

## Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December

### 6.00 pm

Worship Leader  
Singers  
Band  
Projector/ Sound  
Officer on Duty  
Welcome/Reception

A. Tonkin  
S. Armstrong  
A. Alabaster  
M Burrow, I. Fabich, B. Moritz, B. Kiley  
J. Corrie / J. Armstrong  
J. Cooke  
J. Kelly



### 10.00 am

Worship Leader  
Communion Leader  
Children's Church  
Singers  
Band  
Projector/ Sound  
Officer on Duty  
Welcome/Reception  
Helpers

### Sunday, 29th December

M. Waters  
R. Jackson  
M. Straub  
M. Cox, D. Mountford  
N. Moritz, B. Moritz, B. Kiley, R. Fox  
C. Waters / C. Waters  
J. Cole  
R. Hawtin / J. Rosenberg  
C. Meade, K. Underwood, J. Renfree, P. Duscher,  
J. Booysen, J. Wiffen, N. Underwood, E. Wagstaff  
R. O'Connor  
D. & J. Ferrett, I. Cross  
C. Waters  
J. Cole  
C. Beasy, N. Underwood

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Band  
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### Sunday, 5th January, 2014

M. Cameron  
M. Waters  
S. Armstrong  
D. Shields, D. Mountford, J. Trewin  
M. Burrow, M. Gardner, I. Fabich, R. Fox, J. Tonkin  
C. Waters / C. Waters  
W. Whitehead  
D. Ferrett / J. Ferrett  
J. Bradford, G. Diggle, W. Duke, F. Duke, P. Leng,  
L. Arnold, B. Eaton (2 Cor.4:7-11), H. Atkins  
L. Homfray  
G. Beruldsen, M. Straub  
A. Munro  
A. Munro / J. & R. Barthelson  
D. Homfray & G. Hughes



22nd & 29th December, 2013



# Mainstream

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**For a child is born to us, a son is  
given to us. And the government will  
rest on his shoulders. These will be  
his royal titles: Wonderful  
Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting  
Father, Prince of Peace.**

# 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 22nd December

10.00am Andrew Tonkin  
**Christmas**  
Worship Leader Josh Cole  
Communion Leader Robyn Hawtin  
Reading Matthew 1: 18-25  
6.00 pm Andrew Tonkin  
Joshua Cole  
Michael Waters



## Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December

7.00 pm Andrew Tonkin

## Next Week, Sunday, 29th December

10.00 am Andrew Tonkin  
only **Life's Potholes**

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Tuesday evening, 24th  
Worship Service at 7.00 pm  
Bring the whole family  
Bright singing  
COCOA collection  
Supper to follow

# Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

## *This Week*

Sunday	22nd	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.30 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7FM
Tuesday	24th	7.00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday	25th	12 noon	Christmas Day lunch
Tuesday	31st	8.00 pm	FAFFS



# DECEMBER

## THANK YOU

The Women's Ministry Team would like to thank everyone who gave a gift, or in many cases, several gifts for our Angel Tree. Your response always amazes us and we sincerely thank you all for your generosity in providing gifts for those who are either ill or vulnerable at this special time of the year when we celebrate the birth of our Lord. We wish you could all experience the happiness that these gifts bring, not only to those who receive them, but also to the staff who are able to really wish their patients or clients a merry Christmas by giving them a gift. They really are appreciated and so are each of you for your generosity.

