

| <u>Next Week 17th November</u> |  |
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| <u>10.00 am</u>                | A. Tonkin  |
| Worship Leader                 | D. Ferrett   |
| Communion Leader               | J. Cole  |
| Children's Church              | J. Kelly   |
| Singers                        | D. Shields, K. Tonkin  |
| Band                           | A. Alabaster, B. Moritz, B. Kiley, R. Fox  |
| Projector/ Sound               | C. Waters / J. Armstrong   |
| Officer on Duty                | R. Jackson   |
| Welcome/Reception              | W. Whitehead / R. Hawtin   |
| Helpers                        | J. Bradford, J. Cooke, M. Cox, M. Straub, L. Biggs,<br>D. Morrall, C. Staley (reader), E. Wagstaff |
| Crèche                         | L. Homfray   |
| Cuppa                          | G. Beruldsen & K. Underwood  |
| Communion Prep.                | R. Hawtin / M. Straub  |
| Flowers / Cleaning             | R. Hawtin & P. Leng  |
| Grounds                        | D. Homfray & N. Underwood  |
| <u>6.00 pm</u>                 | A. Tonkin  |
| Worship Leader                 | S. Armstrong   |
| Communion Leader               | R. Hawtin      Prayer - A. Tonkin  |
| Singers                        | J. Gardner, A. Alabaster, A. Beasy   |
| Band                           | A. Alabaster, M. Gardner, J. Waters, C. Waters   |
| Project / Sound                | J. Corrie / J. Armstrong   |
| Officer on Duty                | R. Jackson   |
| Reception                      | J. Kelly   |
| Crèche                         | M. Whitehead   |

### A NASTY LETTER

After receiving a mean-spirited letter from one of his members, Pastor Bob went into the church office and dictated the following to his secretary:

"The enclosed letter arrived on my desk a few days ago. I am sending it to you because I think you ought to know that some idiot is sending out letters over your signature. Cordially ..."

### WEDDING DAY

Little Tony was in his uncle's wedding. As he came down the aisle during the ceremony, he carefully took two steps, then stopped and turned to the crowd. When facing the congregation he put his hands up like claws and roared loudly. So it went, step, step, turn, roar, step, step, turn, roar, all the way down the aisle. As you can imagine, the congregation was near tears from laughing. By the time little Tony reached the altar, he was near tears too. When later asked what he was doing, the boy sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear."



# Mainstream

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10th November, 2013

Last Sunday morning was our annual Jazz service. We had approximately 200 people come along. They were jammed in like sardines as they thoroughly enjoyed a tremendous service featuring the Maryborough Traditional Jazz Ensemble.

Following the service I received many words of thanks from the huge amount of visitors we had. So many people told me how much they enjoyed the service. But one comment really stood out to me. The conversation went something like...

**VISITOR:** Andrew, I just want you to know that I am an atheist.

**ME:** You don't have to be a Christian to come along. Everyone is welcome here.

**VISITOR:** Well I just wanted to tell you that this service today was the highlight of my whole weekend. For an atheist to say coming to Church was the highlight of his weekend you must be doing something right.

I was quite gob-smacked by this man's confession. I immediately felt a huge surge of pride in our Church. Many Churches make it very difficult for non-religious people to feel welcome and comfortable. But here was a self-confessed atheist coming to our Church and leaving feeling that he had just had a fantastic time. (He even thanked me for the sermon that he found very inspiring.)

Every week we have the opportunity to be a Church that welcomes people with the love and grace of God, or to be a Church that discourages 'sinners'. The Bible tells us that Jesus was called 'A Friend of Sinners'. Let's make sure we will always be a friend to anyone who comes through our doors on a Sunday. They come for the Jazz, they come because they have been dragged in by a spouse, they may come because they are searching for some kind of answers to life. We can all do our part so that they leave feeling that coming along to the Mildura Church of Christ was the highlight of their weekend.

**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 10th November

|                  |                            |
|------------------|----------------------------|
|                  | Andrew Tonkin              |
|                  | <b>"The Way of Honour"</b> |
| Worship Leader   | Michael Waters             |
| Communion Leader | Wayne Whitehead            |
| Reading          | 1 Samuel 24: 1-22          |
| <u>6.00 pm</u>   | Andrew Tonkin              |
|                  | <b>"True Friendship"</b>   |
| Worship Leader   | Sam Armstrong              |
| Communion Leader | Jon Armstrong              |

## Next Week, Sunday, 17th November

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| <u>10.00 am</u> | Andrew Tonkin                            |
| &               | <b>"Dig Deep in Days of Desperation"</b> |
| <u>6.00 pm</u>  |  |

### **1 Samuel 24: 1-6**

After Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, "David is in the Desert of En Gedi." So Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel and set out to look for David and his men near the Crag of the Wild Goats. He came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave. The men said, "This is the day the Lord spoke of when he said to you, 'I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.'" Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe. Afterwards, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe. He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord's anointed, or lift my hand against him; for he is the anointed of the Lord."

