

Next Week, Sunday 30th April

9.00 am & 10.30 am

Worship Leader	A. Tonkin
Communion Leader	B. Moritz
Singers	D. Homfray
Band	D. Mountford, S. Bekker
Projector/Sound	S. Hando, E. Tonkin, B. Moritz, R. Fox
Officer on Duty	? / C. Waters
	R. Hawtin

9.00 am only

Welcome / Reception	A. Munro / L. Homfray
Helpers	C. Beasy, I. Cross
Morning Tea	B. Eaton, R. Bekker
Communion Prep	C. Waters

10.30 am only

Children's Church	?
Welcome / Reception	J. Bradford, C. Gunaratnam
Helpers	(R. Jackson, C. Staley), G. Diggle, D. Ferrett,
	C. Kirubakaran, M. King

Crèche	S. Israel
Morning Tea	C. Meade, F. Castle, C. Kirubakaran
Library	C. Armstrong, M. Cox

Saturday

Cleaning	P. Leng, R. Hawtin
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Grounds

6.00 pm

Worship Leader	J. Cole
Singers	M. Gardner, A. Gray, A. Gray, L. Kurtz
Band	N. Moritz, E. Tonkin, B. Moritz, J. Tonkin, K. Sinclair
Projector/Sound	R. Robertson / C. Waters
Welcome / Reception	D. Nelson / J. Kelly
Officer on Duty	R. Jackson

If you get up earlier in the morning than your competitor, and work harder and scheme more, and stick to your job more closely, and stay up later and burn the midnight oil, scheming how to get ahead of him while he's playing and sleeping, not only will you leave more money when you die, but what's more, you'll leave it sooner.

He knew just what she ought to do-
Get organised, and she'd get through
The household chores with time to spare
To meet him neat and combed of hair,
With paper and slippers in her hand,
The children silent by command.
'I'd get things organised' he said.
-Until one day, she stayed in bed.

**God gave you a gift of
86,400 seconds today.
Have you used one to
say "Thank you"?**



Mainstream

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The words of the much loved hymn state...

***O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer***

I wonder for how many of us those words are an accurate description of our life. How many of us continue to struggle through life, burdened down with a heavy load, all because we have failed to take our worries and concerns to the Lord in prayer?

We see so many incredible stories through the Gospels of lives totally changed and transformed when people went to Jesus. The blind could see, the lame could walk, the lepers were cleansed, the demon possessed delivered, the oppressed set free – all through the miracle working power of the Lord Jesus Christ. With one word, with one touch, a miracle was received – because they dared to cry out to Jesus.

What is your biggest need right now? Have you taken it to Jesus? In faith have you laid it at the cross? Have you entrusted it to the will of the Father, in the mighty name of the Lord Jesus Christ?

The Elders of our Church are always willing to pray with you for any prayer concerns you may have – big or small. We count it a privilege to partner with you in prayer, believing for your miracle. Come, together and take it to the Lord in Prayer.

MATTHEW 18: 19, "Again I tell you this: If two of you agree on earth about anything you pray for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven." (NLT)

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, 23rd April

JOHN—Taking Jesus at His Word

9.00 am & 10.30 am Andrew Tonkin
Worship Leader Ruth Jackson
Communion Leader Noel Underwood

6.00 pm Andrew Tonkin
Worship Leader Isaac Fabich

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Worship Leader Joshua Cole

John 4: 43-54

After the two days he left Galilee. (Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honour in his own country.) When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, for they also had been there.

Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death. "Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe." The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies." Jesus replied, "You may go. Your son will live." The man took Jesus at his word and departed. While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living....

