

## Next Week 8th December

### 10.00 am

Worship Leader	A. Tonkin
Communion Leader	B. Moritz
Children's Church	C. Beasy
Singers	J. Kelly, C. Waters
Band	M. Cameron, K. Tonkin
Projector/ Sound	J. Waters, B. Moritz, B. Kiley
Officer on Duty	P. Bekker/ J. Armstrong
Welcome/Reception	M. Waters
Helpers	W. Whitehead / A. Eaton
	G. Diggle, M. Straub, L. Biggs, I. Cross, P. Leng,
	L. Arnold, C. Staley ( Reader) G. Beruldsen
Crèche	R. Bekker
Cuppa	P. Castleman, N. Cook, B. Summers

Communion Prep.	R. Bekker
Flowers / Cleaning	Christmas Tree / J. Cole
Grounds	C. Beasy, M. Cameron

### 6.00 pm

Worship Leader	A. Tonkin
Communion Leader	J. Cole
Singers	B. Eaton
Band	M. Gardner, M. Burrow
Project / Sound	Cl. Waters, R. Jemmeson, I. Fabich, J. Tonkin
Officer on Duty	T. Eaton / J. Armstrong
Reception	M. Waters
Crèche	G. Muller
	M. Gellert

### Christmas Prayers

A few days before Christmas two young brothers were spending the night at their grandparent's house. When it was time to go to bed, and anxious to do the right thing, they both knelt down to say their prayers.



Suddenly, the younger one began to do so in a very loud voice. "Dear Lord, please ask Santa Claus to bring me a play-station, a mountain-bike and a telescope."

His older brother leaned over and nudged his brother and said, "Why are you shouting your prayers? God isn't deaf."

"I know" he replied, "But Grandma is!"



# Mainstream

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*"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."*  
**Matthew 24:35**

The Bible is an amazing book. It triggers such a strong reaction from people. Through out the centuries evil regimes, corrupt religious institutions, power hungry kings and dictators and barbaric religions have sought to destroy the Bible. Even today we see politically correct governments seeking to remove quotations from the Bible and references to God so we do not 'offend' others. No other book has ever received such a strong response. The enemy may try and try, but God's Word will never, ever be destroyed. It will outlast civilization itself.

The Bible contains the key to eternal life and everything that a man or woman needs from earth to eternity. Proclaim it because it is true. Men and women have died to put a Bible into your hands in a language that you can understand.

The great preacher C. H. Spurgeon said, "This is the Bible. It is the oak of God planted in the forest of eternity, entwining its roots around the Rock of Ages. Whether you be a new Christian or a seasoned saint, you should pay close attention. The Bible is the only source of absolute truth. It is the only rule and standard of conduct. Don't look to psychiatrists, popular opinion or even your denomination's creeds. From Genes to Revelation, the Bible is God's book of life."

One of my favourite preachers and authors, Rod Parsley writes, "The authority of the Bible is a deep well in the desert of human existence. It is a source of inexhaustible refreshment, wisdom, knowledge, sustenance, strength, comfort, hope, joy, courage and purpose, which is unchanging and impervious to every circumstance and obstacle."

The Gideons are a ministry that highly values the Bible. They seek to get a copy of the Scriptures into the hands of every person so they may receive the very Word of God and read for themselves the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is our privilege to have the Gideons with us in our morning service. If you can support the Gideons with a generous offering today then know that you are making a difference in spreading the Good News of Jesus.

**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 1st December

<u>10.00am</u>	Bob Cochrane <b>Gideons</b>
Worship Leader	Matthew Cameron
Communion Leader	Wayne Whitehead
<u>6.00 pm</u>	Joel Thomas
Worship Leader	Brendan Moritz
Communion Leader	Ruth Jackson

## Next Week, Sunday, 8th December

<u>10.00 am</u>	Andrew Tonkin
&	
<u>6.00 pm</u>	<b>Christmas</b>

## 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, canned fruit, spaghetti and baked beans, long life milk, cereal, coffee.

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

# Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

## PRAYER WEEK *This Week*

Sunday	1st	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Prayer Ray on Radio 106.7FM
Monday	2nd	7.30pm	Elders
Tuesday	3rd	5.30 pm	Adventure Club- Christmas Break -up
Thursday	5th	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
Friday	6th	7.30 pm -	Ignition ,XLR8 Fuel Youth



# DECEMBER

## Adventure Club Break-Up

December 3rd - At the Church  
5.30pm -8.00pm **\$3 per person**

Come Along for the final Adventure Club for the Year.

