

### Next Week, Sunday 28th August

<u>9.00 am &amp; 10.30 am</u>	Joshua Cole
Worship Leader	R. Jackson
Singers	D. Ferrett, J. Trewin, S. Bekker
Band	K. Qin, A. Tonkin, R. Jemmeson, J. Tonkin
Projector/Sound	T. Eaton / C. Waters
Officer on Duty	A. Munro
<u>9.00 am only</u>	
Communion Leader	R. Hawtin
Welcome / Reception	J. & P. Kelly / R. Hawtin
Helpers	M. Straub, M. Cox, I. Cross, W. Duke
Morning Tea	B. Eaton, S. Clarke
Communion Prep	C. Waters
<u>10.30 am only</u>	
Communion Leader	J. Armstrong
Children's Church	M. Gardner, L-M. Cox, I. Beasy
Welcome / Reception	J. Bradford, L. Thomas / N. Dean
Helpers	H. Atkins, volunteer, C. Beasy, W. Whitehead, G. Diggle
Crèche	K. Kiley, E. Gibbs
Morning Tea	J. Barthelson, R. Barthelson, F. Castle
Communion Prep	Auralie Munro
Library	M. King, D. Morrall
<u>Saturday</u>	
Cleaning	J. & E. Cole
Grounds	
<u>6.00 pm</u>	
Worship Leader	TBA
Singers	A. Gray, A. Beasy, L. Kurtz
Band	B. Janetzki, G. Stewart, M. Fabich, M. Gardner, J. Tonkin
Lights/Project/Sound	C. Tonkin / T. Eaton
Officer on Duty	A. Munro
Welcomer / Reception	E. Cole / A. Gray
Communion Prep	A. Munro
Café	Pastoral Care—N. Moritz, H. Roberson, B. Summers

The elderly priest, speaking to the younger priest said, "It was a good idea to replace the first four pews with plush theatre seats. It worked. The front of the church fills first." The young priest nodded and the old one continued. "And you told me a little more beat to the music would bring young people back to church, so I supported you when you brought in that rick 'n' roll gospel choir. We are packed to the balcony."

"Thank you, Father", answered the young priest, "I am pleased you are open to the new ideas of youth." "However," said the elderly priest, "I'm afraid you've gone too far with the drive-thru Confessional." "But Father", protested the young priest, "My confessions have nearly doubled since I began that!" "I know son", replied the old man, "But that flashing neon sign, 'Toot 'n Tell or Go to Hell', is just not staying on the church roof."

**"Heaven: where questions and answers become one."**  
Elie Wiesel



# Mainstream

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**21st August, 2016**

## **HEBREWS 12: 1-3**

Olympic athletes train for years with a strict diet and exercise regime. Discipline is critical if they hope to win, so they throw off negative habits or attitudes that might hinder their success. These include eating unhealthy foods, staying up too late at night, becoming overly self-confident and engaging in negative self-talk.

We may not be professional athletes, but we're in a race nonetheless. Ours is of a spiritual nature. We begin when we place our saving faith in Jesus Christ, and we press on until we cross the finish line and meet Him face-to-face. In the interim, we fix our eyes on the author and perfecter of our faith. We obey His Word because we believe it is truth and we want to demonstrate our love for Him by doing what He says.

We also do as athletes do—we throw off anything that hinders us from running our race to win. This includes hindrances such as the fear of inadequacy or of an unknown future, comparison, procrastination, prayerlessness, believing the enemy's lies that cause us to doubt God and listening to others' negative voices.

This also includes sins that entangle—unforgiveness, unresolved anger, selfishness, lust, idolatry and pride. These and others weigh us down and prevent us from running well, so shedding them is a must.

Scripture says a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith surrounds us. They cheer us on as we run. Let's run strong. Let's run for the prize and finish well.

(Adapted from Signposts.com)

**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, 21st August, 2016**

9.00 am & 10.30 am Andrew Tonkin  
**THE GAMES**

Worship Leader Michael Waters  
Communion Leader Michael Waters / Joshua Cole

6.00 pm Andrew Tonkin  
**THE GAMES**

Worship Leader Brendan Kiley

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& **THE GAMES**  
6.00 pm Café Tonight

**Matthew 23: 1-12**

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: "The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. So you must obey them and do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy loads and put them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

Everything they do is done for men to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; they love the place of honour at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; they love to be greeted in the market-places and to have men call them 'Rabbi'.