# Loving God - Loving People

**GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL**

## *This Week*

|          |      |          |                      |
|----------|------|----------|----------------------|
| Sunday   | 10th | 9.30 am  | Prayer               |
|          |      | 7.30 pm  | Ray on Radio 106.7FM |
| Monday   | 11th | 11.00 am | Craft Group          |
| Tuesday  | 12th | 5.30 pm  | Adventure Club       |
| Friday   | 15th | 7.30 pm  | Youth Groups         |
| Saturday | 16th | 2.00 pm  | Gingerbread Houses   |
|          |      | 6.30 pm  |                      |



# NOVEMBER

## Dates for your Diary

|             |                      |
|-------------|----------------------|
| November 16 | Gingerbread Houses   |
| November 29 | Camp Fusion          |
| December 3  | Adv. Club Break-up   |
| December 9  | Board Break-up       |
| December 10 | Adv. Club leaders    |
| December 13 | Youth Group Break-up |
| December 25 | Christmas Lunch      |

## Adventure Club Kitchen

12th November Bec & Red Team

## SHARE GROUP

Share Group's last meeting for the year will be Christmas Dinner on Sunday, 1st December, starting at 12.30 pm. If you are over 55 you should have received an invitation in your mail box this morning. If you didn't get one, we obviously don't think you are over 55. Please let Denis know the truth.

The cost is \$12, and we need to have names of those coming by 25th November. There is a list up in the foyer.

## FAFFS

### Date Changes

The November Meeting will be on November 30th at Diane and Michael Morrall's for a barbecue tea and photo night. Speak to Diane for details on what to bring. The December Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday, 18th December at the Greek Restaurant in Langtree Avenue. Speak to Peter Midgley for more details.

## Christmas Day Lunch **12 - 2 pm**

Christmas day lunch is on again this year, and open to all who might be on their own for Christmas. Names can be placed on the sheet provided in the foyer. More information of the day and ways to support this event following soon.

RSVP: 19th December

**"100 Days in the Word"**





# Family News & Prayer



\* Happy 18th Birthday to Isaac Fabich who is celebrating today, 17th November.

## Morning Tea Assistance

Pam Midgley and Mina Straub have been providing us with morning tea sandwiches, cakes and slices for many years. Thank you ladies for your generosity and hours of work. But now they feel it is time to ask for assistance from others in providing the food. If this is something you feel you would like to do as your ministry to others, then speak to Pam Midgley today or call her on 5023 1882 or 0427 231883

## **MISSING PLATES AND BOWLS**

Are you missing a serving plate or bowl or even a plastic bowl or two? Then you may need to check out the church kitchen cupboards and drawers. Our drawers are full of plates and bowls that have been left by you after a function where you may have brought food on a plate. Some of them may even end up in our next Trash and Treasure Sale if you don't collect them soon!

## **GROCERIES**

Our Grocery Cupboard is looking a little empty at the moment. When you next shop for groceries, why not pick up an extra item or two for those who come in looking for something to eat. Suggested items are:

Canned meals, canned vegetables, fruit, spaghetti and baked beans, milk, cereal, coffee.

We can't use exotic food items, sauces or taco shells, etc. Thank you.

*Tithe if you love Jesus. Anyone can honk.*

## **Youth Groups**

**Friday, November 15th**

**7.30 - 9.30 pm**

**IGNITION**

Progressive Dinner

A dessert night at some very exclusive restaurants.

**XLR8**

Sweet Tooth Saga

With some awesome games and treats!

## **St Kilda Gatehouse**

## Craig's Story

From the time I found Gatehouse I was treated as a real person. After many years of being in boys' homes and jail the last thing that I needed to hear was that everything was going to be alright, because it was not going to be alright. I was sleeping on the street. Anywhere I could lie down without being disturbed or woken up to a surprise. My partner was at snapping point. Stress plays a very big part in one's life when you are roughing it. A food parcel from Gatehouse was enough to get us through a couple of days - and for those days we ate like lord and lady muck.

It is now seven years later. I have met a lot of people through the Gatehouse. It's a tight community, a respectful and truly awesome atmosphere. In a simple way, respect given is respect earned - so it's an area that is peaceful, dignified and most of all, safe. The streets can be a rough place at the best of times - that is where Gatehouse makes the difference. Without the help from friends (staff) I don't think I would've gotten to the stage I'm at now in my life. They visited me when I was in jail and encouraged me to persevere and not give up when my back was against the wall and feeling as if the whole world was against me.

If I had a windfall tomorrow, there would be a donation made to them, no name, just a thank you for the support, encouragement and helping me find the real Craig and not the front that I hold up to show I'm tough and nothing will get through my skin.

I don't have a family to turn to when the tough times come. But I have Gatehouse. They have become a second family to me and countless others. I commend them and all the volunteers who've passed through their doors, for their hard work in providing a better future and safe environment for us all.

*We give to St Kilda Gatehouse through our Faith Promise for Missions.*