 4 years.

My wife and I have one over-arching goal in life—to honour the Lord and to fulfil the call He has on our lives.



Auralie Munro

Has been the Church Secretary for many years. Works in the Church Office as Mainstream typist and editor. Is also Secretary to the Elders. Married to Brian, has 3 adult children and 5 grand-children. Re-nominated as Church Secretary.



Family News & Prayer



- Continue to pray for Marianne Haigh, Peter Midgley, Bill King and Samantha Armstrong
- Happy Birthday to Danni Gray who celebrates her 30th Birthday on Sunday, 6th March

INVITATION

To attend the wedding of
Jody Dermody and Matthew Cameron
Saturday, March 5th at 2.00 pm
Afternoon Tea to follow.



PRAYER WEEK

*"All God asks is that when we pray that we believe Him,
and that His promises in His word are true."*



The first week of each month is a time when we particularly encourage our church family in prayer.
The church will be open throughout the week between 7 and 9 am and during office hours on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.
Come and join with others or simply spend some time in quiet prayer.

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek him."

Words of encouragement from Billy Graham

"Many years ago, a man in England on his way to the gallows was bring warned by the Anglican chaplain of the 'wrath to come' unless he repented. He turned to the chaplain and said, 'If I believed the way you believe, I would crawl across England on broken glass to warn people.'
My fellow evangelists and missionaries, if men are lost, as Jesus clearly taught they are, then we have no greater priority than to lift up the saving Christ to them."

"The motto I have taken for my life is 'to evangelize the world in this generation, that every person might hear the Gospel once before the others have heard it twice.'"

Mission Update



Fiji Emergency Appeal

As Global Mission Partners supporters would know, Cyclone Winston wreaked devastation upon the island nation of Fiji on Saturday, 20th February. While the capital Suva, escaped the worst, grave fears are held for people and infrastructure in the outlying areas. A state of national disaster has been declared which will stay in place for one month.

In response to this destruction, what is it that we can do?

We can pray and we can put those prayers into practice through giving. GMP has been in partnership in Fiji for over 20 years. We have strong partnerships with five church settings in Fiji. We will also support families from those church communities whose lives and livelihoods have been severely disrupted.

Thank you for your many prayers, and the expressions of care and concern for the people of Fiji. We also thank you for your generous contribution. Together, we can make a life changing difference.

You can donate by giving in an envelope marked Fiji Emergency, when a cheque from the church will be sent in two weeks. If you wish a tax deduction, then fill out one of the forms on the Mission Notice Board and include this with your donation.



FUEL YOUTH

Friday night 7.00—9.00 pm
4th March

XLR8

Mocktail Night

We make up some great concoctions!

IGNITION

Water Games

Bring your towels!