But you are not to be called 'Rabbi', for you have only one Master and you are all brothers. And do not call anyone on earth 'father', for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor are you to be called 'teacher', for you have one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

# Loving God - Loving People

**GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL**

**This Week**

Sunday	21st	7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	22nd	11.00 am	Craft Group
Tuesday	23rd	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Thursday	25th	12 noon	Meet And Eat
Friday	26th	10.30 am	Admin. Meeting
		7.00 pm	Youth Groups
Saturday	27th	6.30 pm	F.A.F.F.S.



# AUGUST

**PRAYER TIMES**

Prayer times are 15 minutes before each service in the Cameron Room.  
8.45 am, 10.15 am & 5.45 pm.

**Meet And Eat**

Meet at Jenny's in the Mall at 12 noon Thursday for lunch and a time of fellowship. All welcome.

**C.W.F.**

**Thursday, 1st September**

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our planned visit to Andrew's gardens this month. Fortunately, we have had an offer to go to High Tea at the home of one of our ladies. Meet at the church at 1.15 pm and we can all go together on our visit.

Devotions: 1 Samuel 25:1-42  
"Resourceful"

Hostesses: Patricia Castleman & Carole Staley.  
Please bring a chair.

**F.A.F.F.S.**

**Family And Friends,  
Fifties—Sixties**

Saturday, August 27th  
6.30 pm

A Meal with the Cookes

Casseroles and desserts to share.  
RSVP to Janette please

**HALL'S GAP WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Friday, 7th—Sunday, 9th October

"Expressing Your God Given Gifts"

Registration Forms and more information can be found on the notice board.  
Registrations close 16th September  
Full camp = \$180



## Family News & Prayer



- Continue to pray for Marianne Haigh, Florrie Hawtin, Gwenyth Curtis, and Ruth Jackson.
- Frank McCormick has again given us a generous donation of \$100 from his stamps for charity project. Thank you to all who have donated their used stamps to Frank via the church office.

### **SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS BOXES**



The boxes are now available to purchase for 50c to start filling for children for Christmas. Brochures are now available too. If you find you can't manage to fill a box this year, why not donate money for someone else to fill one or pay for someone's postage for their box.

Lots of ways to be involved.

There will be a carton for people to place items for a box if you would like to contribute that way.

Boxes need to be returned by September, 25th.

Please see Robyn for further information.

### **GENERAL ACCOUNT**

**DIRECT DEPOSITS- Mildura Church of Christ**

BSB number 703-810 Account Number 05300208

### **EXTEND ACCOUNT**

**DIRECT DEPOSITS - Mildura Church of Christ**

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### **GOOD NEWS LIBRARY**

New DVDs in the library. Movies as well as speakers from various conferences. Come check out the variety of resources in the library that can help to grow your faith and love for God.

There will also be a table with items we don't need in the library. A gold coin donation will give you some great resources to take home.

# **F.U.E.L. Youth**

**7.00—9.00 pm**  
**Friday, 26th August**

## **IGNITION**

## **XLR8**

## **Giant Board Games**

You be the 'piece' in this giant board game.

## **Italian Night**

Come along for a great Italian themed night.

All cost \$3

### **DARETON SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Josh is now looking for volunteers to help at the Dareton school Holiday Program.

Tuesday, September 27th—Friday, September 30th

9.00 am—2.00 pm.

Help is needed with

Kitchen, Kids, Set up, Pack up or Donations.

## *Mission Update*



### **GMP Global Mission Partners** **Introducing Abbie and Bek**

We would like to introduce our newest ambassadors from Adelaide: Abbie Alabaster and Bek Haynes!

Last month the girls jumped right in and began promoting embody Safe Water September as ambassadors at the State Youth Games in S.A.

"Over the June long weekend we went to the S.A. SYG where we gave a short talk at the night rally and played the new Safe Water Sept. promotional video. During community times we had a small stall with a sign-up station with brochures, stickers, tattoos and a laptop to provide people opportunity to sign up on the spot. Additionally, we were also there to answer any questions that campers had to assist with sign-ups. Many people received the opportunity to donate or sign-p!"