

Next Week 28th July

<u>10.00 am</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	M. Waters
Communion Leader	D. Clark
Children's Church	M. Straub
Singers	D. Shields, R. Fox
Band	M. Burrow, B. Moritz, B. Kiley, C. Beasy
Projector/ Sound	P. Bekker/J. Armstrong
Officer on Duty	J. Kelly
Welcome/Reception	J. Renfree / J. Booysen
Helpers	J. Cooke, M. Cox, W. Whitehead, F. Duke, P. Wiffen, J. Wiffen, D. Ferrett (reader), J. Ferrett
Crèche	R. Bekker
Cuppa	G. Beruldsen, N. Cook
Communion Prep.	R. Bekker
Flowers / Cleaning	A. Munro / R. Hawtin & P. Leng
Grounds	M. Cameron, G. Hughes
<u>6.00 pm</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	S. Armstrong
Communion Leader	L. Thomas Prayer Leader D. Morrall
Singers	M. Burrow, A. Alabaster, A. Beasy
Band	N. Moritz, J. Waters, R. Jemmeson, J. Tonkin
Lights/Project / Sound	C. Waters / J. Cole / J. Armstrong
Officer on Duty	J. Kelly
Reception	G. Muller
Crèche	M. Whitehead

Mower and Mower

Pastor Sampson was making visitation rounds on his trusty bicycle when he turned a corner and came upon a young boy trying to sell a lawn mower. "How much do you want for it?" Sampson asked. "I just need enough money to buy a bike," the boy explained. After a moment of thought, the preacher asked, "Will you take my bike in trade for it?" "Mister, you've got a deal."

The preacher took the mower and began to crank it. He pulled on the cord a few times with no reaction from the machine. The preacher called the boy over and said, "I can't get this mower to start." The little boy said, "My dad says you have to swear at it to get it started."

Pastor Sampson replied, "I am a minister and I cannot swear. I have been saved for so long I don't even remember how to swear."

The little boy looked at him with a sparkle in his eye, "Just keep on pulling on that cord, and it'll come back to you."



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Everybody needs encouragement. None of us achieves anything without help. The great achievers in history became all that they were because of the people in their lives.

We've seen The Chronicles of Narnia and The Lord of the Rings. But did you know that their authors, CS Lewis and JRR Tolkien, were professors at Oxford University and maintained a close friendship? Every week they'd meet to eat, talk about their fiction - writing endeavours and read passages of their yet - unpublished works. It was Tolkien who encouraged Lewis, an avowed atheist, to explore Christianity, ultimately leading to his conversion. And it was Lewis who encouraged Tolkien to continue writing fiction and to seek publication. Were it not for their friendship and mutual encouragement, the world wouldn't have received the finest writings in apologetics of the twentieth century, nor one of the finest fantasy works ever written.

Everyone - young and old, successful and less-than-successful, famous and unknown - who receives encouragement is changed by it. Mark Twain said, 'One compliment can keep me going for a whole month.' A word of encouragement from a teacher can change a child's life; a word of encouragement from a spouse can strengthen or even save a marriage; a word of encouragement from a leader can inspire a person to reach his or her potential. Zig Ziglar says, 'You never know when a moment and a few sincere words can have an impact on a life.' The Bible says, 'Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.' (Proverbs 16: 24 NKJV)

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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 21st July

10.00 am

Diane Morrall
"A Message of Encouragement"

Worship Leader
 Communion Leader
 Reading

Doug Clark
 Dennis Homfray
 Acts 13: 13-15

6.00 pm

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"A Message of Encouragement"

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Natalie Moritz
 Joshua Cole

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10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin

&

"The Rituals of Religion"

6.00 pm

Acts 13: 13-15

From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, where John left them to return to Jerusalem. From Perga they went on to Pisidian Antioch. On the Sabbath they entered the synagogue and sat down. After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the synagogue rulers sent word to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have a message of encouragement for the people, please speak."

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

This Week

Sunday	21st	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Prayer Ray on Radio 106.7FM
Monday	22nd	11.00 am 7.30 pm	Craft Group Board Meeting
Tuesday	23rd	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Thursday	25th	12 noon	Meet And Eat
Friday	26th	7.30 pm	Youth Groups
Saturday	27th	6.30 pm	FAFFS



JULY

Adventure Club Kitchen

July 23rd Ash/Danni & Blue Team

Dates for your Diary

August 9 Encounter Camp
 August 25 Ladies' Day
 October 11 Hall's Gap Camp

Meet And Eat

Come and join us for lunch
 12 noon
 Thursday, 25th
 At Jenny's Coffee Lounge
 This end of the Mall

A good time of fellowship

The Red Cliffs Church of Christ

Invites you to join them as they
 Celebrate their
90th Anniversary
 3rd & 4th August

See the notice board for details.

For catering purposes,
 please let Liz Milne know
 if you plan to share a meal.
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 tirnadross@gmail.com

FAFFS

Mexican Night Out

Saturday, 27th July
 6.30 pm

At the Mexican Restaurant
 In Eighth Street
 (EnjoyWine)

We need to book, so please let
 Auralie know before Wednesday
 if you are coming.



Family News & Prayer



- * Continue to pray for Janenne Bradford and her mother Bev, as they mourn the death of Les and bring comfort to Meredyth in hospital.
- * Pray also for Brendan Moritz as he recovers from surgery. Praise God for his immediate surgery on Thursday.
- * Michelle Fernance would appreciate prayer as she has needed to go to Sydney for an indefinite period to care for her two grand-children and daughter-in-law who will be receiving treatment for cancer. Michelle is already missing her church family here.
- * **Forthcoming Wedding**
John Duscher and Pam Wiffen will be married at the Mildura Church of Christ on Saturday, 3rd August at 3 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend the Wedding Ceremony.

New Envelopes

New envelopes are available today in the foyer. Please note that there are envelopes which are dated for those who give a weekly offering and there are other undated envelopes for those who give fortnightly or monthly or need them for mission offerings. You will find that these envelopes give you the option of putting all your offerings in one envelope, but please specify the amount for each one.

News From the Church Board

Following on from the recommendation by the members at the AGM in February, our two manses have now been sold.

The Sixth Street Manse was sold earlier this year and Ian and Robyn Stewart are now the new owners of the house. The money from this sale is being used to pay off the loan for the Goodrem property.

The Colonel Court manse has just recently been sold and has been purchased by a neighbour in the Court.

Youth Groups
Friday, August 2nd
7.30 - 9.30 pm

IGNITION *For students Years 5 - 8*
Red Cliffs Games

We're going to Red Cliffs Sec. College gym
Meet at the church

XLR8 *For students Years 9 - 12*
Bon Fire

We're going out to Merbein - Meet at the church

Mission Update

Displaced People's Church

One of the legacies of the unexploded military ordnance in the forests of Laos and Thailand is the displacement of people. One of these groups is known as the Plang. They have no citizenship and no access to land of their own. They move and live where they can get work. Businesses like them because they work hard and expect little.

One such community of Plang has made a home in Nakhon Pathom province in Central Thailand. Whole families are employed in the orchid farms. The average family income is A\$500 per month, a subsistence income. Together they have planted a church and are reaching out to other groups of Plang.

Since 2008, the church has grown to a community of 264 adults and children. They have saved hard and on their behalf the Church of Christ in Thailand has purchased land with the current project being the construction of a church building. At the same time, a second church has been planted that now has 80 people as part of it. What a lot can be achieved with little!

In Partnership, November 2012.