

### Next Week 27th January

<u>10.00 am</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	D. Clark
Communion Leader	W. Whitehead
Children's Church	J. Kelly
Singers	D. Shields, K. Whitehead
Band	A. Davis, C. Beasy
Projector/ Sound	D. Kelly / J. Armstrong
Officer on Duty	M. Waters
Welcome/Reception	J. Ferrett / M. Butler
Helpers	G. Diggle, W. Duke, F. Duke, K. Underwood, N. Underwood, N. Davis, B. Eaton (reader), J. Renfree ?
Crèche	M. Cox
Cuppa	M. Straub, N. Bell
Communion Prep.	A. Munro
Flowers / Cleaning	M. Straub / J. Cole & W. Duke
Grounds	B. Munro & N. Underwood
<u>6.00 pm</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	S. Armstrong
Communion Leader	B. Eaton
Singers	J. Gardner, A. Alabaster
Band	N. Moritz, M. Gardner, I. Fabich, C. Waters
Projector / Sound	J. Corrie / J. Armstrong
Officer on Duty	M. Waters
Reception	D. Kelly
Helpers	Volunteers
Crèche	J. Kelly

### Conversation

Coming out of church, Mrs Peterson asked her husband, "Do you think that Johnson girl is putting a rinse through her hair?"

"I didn't even see her," Mr Peterson admitted.

"And the dress Martha Hansen was wearing," Mrs Peterson continued, "Really, don't tell me you think that's the proper outfit for a mother of two."

'I'm afraid I didn't notice that either," Mr Peterson said.

"Oh, for heaven's sake," Mrs Peterson snapped, "A lot of good it does for you to go to church.'



# Mainstream

## MILDURA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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20th January, 2013

### To Serve or not to Serve?

Through the sermon today, I hope we will all come to realise that there is no choice, we are all called to serve - each other and God. But many of us feel we have nothing to offer. We see other people with wonderful gifts that they use to bless all who they come in contact with and fail to see the gifts we have been given. We believe we have nothing to offer. But we are all part of the Body of Christ and we all have a function within the Body. God has given us all gifts, which are to be used to build each other up and to bring glory to God.

If you're not involved in any service or ministry, what excuse have you been using?

Abraham was old.  
Jacob was insecure.  
Leah was unattractive.  
Joseph was abused.  
Moses stuttered.  
Gideon was poor.  
Samson was codependent.  
Rahab was immoral.  
David had an affair and all kinds of family problems.  
Elijah was suicidal.  
Jeremiah was depressed.  
Jonah was reluctant.  
Naomi was a widow.  
John the Baptist was eccentric, to say the least.  
Peter was impulsive and hot-tempered.  
Martha worried a lot.  
The Samaritan woman had several failed marriages.  
Zacchaeus was unpopular.  
Thomas had doubts.  
Paul had poor health.  
Timothy was timid.

That is quite a variety of misfits, but God used each of them in His service. He will use you, too, if you stop making excuses.

**Diane**



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 following the morning service.

### Today, Sunday 20th January

10.00 am

Diane Morrall  
**"To Serve or not to Serve"**

Worship Leader Michael Waters  
 Communion Leader Joshua Cole  
 Reading 1 Peter 4: 7-11

6.00 pm

Barbecue Tea Service

Worship Leader Joshua Cole  
 Communion Leader Jon Armstrong

### Next Week, Sunday, 27th January

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin

&

**"Three Meals"**

6.00 pm

### **1 Peter 4: 7-11 "Living For God"**

"The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear-minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering god's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

# Loving God - Loving People

**GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL**

### *This Week*

Sunday	20th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.30 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Saturday	26th		Australia Day



# JANUARY

### **SITUATIONS VACANT**

Due to the on-going requirements of the Music Ministry at the Mildura Church of Christ, the following positions now require filling:

- **Pianist** and **Guitarist** for the morning services
- **Guitarist** for the evening services

To be considered for these positions you will need:

- To have a love for God, and a desire to serve Him through music as part of the music team
- To be devoted to the Church and her Family
- To be supportive of the church leadership team
- To be committed to personal growth in Christ
- Having the relevant instrument skills would be an advantage

NOTE: If you are keen to learn guitar, we can arrange "CHEAP" but excellent lessons.