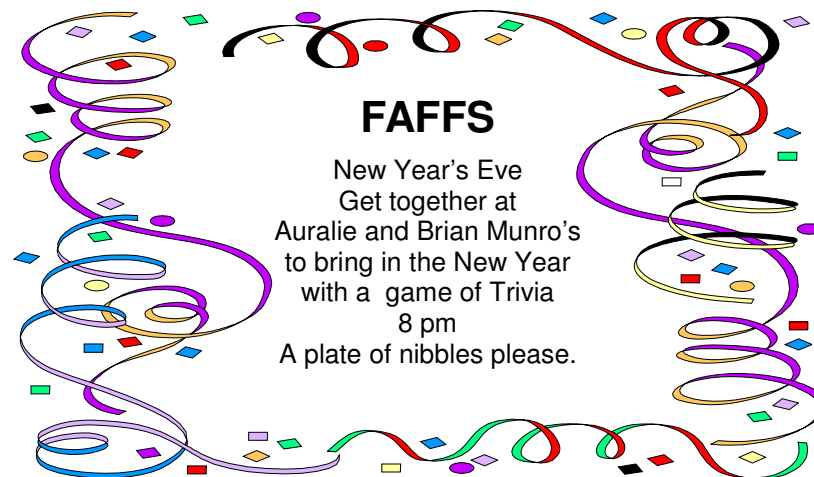
Kaye Underwood

Thank you to all the ladies from our peanut Pal night last Monday! We have purchased 12 gifts for the Kmart Wishing Tree with the offering of \$126.00, bringing a little love to a few children and parents at this Christmas time. It is really appreciated.

Robyn Hawtin

## FAFFS

New Year's Eve  
Get together at  
Auralie and Brian Munro's  
to bring in the New Year  
with a game of Trivia  
8 pm  
A plate of nibbles please.







# Family News & Prayer



- \* May is looking for a job. House-keeping, house-sitting, waitress, administrative work & computer, will teach basic computer skills. Please contact May on 5024 8845. Would consider packing work. If anyone knows of any work, please ring above number. Your help would be appreciated.
- \* WANTED:  
Heidi (Nina Thomas' daughter) has just moved back to Mildura. She is in need of 4 single beds and 1 double bed, also a kitchen table and chairs. Some toys would be great but not as essential as furniture. Heidi's children are aged 5,6,7 & 11. If you can help, please phone Heidi on 0497 171 163.
- \* Congratulations to Kaye Whitehead who celebrates her 70th Birthday on Tuesday, 24th December.
- \* **Do you have Mail to collect? Please check the pigeon holes today.**

*Christmas is a time of Giving. Most gifts are appreciated. Some break before Christmas Day ends; others are quickly discarded, or best forgotten. The idea of giving didn't start with Santa. It started with God giving us his Son, and in the first human response to the baby Jesus. Regular people like you and me, shepherds and scholars, praised God and worshipped Jesus, and brought gifts.*

*The scholars brought gifts of Gold, for a King; Frankincense for a Priest; and Myrrh for a Saviour. The gifts describe who Jesus is, and what he came to do. He is the King of kings; the bridge builder between God and people; the One sent to save the world.*

*Jesus is the gift who keeps on giving, because nothing can ever separate us from the love of God displayed in him. Jesus is the gift who keeps on giving, when every day we receive this love, and then pass it on to others.*

CEO Paul Cameron - to be broadcast on Christmas Day on 89.9 Light FM.



## COCOA Churches of Christ Overseas Aid

...provides development aid, including education and medical services, emergency relief and care for vulnerable children, assisting people to move from dependence to independence. By giving, we share with others our abundance and God's love and compassion.

Offerings for COCOA will be received at our Worship Service Christmas Eve. Offering envelopes are in your Mainstream today.

*"WHEN YOU GIVE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN"*

### Camp South Sudan

As I looked around the group of women, many of whom were mothers and grand-mothers, tears were being shed for the innocent children of Marialbai. It was the first time many of them had heard of the devastation caused by decades of civil war in South Sudan and the ministry of Emmanuel Children's Centre as a place of hope and security for the children who have suffered.

Five child sponsorship cards were taken to the Victorian Churches of Christ Women's retreat and all five children are now sponsored.

The women gave generously to support a little boy called Lonyo. Lonyo dreams of being a teacher when he grows up. A son of one of the women at the retreat saw photos of two boys needing sponsors. "I can't decide," he said. "If I choose this one, the other will miss out. I'll sponsor both." What an incredible demonstration of love and compassion from a 15 year old who's just started work!

A Bible Study group from Red Cliffs church is sponsoring one of the children. It's a small amount from each member each month to make such a huge difference to the life of an 11 year old boy. There was a shortfall of \$30 to sponsor one young lad. I asked our church family if they would donate some small change to make up the difference. Within a few minutes \$100 was given.

We are so blessed to be able to share from our abundance with these precious children and those who care for them.. Contact GMP if you would like to share in this ministry.

*Sue Griffin, Red Cliffs*

"All-powerful God, we acknowledge that your Son was born into the darkness and messiness of this world. We offer the messiness and darkness in our own lives to you.

We pray that we may reconcile with God, neighbour, and self as we prepare for the coming of our Lord."

*-Sojourners' Verse and Voice*