

Next Week 24th March

<u>10.00 am</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	J. Cole
Communion Leader	M. Waters
Children's Church	J. Cooke
Singers	D. Mountford, K. Tonkin
Band	M. Burrow, B. Moritz
Projector/ Sound	D. Kelly / J. Armstrong
Officer on Duty	W. Whitehead
Welcome/Reception	R. Hawtin / D. Shields
Helpers	J. Bradford, G. Diggle, D. Ferrett, J. Kelly, J. Renfree, I. Cross, M. Straub (reader), N. Dean
Crèche	R. O'Connor
Cuppa	N. Cook, B. Eaton
Communion Prep.	R. Hawtin
Flowers / Cleaning	A. Munro / R. Jackson & N. Bell
Grounds	B. Munro & G. Bell
<u>6.00 pm</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	J. Cole
Communion Leader	R. Jackson + Prayer Leader
Singers	S. Armstrong, D. Gray
Band	A. Christian, I. Fabich, B. Kiley, I. Stewart
Projector / Sound	T. Eaton / J. Armstrong
Reception	R. Hawtin
Helpers	Volunteer
Crèche	M. Whitehead

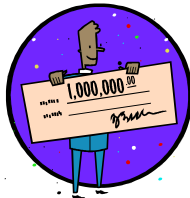
How to kill your Pastor

A minister was asked to inform an elderly man with a heart condition that he had just inherited a million dollars. Everyone was afraid the shock would cause him to have a heart attack and die.

So, the minister went to the man's house and said, "Joe, what would you do if you inherited a million dollars?"

Joe thought for a moment then replied, "Well, pastor, I think I would give half of it to the church."

And the minister fell over dead.



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17th March, 2013

O LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel, may you be praised forever and ever! Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O LORD, and this is your kingdom.

We adore you as the one who is over all things. Riches and honour come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and it is at your discretion that people are made great and given strength. O our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name!

But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you have already given us! We are here for only a moment, visitors and strangers in the land as our ancestors were before us. Our days on earth are like a shadow, gone so soon without a trace. "O LORD our God, even these materials that we have gathered to build a Temple to honour your holy name come from you! It all belongs to you!

I know, my God, that you examine our hearts and rejoice when you find integrity there. You know I have done all this with good motives, and I have watched your people offer their gifts willingly and joyously. "O LORD, the God of our ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, make your people always want to obey you. See to it that their love for you never changes.

1 Chronicles 29: 10-18 (NLT)

ANDREW



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 17th March

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin
"EXTEND - A Spirit of Faith"

Worship Leader Matthew Cameron
 Communion Leader Doug Clark
 Reading 2 Corinthians 8: 1-15

6.00 pm

Andrew Tonkin
"EXTEND - A Spirit of Faith"

Worship Leader Brendan Moritz
 Communion Leader Josh Cole

Next Week, Sunday, 24th March

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin

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Palm Sunday

6.00 pm

EXTEND Celebration Sunday

2 Corinthians 8: 1-8

And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their over-flowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. But just as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us - see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

This Week

Sunday	17th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.30 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	18th	10.15 am	Aged Care Service
		7.30 pm	WIGS
Tuesday	19th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Thursday	21st	7.30 pm	Admin. Committee
Friday	22nd	7.30 pm	Youth Groups
Saturday	23rd	2.00 pm	Share Group
		6.00 pm ?	FAFFS



MARCH

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2013

March	24	Extend Celebration
	29	Good Friday
	31	Easter Sunday
April	2-5	PlanetShakers
	10	Mystery Bus Tour
	14	Hymn Singing
	20	Lane Sale

It is so much easier sometimes to sit down and be resigned, than to rise up and be indignant.

Nellie McClung, "In Times Like These"

W.I.G.S.

Women In God's Service

Monday, 18th March

Craft Night with Noeline

Come and learn some clever craft ideas from our Craft Queen Noeline!!

Meet at the Church at 7.30 pm

All ladies welcome

SHARE GROUP

Saturday, 23rd March
 2 pm at the church

Paul Baker

A professional banjo player

Here to entertain us

Please bring afternoon tea

All welcome



FAFFS

Forties- Sixties

Saturday, 23rd March

A night at the Cinema

Supper at John and Janette Cooke's

We will know on Thursday what movie we'll be seeing

Look for an email during the week
 Ring Janette if you are not on email
 5022 2858

SATURDAY, APRIL 20th
(Please Note: Change of Date)

LANE SALE

It's on again!
Our Annual Trash and treasure
Fund-Raiser

Search your cupboards and the shed for all
those unwanted items you are storing
Put them aside for collection/donating
Books, furniture, electrical items in working
condition, tools, kitchen ware, crockery, glass-
ware, records, DVDs, linen, craft, fabric, art,
toys, plants, jewellery , ornaments
But No Televisions please!

