

Sunday, 26th January, 2014

10.00 am

Worship Leader	A. Tonkin
Communion Leader	J. Cole
Children's Church	D. Homfray
Singers	None
Band	D. Ferrett, K. Whitehead, D. Clark
Projector / Sound	N. Moritz, I. Fabich, I. Stewart
Officer on Duty	D. Kelly / B. Moritz
Welcome/Reception	A. Munro
Helpers	D. Morrall / D. Hind
	C. Beasy, W. Whitehead, D. Shields, K. Underwood,
	L. Biggs, J. Booyesen, N. Underwood (reader), G. Diggle

Crèche	R. O'Connor
Cuppa	B. Eaton, L. Homfray, C. Armstrong
Communion Prep.	R. Jackson
Flowers / Cleaning	A. Munro / R. Jackson & C. Armstrong
Grounds	W. Duke & R. Barthelson

6.00 pm

Worship Leader	A. Tonkin
Communion Leader	B. Moritz
Singers	J. Cole Prayer leader R. Jackson
Band	N. Moritz, J. Gardner
Projector / Sound	I. Fabich, B. Kiley, J. Tonkin
Officer on Duty	J. Corrie / P. Norris
Reception	A. Munro
Crèche	A. Munro
	R. Hawtin

Please Note: All those in the Worship Team for Sunday morning services are asked to be at the church at times as per the note on their roster sheet:

8.20 am	Sound, projector, band arrive - sound check
8.35 am	Singers arrive - sound check
8.40 am	Prayer and Practice start

WALKING OUT

'I hope you didn't take it personally, Reverend,' an embarrassed woman said after church service, "when my husband walked out during your sermon."

"I did find it rather disconcerting," the preacher replied.
 'It's not a reflection on you, sir,' insisted the church goer. "Ralph has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child."



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19th January 2014

A number of years ago, I was attending a small church which had a new Minister. He had changed the Order of Service and the negative response from one of the congregation, whose family had attended that church for many years, was "It was good enough for our fathers. Why do we have to change?"

For some of us we do not like change because we like our 'comfort zone' doing the things we know and like and don't feel threatened. I'm as guilty as anyone, but we only have to look at the changes in technology that have taken place only in the last decade to see how our lives have changed. The fact is the world and the life around us will continually change.

Some of us will remember our own youth with changing fashions and attitudes, plus changes in music both secular and religious. Every younger generation thinks their parents and anyone older is "Old-fashioned" and "Don't understand".

Last week, I watched the 1st Episode of "David Starkey's 'Music and Monarchy'" on SBS TV. It explored what the English Monarchy from King Henry 5th to Queen Elizabeth 1st had done for music. This included changing liturgy by choirs singing in Latin to singing & praying in English, so that the people would know God.

Elizabeth 1st wanted a middle way in liturgical music. There were religious divisions in the population but she did not enforce her own personal taste of worship on others. The people started singing around a Communion table praising God in English.

Even today we may not like the changes in music and the different styles of worship, but changes will always continue. It is a fact of life.

Jesus is the only one who will never change. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. (Heb,13:8). How we sing in our hearts, personally praising and worshipping God is what is important.

Wayne Whitehead



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 January, 2014

<u>10.00am</u>	Jon Armstrong In Him
Worship Leader	Ruth Jackson
Communion Leader	Wayne Whitehead
Reading	1 Timothy 1: 12-20
 <u>6.00 pm</u>	 Jon Armstrong In Him
Worship Leader	Sam Armstrong
Communion Leader	Michael Waters

Next Week, Sunday, 26th January

<u>10.00 am</u>	Andrew Tonkin
&	Time to Refuel
<u>6.00 pm</u>	Isaiah 40: 28-31

1 Timothy 1: 12-16

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners - of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life.

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

This Week

Sunday	19th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.30 pm	Ray on Radio
			106.7FM



CHURCH

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Sunday, 23rd February
11.30 am after Morning Service
Shared Lunch to follow**

If you are a Deacon, Leader or Secretary of a Group/Bible Study/Committee within the church, you are asked to write a report of your group's activities for 2013 for inclusion in the Annual Report Booklet. These reports should be sent as attachments, or handed in to the church office **today** Sunday, 19th January, please. The Booklet should be available for you on Sunday, February 9th. Thank you to all those who have sent their reports in already. Joshua Cole was again the first, with two reports in early

Any Notices of Motion should be received by the Secretary by 2nd February.

The Elders have created a new Functional Committee to be known as Connect Groups. The Deacon of this position will work with the many small groups within the church as well as creating new ones.

Nominations for the following positions are due on 2nd February also.

Elders - any number may be nominated.

Deacons - Administration, Children's Ministry, Connect Groups, Mission

Officers - Secretary / Treasurer

The following Elder, Deacons and Officers have completed their terms of office.

Ruth Jackson, Jon Armstrong, Sam Armstrong, Auralie Munro, Heather Atkins.

Anyone wishing to nominate a member for a position should first speak to Andrew or one of our elders.



Family News & Prayer



- * Our sympathy and prayers are with the Moritz family as Brendan's mother died earlier this week and Natalie has had a great-uncle also pass away.
- * A Happy Belated Birthday greetings to Madeleine Gardner who celebrated her 18th Birthday on 7th January.
- * Gwen Curtis has now left the Mildura Base Hospital and is having treatment at home.
- * Congratulations to Jeanie and Peter Kelly who celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday, 21st January.
- * "Thank you from Charlotte Armstrong, Bob, Jon, Sam and Louisa to everyone for their prayers and loving support and comfort that they brought with the loss of Charlotte's mother and Bob's father, Jon and Louisa's Oma and grandfather.

Children's Workers

Could all members who are working with children in any area of the church, be it Crèche, Adventure Club, Children's Church or Youth Group, please ensure that you have an up to date Working with Children Check and that the church has been given a copy. Forms are available from the post office and are free of charge for volunteers.

Church Carpet

Early this week, we had the church carpets cleaned. On them was a large amount of chewing-gum, some of which was unable to be removed. Please ensure that your children do not bring their gum into the buildings. Leaders of groups, could you please see that no chewing gum is brought to Adventure Club and Youth Group so that our carpets can remain free of gum stains.

What's your vision for the New Year?

Visions come with obstacles and opportunities! After decades in America, Raymond Dawson inherited his English grand-parents estate. Returning home he found a run-down farmhouse and barns on land covered with rocks.

Disappointed and about to return to America, he decided to walk his worthless inheritance one final time. Pausing on a remote corner of his property he noticed a stream coming from beneath some rocks. He investigated, uncovered some hot springs, and guess what? Today he's the owner of a lucrative resort, right on the sight of his former

Mission Update

Voice of the Martyrs USA says Iranian Christian Mostafa Bordbar has been released from the notorious Evin Prison. He was arrested last December while celebrating Christmas in Tehran. Among the charges was Bordbar's conversion from Islam to Christianity. After being locked up for months in Evin with fellow persecuted believers, an Iranian court cleared him of all charges. Pray for believers who are still imprisoned.

A Christian man has gone into hiding in Punjab after being accused of blasphemy for allegedly using pages of the Koran to make fireworks. The accusations against Tariq Yousaf prompted calls for his arrest to be broadcast from the loudspeakers of mosques. Tariq, who is in his mid-20s, is well-known locally and makes a good living making fireworks for weddings and other events. Police have taken into custody his two brothers aged 22 and 27. Local Christians are fearful of retaliatory attacks and called on Release Partners to intervene to restore calm to the area.