

### Next Week, Sunday 18th September

<u>9.00 am &amp; 10.30 am</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	R. Jackson
Singers	M. Cox, D. Ferrett, N. Moritz
Band	K. Stewart, R. Fox, M. Waters, E. Tonkin, I. Fabich, B. Moritz
Projector/Sound	C. Waters / K. Hawtin
Officer on Duty	W. Whitehead
<u>9.00 am only</u>	
Communion Leader	J. Armstrong
Welcome / Reception	A. Munro, R. Witcombe / D. Cox
Helpers	I. Cross, volunteer, C. Meade, M. Straub
Morning Tea	S. Clarke, volunteer
Communion Prep	G. & L. Dunkley
<u>10.30 am only</u>	
Communion Leader	B. Eaton
Children's Church	No Adventure Sunday
Welcome / Reception	D. Homfray, L. Homfray / J. Renfree
Helpers	E. Wagstaff? P. Duscher, J. Wiffen, U. Willsmore, P. Leng
Crèche	A. Beasy, K. Kiley
Morning Tea	J. Bradford, B. Witcombe, R. Witcombe
Communion Prep	C. Waters
Library	J. Cooke, L. Potter
<u>Saturday</u>	
Cleaning	P. Leng, R. Hawtin
Grounds	R. Witcombe, M. Waters
<u>6.00 pm</u>	
Worship Leader	B. Moritz
Singers	N. Moritz, A. Gray, S. Hutcheon
Band	B. Janetzki, E. Tonkin, B. Moritz, J. Tonkin
Lights/Project/Sound	T. McGinty / P. Norris
Officer on Duty	W. Whitehead
Welcomer / Reception	D. Nelson / A. Gray
Communion Prep	W. Whitehead

A priest, on hearing the children's confession, was puzzled to find, child after child, after the confession of more familiar sins, confessing to 'throwing peanuts in the river'.

He wondered whether they were repenting of wasting food, or of river pollution, and then decided to press for more information when the last and smallest child came in.

The smallest penitent, however, failed to confess this. "Yes," said the priest, "Is that all—isn't there something you have forgotten? What about throwing peanuts in the river?"

"But, Father," said a bewildered voice, "I am Peanuts!"

**Realize that if you have the time to whine and complain about something, then you have the time to do something about it.**



# Mainstream

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**11th September, 2016**

Do you want to be blessed by God? I am sure we all do. In fact, I don't know of anyone who doesn't want to live in God's blessing. But how do I position myself in order to receive God's blessing? Begin by reading and studying the following verses of Scripture...

#### **DEUTERONOMY 28: 1-14.**

This passage simply tells us to obey God. The passage goes on to list many different ways that God will bless us, in health, in our family, in our finances, in business and more, if we make the choice to fully obey Him.

#### **JOHN 13: 3-17.**

This is the passage where Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Jesus then tells his disciples that he has set an example for them to follow, and if they follow that example they will be blessed. In other words, if we commit ourselves to humbly serve others, we will be blessed.

#### **REVELATION 1: 1-3.**

Revelation can seem to be an impenetrable book. It is fully of unusual and sometimes quite scary imagery. Much of it is difficult to understand, so many Christians choose to avoid it altogether. But the promise in the early verses of Revelation tells us that we will be blessed if we read the words of that prophecy. So perhaps it is time to get a good study resource and make the time to read and study Revelation. Because if you do, you will be blessed.

#### **EXODUS 20: 12, EPHESIANS 6: 1-3.**

This is a really special one for all the young people in the Church. The Lord promises that those who honour, respect and obey their parents will receive a very special blessing. As a teenager, my main motivation for obeying my parents was to avoid getting a belting from my Father. I think a far greater motivation is to know that God is watching and He richly blesses those children who honour his or her parents.

#### **LUKE 6: 38.**

When the offering bowl is passed around each week you are presented with an opportunity to receive – not just give. But the two are intrinsically linked. The blessing God promises is entirely dependent on the attitude and heart in which we give. If selfishness causes us to hold back, then the blessing is held back from us. But when we give generously, the Lord's blessing in our life flows liberally.

Be blessed!

**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, 11th September, 2016**

9.00 am & 10.30 am    Brendan Moritz  
**THE BLIND MAN HEARD**

Worship Leader    Joshua Cole  
Communion Leader    Robyn Hawtin

6.00 pm    Brendan Moritz  
**THE BLIND MAN HEARD**

Worship Leader    Brendan Kiley  
Café Tonight

**Next Week, Sunday, 18th September**

9.00 am & 10.30 am    Andrew Tonkin  
&    **PROOF OF LOVE**

**Luke 18: 35-43**

As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."

He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?"

"Lord, I want to see," he replied.

Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

# Loving God - Loving People

**GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL**

***This Week***

Sunday	11th	7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	12th	7.30 pm	Craft Group
		7.00 pm	Youth & Children's Ministry
Tuesday	13th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club Movie Night
Friday	16th	10.30 am	Admin Meeting
		7.00 pm	Encounter Rally
Saturday	17th	10.00 am	Encounter Rally
		2.00 pm	Share Group



# SEPTEMBER

**PRAYER TIMES**

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

**SHARE GROUP**

**Saturday, 17th September**

***A Cruise on The Wentworth***

Leaving the Wentworth Wharf  
At 2.00 pm

The cost of \$25 includes afternoon tea.

Please put your name on the list as  
there is a minimum number for the  
booking to go ahead.

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

**Family And Friends,  
Fifties-Sixties**

**MOVIE NIGHT**

***"The Second  
Best Marigold Hotel"***

**Saturday, 24th September  
7.00 pm**

At the home of  
Brian and Auralie Munro

***All welcome***

There will be a Youth and Children's Ministry meeting for all leaders on Monday, September 12th at 7 pm in the Chapel. Please contact Josh if you are unable to attend—0417 554341. We will be discussing next term as well as some training time together.

Our sermons are now available on the Internet. Find them at:  
[www.milduracofc.podomatic.com](http://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  
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## A COMMENTARY ON PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd	That's Relationship!
I shall not want:	That's Supply!
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:	That's Rest!
He leadeth me beside the still waters:	That's Refreshment!
He restoreth my soul:	That's Healing!
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness:	That's Guidance!
For His name's sake:	That's purpose!
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death:	That's testing!
	That's Protection!
I will fear no evil:	That's Faithfulness!
For Thou Art with me:	That's Discipline!
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me:	That's Hope!
Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies:	That's Consecration!
Thou anointest my head with oil:	That's Abundance!
My cup runneth over:	That's Blessing!
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:	That's Security!
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord:	That's Eternity!
Forever:	

### Take a Short Walk

Susan took one look at her friend's exhausted expression and cluttered office and said, "What you need is a holiday  
Her over-worked friend asked jokingly, "Vacation? What's that?"  
"A vacation," Susan explained, "is what you take if you can no longer take what you've been taking."  
Deadlines rule our lives. We rush ahead, looking at calendars and schedules, hardly daring to breathe lest we miss our deadline. Finally, when we can no longer take what we've been taking, we stop for rest.  
In Africa, when people go on a long hike, they often stop to rest. "We must stop," they say, "and let our souls catch up."  
Resolve to give yourself a few minutes a day to let your soul catch up.  
Rest in God's Word; look out a different window.  
There is sure to be evidence of God's wonderful creation no matter where you are.  
Take a short walk; smile at a friend, a colleague, or a stranger.  
You'll be surprised at how much you can get done!

-Martha J. Beckman

### 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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### 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.

Pushpay can be easily used to make donations to the church, to Extend, to Missions, to guest speakers and even to pay for your meal on Café Night.

### Offering Envelopes

Are available for you to collect from the foyer. Use these if you still like to give a monetary offering on Sunday.

### GROCERIES FOR JESUS

Our cupboard is starting to look bare again, so if you could purchase a few extra groceries this week, those who continue to come in for food will be most grateful.

### 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 and Gwenyth Curtis that they will feel God's healing hand upon them. Pray for the doctors who treat them, that they will be able to give the right treatment at the right time.
- Pray for Andrew as he travels to Berri and preaches at the Riverland Combined Churches today.

### **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.

### **MUSICIANS NEEDED**

Do you play an instrument?

Do you want to use your talent to serve God in the local church?

We are currently looking for musicians to join the music team, primarily for the morning service, but certainly not limited to it.

The main areas needed at the moment are drums, piano/keys and rhythm guitar, but we will happily consider any instrument and how it might fit into and enhance the music ministry within the church services and beyond.

We are also seeking musicians who would like to help support the Red Cliffs Church of Christ by being a part of a roster that serves them once a month.

Are you learning an instrument and not quite ready to play on stage? That's okay, let us nurture you and give you opportunities to build your skills within a band setting, at your pace.

Anyone who is interested in joining the music team, please contact Brendan Moritz or Isaac Fabich.

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

7.00 pm                      10.00 am  
Friday, 17th September—Saturday, 18th September

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**Encounter Rally**

\$30 includes all meals and activities for the two days.

For further information visit:

[Www.encountercamp.com.au](http://www.encountercamp.com.au)

### **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*



### **CUBA: churches demolished**

The first half of 2016 has seen church demolitions in Cuba gather pace as the government crackdown on freedom of religion or belief, on the island continues. The authorities have also begun to confiscate 1,400 Assemblies of God churches, according to Christian Solidarity Worldwide. One hundred of those churches are under threat of demolition. The latest report says cases include the demolition and confiscation of church buildings, the destruction of church property, detention and other forms of harassment, in particular seizure of religious leaders' personal belongings. AOG leaders and leaders from other denominations have expressed concern that the government's repression of religious groups has worsened significantly over the past year.