"This is for the whole family."

Enjoy a fun filled night, with Dinner, Games, Entertainment from the kids and a Special Visit from Santa

**Please bring a Salad or Dessert to Share.**

## C.W.F

Our December meeting has been put back by one week- we will be meeting on **Thursday 12th December** at the home of Andrew & Kylie.

We will **meet** here **at the Church** at **11.45am** and depart at 12 Noon. Please **bring food to share** and **a chair for yourself**.

## Adventure Club Kitchen

3rd December Pam and All who can help.

## "100 Days in the Word"



## Share Group

Don't Forget  
Christmas Dinner- Today  
**Sunday 1st December**

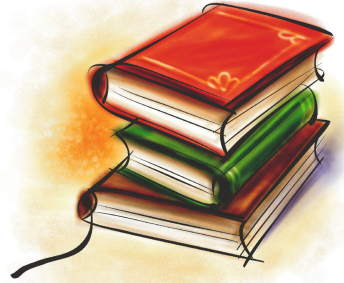
At *The Vines Community Centre*

**12.30pm**

**Cost is only \$12.**



# Library Book Sale



Pre-loved and new books will  
be on sale in the foyer today.

All Money will go towards  
buying new books and DVD's  
For our 'Good News' Library.

\$1.00 each

## PRAYER WEEK



"Some people think God does not like to be troubled with our constant asking. The way to trouble God is not to come at all." Dwight L. Moody.

### Take Time to Pray:

If you would like to pray with others the church is open:

- between 7 - 8am Monday to Friday.
- 1pm Monday - Andrew will be present
- 1pm Thursday - Diane will be present

**Thursday Evening 7.30pm - 8.30pm. Come and meet with others to particularly pray regarding coming Christmas events, although not only Christmas events.**

"Jesus said, "Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete." John 16:24.

If you prefer to spend time alone with God, the church is also open throughout the day Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.



## Family News & Prayer



- \* Happy Birthday to Sandy Thomas who turns 50 on Wednesday the 4th December .
- \* A big thankyou to the CWF ladies and all other helpers for providing a light lunch for family and friends after the funeral of Peter Kelly's Mum. We so appreciate the generosity of your time and magnificent food supplied. Many comments were made about the beautiful country spread. Peter's Mum, Doreen, would have been impressed!  
*Peter and Jeanie Kelly*
- \* We would like to thank all the ladies of the Church for your response to our call for refreshments following the funeral of Mrs Kelly on Monday. It was tremendous. A big thank you as well for the men who supported us by supplying transport for wives, for food and for expertise in the kitchen. God Bless You All. Mina and Carole and C. W. F.
- \* **Do you have Mail to collect? Please check the pigeon holes today.**



**Free 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. Please Take a ticket for each person you have written on the list.

There is also a sheet for anyone to place their name on, to help out or provide items for the lunch. Any financial assistance toward the cost of the meal would also be greatly appreciated.

**RSVP: 19th December**

## Youth Groups

Friday, December 6th

7.30pm Until 9.30



**IGNITION** Fuel Rally  
**XLR8** Fuel Rally

We've got an awesome night planned to follow up camp.  
Music , Games Superb Message and Loads More !!!!

### Dates for your Diary

December 3	Adv. Club Break-up
December 9	Board Break-up
December 10	Adv. Club leaders
December 13	Youth Group Break-up
December 14	Carols at Namma
December 15	Chaplaincy Carols
December 16	Peanut Pal Night
December 25	Christmas Lunch



### PEANUT PALS

It has been a few years since we have updated our information for Peanut Pals. Please see Robyn to get a form to fill out so that she can update the information that is given to your new Peanut Pal next year. If there are any Pals who don't want to continue this pastoral ministry of fun, looking after another of our ladies for the year, then please let Robyn know. If there is any lady who would like to join and wants more information, then Robyn will be happy to tell you how it works.

**Remember : Peanut Pal Night is on Monday 16th December**

### Typhoon Haiyan Appeal

Last week, in your Mainstream was a COCOA Appeal for the people in the Philippines devastated y Typhoon Haiyan. Fill out the form if you would like a tax receipt and put it into an envelope with your donation and you can leave it in the offering plate. A cheque from the church will then be sent off to COCOA.