We also need your help during the
holidays to set up, collect and price.

The Joy of Living

The people of Lulanzi, a village in the hills of Tanzania live a simple life. In this day and age of improved communication and transportation, they aren't all that remote with a dirt road leading to their village and beyond. But like many similar villages, there is no electricity or running water. Each day, the people tend their fields, collect wood for cooking, go to market, send their children to school. They know nothing about the latest equipment for farming which is standard in the rest of the world. They have not come to take for granted MRIs and ultrasounds in hospitals.

The people of Lulanzi may wonder or even dream of this different kind of life for themselves. They suffer in times of drought, or when medical problems arise, or when money is scarce for their children's schooling.

But the people of Lulanzi sing. They sing as they gather for worship and when they gather in fields and kitchens. They sing about God's grace and the beauty of God's creation. Their songs are filled with a simple joy that cannot be compared with anything money can buy.

The lives of the people of Lulanzi are so uncomplicated compared to our own hectic lives. This puts our lives into perspective. It's not about happiness or fulfilment. It's about living in the joy of God-given life. Perhaps we can hear Jesus' words about not worrying if we switch our focus to living each day as it comes, just as the birds and flowers do; just as the people of Lulanzi do. Remember Jesus' encouragement:

"Your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Matthew 6: 32-33

PLEDGES

Today is Extend Program Commitment Sunday when we receive all your final pledges. Your leaders last week pledged \$267,000 for the building works of our new extension. What an inspiration for you to follow!

Next week, Palm Sunday, is also Celebration Sunday when our total pledges from everyone will be announced. Any out-standing pledges will be received at the office on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday of this week.

We have opened up a new Bank Account specifically for donations to the Extend Program for your convenience to Direct Deposit.

Mildura Church of Christ

NAB - BSB number 083764 Account Number 15423 4854

DIRECT DEPOSITS- Church of Christ Mildura

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



Family News & Prayer



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Continue in prayer for Matthew Eaton, Claire Foster and Edith Giddings as they recover from surgery.

THANK YOU

What a great Celebration Dinner we had two weeks ago. Thank you so much to all who were involved in the planning, preparation, furniture shifting, decorating, performing, clearing away and cleaning up. It was great to see the chapel cleared away and cleaned, and set up for morning service so quickly. A big thank you to everyone who was able to assist in any way.

2013 Roadtrip to the Senate **Vickie Janson** **Australian Christians**

Last chance to hear Vickie give her testimony tonight at 6 pm at Red Cliffs Christian Fellowship, 25 Indi Avenue Red Cliffs. She will be advocating honesty, integrity and policies that protect the institutions of faith, family and freedom

Lord, let the thick skin that covers me not be a hindrance to you. Pass through it. My eyes, my hands, my mouth are yours. This sad lady in front of me: here is my mouth for you to smile at her... this smug young man, so dull, so hard: here is my heart, that you may love him, more strongly than he has ever been loved before.

Madeleine Delbrol, missionary and activist

HYMNS OF PRAISE



2.30 pm
Sunday, 14th April
Wesley Church

Come along and enjoy an afternoon of singing the good old hymns along with some special musical items.

Hosted by the
Bible Society of
Sunraysia
Voluntary donation for Bibles for
Rwanda

FUEL Youth

Sunday, March 24th 4.00 - 8.00 pm

IGNITION & XLR8

Get ready for an awesome afternoon/evening. We're having some awesome activities before Church, including Sumo fights, video games, table tennis, free BBQ dinner and loads more. Then, get ready for an awesome church service to follow.

Mission Update

INPARTNERSHIP

COCOA

Thank you so much for your donation (of \$1,632.00) in support of Churches of Christ Overseas Aid. Your gift brings encouragement and makes a significant difference in making projects a reality. Such practical support enables COCOA to offer health care and medical services, Waters security and housing, education and care for vulnerable children, emergency relief and vocational training and assists people in moving from dependence to independence. Thank you for the expression of God's love and compassion through your COCOA gift.

Yours in Christ
John Gilmore
Executive Director

COCOA Gift at Ankoor, India

Soni, the cow, is a special gift from COCOA. She currently gives around 10 litres of milk a day so all the younger children have milk to drink and the excess is sold. The income is used to buy food grains and groceries; an exciting step towards being self-sustainable.

Recently, eight acres of land, adjacent to a stream, became available for sale. We rejoiced to be able to purchase this ideal acreage to help provide a more reliable water supply and further agricultural opportunities at Ankoor. This new water source, after a well is dug and water pumped to the school, will greatly improve the health of the children and reduce the cost of Waters, which we currently buy four months of the year.