

Next Week 26th May

<u>10.00 am</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	J. Cole
Communion Leader	D. Homfray Prayer A. Tonkin
Children's Church	M. Straub, S. Armstrong
Singers	K. Tonkin, M. Burrow
Band	N. Moritz, M. Gardner, B. Kiley
Projector/ Sound	D. Kelly / C. Waters
Officer on Duty	R. Jackson
Welcome/Reception	J. Cooke / J. Rosenberg
Helpers	P. Wiffen, J. Booysen, H. Atkins, I. Cross, J. Wiffen, P. Leng, M. Cox (reader), J. Renfree
Crèche	N. Bell
Cuppa	G. Beruldsen, J. Bradford
Communion Prep.	A. Munro
Flowers / Cleaning	M. Straub / R. Hawtin, P. Leng
Grounds	D. Homfray, G. Bell
<u>6.00 pm</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	N. Moritz
Communion Leader	J. Armstrong
Singers	J. Gardner, A. Gray
Band	A. Christian, J. Waters, R. Jemmeson, J. Tonkin
Projector / Sound	J. Corrie / C. Waters
Officer on Duty	R. Jackson
Reception	A. Munro
Crèche	J. Kelly

The Children's Sermon

Sister Smith invited the children to come forward around the altar for an object lesson using squirrels as an example of industry and planning ahead. She requested that the boys and girls raise their hands when they knew what she was describing.

"This thing lives in trees (pause) and eats nuts (pause)." No hands went up. "It is grey (pause) and has a long bushy tail (pause)."

The children looked at each other, but no hands were raised.

"And it jumps from branch to branch (pause) and chatters when it gets excited (pause)."

Finally a little boy tentatively raised his hand. Sister Smith breathed a sigh of relief and called on him. "Well," he said, "I know the answer must be Jesus, but it sure sounds like a squirrel to me."



Mainstream

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In basketball there is a defensive move that gets the whole crowd cheering. When an offensive player runs toward the basket, setting himself up for a certain goal, a defensive player may jump high and swat the ball away just as the other player attempts his shot. When done successfully the whole crowd usually leap to their feet and shout out 'REJECTED!!' The player going for the goal usually feels quite humiliated as the other team's supporters continue their jeering.

This can illustrate how many people can often feel in life – completely humiliated as those around us shout out 'Rejected!' Each and every one of us has a strong desire to be accepted. Rejection hurts. There is no worse feeling than feeling unloved, unwanted and rejected by those around us.

But perhaps the reason we often feel the sting of rejection is that we are seeking acceptance from the wrong people. If a group will only accept you if you change in a number of significant ways, then you are looking for acceptance from the wrong people. If a group accept you based on some very shallow reasons such as your looks or fashion, then you are looking for acceptance from the wrong people.

A true friend will accept you just the way you are, warts and all. And that is just the way God accepts you. God never waited for anyone to prove themselves holy and worthy of His love. Rather, while we were still completely lost in our sin, with our back turned to God, Jesus came and gave his life for us on the cross, to set us free and give us eternal life.

The world may scream at you, 'Rejected!', but God declares you are loved, you are accepted.

ANDREW

Welcome

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 19th May

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin
EMOTION DRIVEN LIFE
"Rejection"

Worship Leader
Communion Leader
Reading
6.00 pm

Denis Ferrett
Matthew Cameron
Isaiah 53: 1-9

Andrew Tonkin
EMOTION DRIVEN LIFE
"Rejection"

Worship Leader
Communion Leader

Sam Armstrong
Sandy Thomas

Next Week, Sunday, 26th May

10.00 am
&
6.00 pm

Andrew Tonkin
EMOTION DRIVEN LIFE
"Bitterness"

Isaiah 53: 3-9 "He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering, Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. he was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; ... By oppression and judgement he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth."

