

NEXT WEEK, 13th March 2016

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| <u>9.00 am</u> | A. Tonkin |
| Worship Leader | I. Fabich |
| Communion Leader | M. Waters |
| Singers | A. Beasy, K. Hawtin, R. Turlan |
| Band | C. Waters, R. Fox, I. Fabich, M. Gardner, J. Tonkin |
| Projector/Sound | C. Waters / B. Moritz |
| Officer on Duty | A. Munro |
| Children's Church | TBA |
| Welcome/Reception | R. Hawtin, M. King |
| Helpers | C. Armstrong, C. Beasy, G. Booker, M. King, I. Cross (Rd) |
| Crèche | Parent to Supervise |
| Cuppa | P. Castleman, Z. Stewart, B. Eaton |
| Communion Prep. | C. Waters |
| Library | C. Armstrong, M. Cox |
| <u>10.30 am</u> | |
| Welcome / Reception | D. Shields / J. Cooke |
| Helpers | G. Beruldsen, J. Bradford, G. Diggle, P. Duscher, J. Wiffen, J. McLoughlin, C. Staley (reader), H. Atkins, M. King |
| Crèche | R. O'Connor, H. Nicholson |
| Cuppa | K. Underwood, J. Purcell, U. Willsmore |
| Communion Prep | C. Waters |
| Cleaning / Grounds | A. Munro, B. Munro, D. Nelson / B. Eaton, I. Cross |
| Library | C. Armstrong |
| <u>6.00 pm</u> | |
| Worship Leader | B. Kiley |
| Singers | N. Moritz, D. Gray, S. Hutcheon |
| Band | B. Kiley, B. Moritz, I. Stewart |
| Projector/Sound | A. Beasy / G. Stewart |
| Reception | G. Muller |

In Jerusalem a journalist heard about a very old Jewish man who had been going to the Western Wall to pray, twice a day, every day, for a long, long time. She went to the Western Wall and watched him pray. When he turned to leave, she approached him for an interview.

"Sir, how long have you been coming to the Western Wall to pray?"

"For about sixty years."

"Sixty years! That's amazing! What do you pray for?"

"I pray for all the hatred to stop and I pray for all our children to grow up in safety and friendship."

"How do you feel after doing this for sixty years?"

"Like I'm talking to a brick wall."

*Lord, walk beside me with
your arm on my shoulder and
your hand on my mouth!*



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6th March, 2016

"May I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." GALATIANS 6: 14 (NLT)

The cross. It is such a pretty and decorative thing. Many people love to wear a gold cross around their neck from a chain or have a pair dangle from their ears.

The cross. It is such a cool thing. Many people tattoo their bodies with an array of different designs. Some are simple but bold designs. Others are entwined with red roses. Some are full crucifixes, permanently inked on some dude's muscular bicep.

And what do most of these people think about when they see their cross of gold or the one inked upon their body? Do they ever think about the real message of the cross? Do they ever think of the one who hung upon a cross on Calvary, bleeding and dying for the sins of the world? Do they see their cross and think of the Saviour who died for them?

The cross is not a fashion statement; it is an emblem of suffering and shame. The cross is not 'cool'; it is where heaven's dearest and best was slain for the sins of the world. The cross is not precious because of how much it cost to purchase in a jewelry store; it is precious because the Lamb of God left his glory above to purchase me with his blood shed upon that old rugged cross.

The cross is the pivotal point in all of human history. Don't ever lose sight of the beauty of the cross, nor the ugliness of the cross. Don't lose sight of the glory of the cross, nor the shame of the cross. Don't ever lose sight of the cross where Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify you and me.

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, 6th March 2016

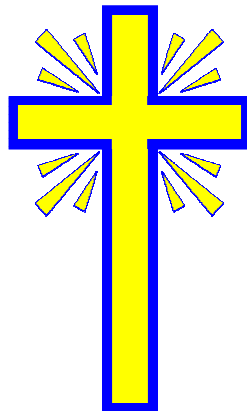
9.00 am & 10.30 am Andrew Tonkin
Worship Leader Brendan Kiley
Communion Leader Bruce Eaton

Reading 1 Corinthians 1: 17-24

6.00 pm Andrew Tonkin
Worship Leader Isaac Fabich
Café Tonight

Next Week, Sunday, 13th March

9.00 am 10.30 am Andrew Tonkin
& **THE CROSS**
6.00 pm



1 Corinthians 1: 17-24

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the gospel—not with words of human wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;

The intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

This Week

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| Sunday | 6th | 9.30 am | Prayer |
| Monday | 7th | 7.30 pm | A.G.M. |
| Tuesday | 8th | 5.30 pm | Adventure Club Kaye & Noel & Blue Team |
| Wednesday | 9th | 7.30 pm | Sunraysia Prayer |
| Friday | 11th | 7.00 pm | Youth Groups |



MARCH



Sunraysia Prayer
Come Together—Billy Graham

Wednesday 9th March
7.30—8.30 pm

Wimmera Easter Convention
March 25th—28th

Warracknabeal Uniting Church
Speakers: Tom Kimber & Ben Dainton
More information on the Notice Board

Saturday, 19th March
7.30 pm start

GAME ON!

A time for young and old to come together for a night of games and great entertainment.
A night to also bring along your non-church friends.

Free, but bring a plate of supper to share.

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

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| March 7 | Church Annual General Meeting |
| March 19 | Game on! |
| 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

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.

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 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 & Bethany Armstrong
- Barbara Cockram would like a ride to church each Sunday morning please.
1/127 Walnut Avenue. Phone: 0417 028660 if you can help.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND
8 am—2 pm

LANE SALE

**Start cleaning out your rooms,
cupboards & garages**

Save the date as we need your help on
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
Please don't deliver to the church until Thursday, 31st March.

Words of encouragement from Billy Graham

1. Pray often, several times a day.
2. Study the Word of god and memorise key verses.
3. Trust the Lord always.

"As I was praying day and night, night and day, quietly God was saying
'Let there be light - My way'".

Mission Update



Answered Prayer

Thank you for praying for Christians in Bursa in north-west Turkey, where officials had ordered the last remaining church-goers to vacate their premises by 29th February.

Release International reports that the city authorities have rescinded that order. Protestant, Orthodox and other congregations share the historic 'French Church' dating back to the 188s—the only recognised place of Christian worship in Bursa.

CHINA: House church Suffers Intense Persecution

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in China where a prominent house church is experiencing intense persecution. Several leaders of a church in south-west China are currently detained and have been beaten, and church services banned. No more than twenty people are allowed to attend prayer groups.

Pastor Yang, who has significant health problems was detained in December and formally charged with 'divulging state secrets'.

Please pray that all charges will be dropped against Huoshi church members; that God will meet the financial needs of church staff and the church itself; that the congregation will not be forced to disband even though many members are dispersed among other churches.



FUEL YOUTH

Friday night 7.00—9.00 pm
11th March

XLR8

Pool Night

Meet and pick up at the church. \$5

IGNITION

Games

Mansell Reserve \$3