Remuneration:

- Immediate remuneration includes:

- Making new friends
- Worshipping our Amazing God as part of an Awesome Music Team
- Leading the best congregation in Mildura in worship of our Amazing God
- And having an all-round good fun time

- Long-term remuneration includes:

- Riches and treasures in Heaven

If you believe that you have what it takes to be part of this awesome team, and you desire to serve our King through music, then don't delay! Contact Brendan or his AMAZING Worship Committee today!!

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2013**

February 2	Youth Leaders' Camp
3	Launch of Extend Program
5	Adventure Club commences
8	Youth Group commences
24	Annual General Meeting

### **DIRECT DEPOSITS- Church of Christ Mildura**

NAB - BSB number 083-764 Account Number 51591-4637





# Family News & Prayer



\* Max Wright has moved into the new Aged Care facility -  
Mildura Community Aged Care  
514 Deakin Avenue

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday, February 24th, 2013

Have you almost completed your reports for the booklet?  
For **Deacons, Leaders of Groups and Bible Studies**, will you please have your reports in to the church **this week** please.  
Thank you to those who have written their reports and sent them in already.

## **SUICIDE PREVENTION AND BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT WORKSHOP**

A two day Seminar run by Hennie Watts of the Salvation Army.  
7th & 8th February  
Free of all training charges

The Living Hope Suicide Bereavement training program will give everyday people, health and social welfare professionals, clergy, ministers, chaplains, funeral directors, emergency services personnel, teachers, grandparents, parents and school communities, the skills and confidence to provide support to people bereaved by suicide. Information on the Notice Board.

## **ADVENTURE CLUB** **Needs you!**

Do you want to be a part of the one of our Church's  
biggest ministries?  
Adventure Club is looking for new leaders and helpers  
for 2013.

This could be weekly, fortnightly or monthly.  
We need people who can help in the kitchen, help with craft,  
run small groups or simply help hang out with the kids.  
Adventure Club runs from 5.30 - 7.30 Tuesday nights.



## ***Response to the Bushfires - Report from Conference***

The recent bushfires have impacted many areas throughout Australia including some Victorian and Tasmanian communities. We are aware that this has left individuals and families in need of support. In addition to providing 'emergency funds' for churches in fire affected areas, Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania have released funds from an Emergency Relief Fund for small grants of up to \$2,000 to provide assistance through local churches and affiliated agencies. Nubeena Church of Christ is the only church on the Tasman Peninsula and they have been actively involved within their local communities and in the recovery process. Please continue to pray for them, including Neil and Linda Nisbet in ministry there, as everyday life begins to get back to normal for many people in the area but with many challenges still ahead, particularly for people in the fire affected areas where there has been significant loss of property.

## *Mission Update*

### **Miracle in the Philippines**

Rebecca Coulson, from One Community Church, Blackburn, has just spent eight months volunteering in the office of Vineyard of his Grace Ministries, International Needs Australia's partner in the Philippines. She relates one highlight of her time there that she will never forget.

She had the opportunity to accompany IN's partner doctor, Doc Jack, in the annual medical check-up for all their sponsored children. Only sponsored children were to be seen due to time and resource constraints, but one desperate mother brought her two year old baby to the doctor begging for something to help fix the huge rashes with open sores and scabs all over the legs of the child. It was heart-breaking to see, and Doc Jack asked her to come back at the end of the session.

That's when a miracle happened! During the health and nutrition discussion after the check-ups, Doc Jack suddenly recognised a tree that was growing there beside the house that had a medical leaf that was used to treat skin allergies among other things. The team collected the leaves and, under the guidance of the doctor, made a batch of medicinal cream for not only that child, but enough for all of the sponsored families. That was just the beginning of an idea for Vineyards, and this simple, 'accidental' discovery could be the start of a new medicinal program in the Philippines.