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

This Week

Sunday	19th	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Prayer Ray on Radio
Monday	20th	7.30 pm	WIGS
Tuesday	21st	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Thursday	23rd	12 noon	Meet And Eat
Friday	24th	7.30 pm	Youth Groups
Saturday	25th	6.00 pm	FAFFS



Adventure Club Kitchen

May 21st Bec & Red Team

Dates for your Diary

May 26th	New Comers' Lunch
May 30/June 1	Leadership Seminar
June 3	Prayer Partners Dinner
June 21/22	Children's Conference

W.I.G.S.

Women In God's Service

WIGS is on again tomorrow night, 20th May at 7.30 pm. Come along and listen to two of our ladies from South Africa, Jean and Rianna, tell of their way of life over there and how it differs from Australia. A small plate of supper please.



South Africa

Family Directory

Do we have your correct name, address, phone number, email, mobile number, etc?

Please check the directory pages on the foyer table.

If you are a new comer, this is a directory of all our attenders for anyone from the church to be able to contact you. We do not give out contact details to others.

Please fill out your details on the foyer table.

Please Note: There will be no Aged Care Service on Monday at the Homes for the Aged.

FAFFS

Family And Friends Forties - Sixties

Saturday, 25th May
Wentworth Club Meal

Meet in the foyer at 6.00 pm
for our usual night of good food and fellowship.

Please let Auralie know if you will be attending or not.

Meet And Eat is on again on
Thursday at 12 noon at Maureen's
Coffee Lounge in the mall



Family News & Prayer



- * We offer our deepest sympathy to Alys and family as they mourn the death of Doug Beasy who passed away peacefully last Sunday evening. Doug's funeral is to be held in our chapel at 2.00 pm on Monday, 20th May.

We have been asked to cater for afternoon tea, so if you are able, could everyone please bring along a plate of food. See Auralie if you are able to help in the kitchen.

The chapel and foyer will be set up on Monday morning. Could we please see as many helpers as possible come in to fetch and carry extra chairs and forms.

- * Happy Birthday to Andrea Corrie who is celebrating her 40th birthday on Tuesday, 21st May.
- * Congratulations to Nancy and Bob McAllister on their 62nd Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, 19th May.

New Comers' Lunch **Sunday, 26th May**

If you have been coming as a regular attender to this church during the past twelve months, then this lunch is for you.
Please return the cut-off slip **today** please for catering purposes.

GROCERY CUPBOARD

Our cupboard needs re-stocking please.

We are looking for: milk, coffee, cereal, cans of fruit, spaghetti, baked beans and meals in a can. Nothing exotic thank you!

Pentecost is often considered the birthday of the church. We celebrate it as the time in which the Spirit is given to the disciples and the church is born. Chapter 2 in the Book of Acts describes how it all happened. People from all around the world were gathered in Jerusalem for a festival. When they heard the sound of a big wind, many of them ran to where the disciples were gathered. Suddenly, they could hear in their own language and understand what the disciples. They all understood the disciples telling what God had done in Jesus. It was the Holy Spirit that had come upon them and made this happen.

FUEL Youth

Friday May 24th 7.30 - 9.30 pm

IGNITION & XLR8

We're having a FUEL RALLY with loud music, games, a great message and loads more.

Bring your friends!

Mission Update

Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries

- Hedland Aboriginal Church of Christ has recently celebrated seven children's dedications and a baptism. We pray protection over their walks with Jesus.
- Praying mums are meeting in Port Hedland. The power of prayer is needed in so many areas. May our faith grow as we join them in prayer.
- At Port Hedland the Drop In Centre continues to make connections with a wide range of people. Pray that through these relationships the love of God can be shown.
- Give thanks for good relationships with communities, staff and agencies, and church groups, and that Indigenous church ministry is now known and well received in the Sunraysia district.
- Thank God for the role that John and Ruth Saulo play in forming and maintaining these good relationships. Pray also for God's direction as the Saulo's term finishes in June.
- Thank God for the seven units and one house that are all occupied by indigenous families in the Sunraysia district.
- Pray for the church in Dareton as they continue to source accommodation for indigenous couples and young adults.
- John Saulo gives praise for the support given to Dareton by the Mildura Church minister and congregation and all supporting Churches of Christ - a multicultural network and support.