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

This Week

Sunday	23rd	7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	24th	9.00 am	Mainly Music Planning
		11 am	Craft
			NO BOARD MEETING
			NO ADVENTURE CLUB
Tuesday	25th		Meet And Eat
Thursday	27th	12 noon	Youth Groups
Friday	28th	6.30 pm	FAFFS cancelled
Saturday	29th		



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

Sunday, 23rd April, after the morning service
A Picnic by the River at Jaycee Park
Bring your own lunch
Food can be bought at the canteen.
Hot water available
A chair could also be useful



CRAFT GROUP

Our Craft Group will be meeting on Monday, 24th April from 11.00 am—2.30 pm. This Monday we will be finishing off articles for the Mother's Day stalls we have organized. If you have craft items to finish off, you are welcome to bring them as well.

PLEASE NOTE: The Craft Group will be holding two stalls to celebrate Mother's Day. These will be on Sunday, April 30th and Sunday, 7th May, before and after the two morning services.

GIFTS FOR MOTHERS and a few extra ideas. Look forward to seeing you there.

Dates for Your Diary:

April 30	Hymn Singing
May 4	Upper Room Prayer Service
May 19, 20	Ladies' Lavished Conference
June 10, 11	State Youth Games

DNA Displays the Creator's Handiwork

From the furthest reaches of outer space to the deepest depths of inner space, as at the macroscopic level, the heavens declare the glory of God, as the psalmist declares. But at the microscopic level, the same glorious handiworks of a Creator are displayed in wondrous ways.

That is the conclusion of scientist and apologist Brian Johnson who believes that if more Christians understood the structure of how the different processes within the human body function, it would not only strengthen their faith but would give them a much greater sense of just how amazing God's creation really is. Mr Johnson believes the discovery of the DNA molecule produced an exceptionally strong case for Intelligent Design, as it carries genetic instructions for the growth, development, functioning and reproduction of all living organisms. He says that since the coding of information implies intelligence behind that coding, the mere existence of the DNA molecule points to God, and his processes at work processing, storing, and replicating the genetic code fundamental to all life.

'The intricate, highly complex machines inside the cell are something Darwin could not see when he developed his evolutionary theories,' Mr Johnson says.

Hymn Singing Afternoon

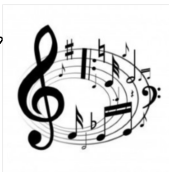
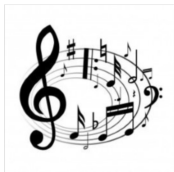
At

Mildura Church of Christ

On

Sunday, 30th April

From 2 pm



Come, and bring a friend, to enjoy an afternoon of singing some of the old Hymns, and hearing some special guest artists.

Please bring a plate of afternoon tea.

F.U.E.L. Youth

IGNITION & XLR8

Friday, 28th April

Sand Castle Kings

6.30—9.30 pm

We are having a combined Youth Night at the Sand Hills and playing a big scale game of Capture The Flag.



Mission Update

The Battle For Mosul

The battle for western Mosul, the last major stronghold of Islamic State in Iraq, is now happening. The question that should be asked in the West is not 'Can we defeat IS?' but 'Will the Middle East ever be the same again?' In particular, will cities like Mosul, where for centuries Sunni Muslims, Shi'a Muslims and Christians lived alongside each other, ever exist again? Or are we now seeing the virtual disappearance of ancient Christian communities from the Middle East along with the diversity and tolerance their existence at least demanded, if not always achieved?

When IS seized Mosul and the surrounding Nineveh Plains in summer 2014, an estimated 200,000 Christians fled. Yet many are now afraid to go back. Many of those who lived in Mosul itself fled with nothing except the clothes they were wearing. Those who stayed were later given 24 hours to either convert to Islam, leave or be executed. Christian's houses were marked with the Arabic letter 'nun' and either used by IS or auctioned off to Muslim neighbours they had lived alongside for generations.

In the rural areas, Christians face different problems. Many of the villages were predominately Christian. However, even if the security situation improves, which is uncertain, it will be far from easy for them to return. The irrigation channels they depend on will have collapsed and, as in any war zone, they cannot go back to farming until both the land and the canals have been cleared of mines. Experience from countries such as Afghanistan suggests that may take years or even decades.