

Sunday, 9th February 2014

10.00 am

Worship Leader	A. Tonkin
Communion Leader	B. Giddings
Children's Church	B. Eaton
Singers	J. Cooke
Band	R. Fox, M. Giddings
Projector / Sound	N. Moritz, R. Jemmeson, B. Kiley, B. Moritz
Officer on Duty	D. Kelly / C. Waters
Welcome/Reception	J Kelly
Helpers	W. Whitehead / J. Rosenberg
	N. Cook, M. Cameron, J. Booysen, I. Cross, L. Arnold,
	D. Morrall, C. Armstrong (reader), E. Wagstaff

Crèche	L. Homfray
Cuppa	J. Barthelson, R. Barthelson, P. Castleman
Communion Prep.	P. Midgley
Flowers / Cleaning	M. Straub / J. Cole & W. Duke
Grounds	C. Beasy & G. Hughes

6.00 pm

Worship Leader	A. Tonkin
Communion Leader	B. Kiley
Singers	J. Cole Prayer Leader R. Jackson
Band	S. Armstrong, D. Gray
Projector / Sound	J. Waters, I. Fabich, B. Moritz, B. Kiley, I. Stewart
Officer on Duty	T. Eaton / P. Norris
Reception	J. Kelly
Crèche	J. Kelly
	M. Gellert

PASTORAL VISIT

The minister's little daughter was sent to bed with a stomach-ache and missed her usual romp with her daddy. A few hours later she appeared at the top of the stairs and called to her mother, "Mummy, let me talk to Daddy."

"No, my dear, not tonight. He's at a board meeting. Go back to bed."
'please, Mummy."

"I said no. That's enough now."

"Mother, I'm a very sick woman, and I must see my pastor at once."



Mainstream

MILDURA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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2nd February, 2014

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Author: John Mark, a close companion of Simon Peter. It is believed that Mark compiled his Gospel from the first hand memories of Simon Peter.

Date: Approximately 50 A.D. Mark's Gospel is the earliest one written.

Length: 16 chapters, making it the shortest of all 4 Gospels.

Original audience: Gentiles in Rome.

Main themes: A focus on the works of Jesus rather than the words of Jesus. Mark shares the accounts of 16 miracles of Jesus, more than any other Gospel, but only includes 4 parables. But the miracles themselves are not the focus, but used to highlight the power and authority of Jesus, the Son of God.

Purpose: To encourage believers who were under strong persecution and martyrdom.

I am so excited to begin preaching through the Gospel of Mark. Today is the first message in the series. Throughout the year we will be dwelling in this remarkable (no pun intended) Gospel and I truly believe we are in for an amazing journey together as we proclaim the stories of Jesus.

Study guides are available, so please take one so you may be able to dig deeper into the Gospel.

ANDREW TONKIN



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 2nd February

10.00am

Andrew Tonkin
THE GOSPEL OF MARK
“John Prepares the Way”

Worship Leader
Communion Leader
Reading

Michael Waters
Diane Morrall
Mark 1: 1-8

6.00 pm

In the Hall

Andrew Tonkin
THE GOSPEL OF MARK
“John Prepares the Way”

Worship Leader
Communion Leader

Joshua Cole
Michael Waters

Next Week, Sunday, 9th February

10.00 am

&

6.00 pm

Andrew Tonkin
THE GOSPEL OF MARK
“Jesus’ Ministry Begins”

Mark 1: 1-5

The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
It is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way - a voice of one calling in the desert,
Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.”

And so John came, baptising in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

PRAYER WEEK *This Week*

Sunday	2nd	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.30 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7FM
Monday	3rd	7.30 pm	Elders Meeting
Tuesday	4th	6.00 pm	Orange Dinner
Thursday	6th	12.30 pm	C.W.F.
Friday	7th	7.30 pm	Youth Groups

FEBRUARY

Dates for your Diary

February 23	Church Annual General Meeting
March 29	Prayer Retreat
April 6	Hymn Singing
April 7,9,11	Children's Holiday Program
18	Good Friday
20	Easter Sunday

KYB

Wednesday evening KYB Group will be recommencing on the 5th February in Chivell House at 7.30 pm. Introduction to Hebrews.

C.W.F. Ladies

Welcome to our 2014 program. Our first meeting of the year is next Thursday, 6th February. We meet at the church at 12.30 pm for lunch. Bring your own lunch. Also bring a precious memento so you can share a memory or two with us. Hostesses for the day: Michelle Fernance and ? Hope to see you there - all are welcome.

SHARE GROUP

Saturday, 15th February at 2 pm
The first meeting of the year will be a social gathering to help us get to know each other.
It would be good if everyone could contribute in some way.
Perform or just tell something about yourself.
Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea.

Church Leaders Profiles



Brendan Moritz

Married for nearly 17 years to Natalie with two young girls, Brianna and Kaitlyn. Currently employed by GTS Freight Management as the Assistant Driver manager. Worship Deacon for the past three years, actively involved in Worship leading, music, and tech. Nominated for position as Elder.

Jon Armstrong

Has been our Mission/Outreach Deacon for two years. Married to Samantha. Works as a field geologist with Bmax. He is a Sound room operator. Nominated as Deacon for Connect Groups (Small groups).

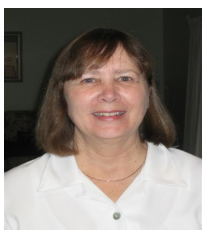


Samantha Armstrong

Has been our Children's Ministry Deacon for two years. Married to Jon, she is known for her singing and worship leading. Works as a Laboratory Technician with Lindeman's Karadoc Winery. Re-nominated for Children's Ministry Deacon.

Heather Atkins

A single lady, she has worked as a Rural Counsellor in the past. Has been the Church Treasurer for the past two years and is a Prayer Leader. Re-nominated as Church Treasurer.



Auralie Munro

Has been the Church Secretary for several years. Works in the Church Office as Mainstream typist and editor. Is also Secretary to the Elders. Married to Brian, has 3 adult children and 5 grand-children. Re-nominated as Church Secretary.

CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

Nominations have been received for Elder, Deacon and Officer positions

Elders - Ruth Jackson and Brendan Moritz

Deacons - Jon Armstrong and Sam Armstrong

Officers - Auralie Munro and Heather Atkins

Voting for these positions on the Leadership Team will be on Sunday, 9th and Sunday, 16th February. Scrutineers are Wally Duke and Robyn Hawtin. All regular attenders of this church are eligible to vote.

Two Notices of Motion have been received from the Elders:

1. "The Elders seek the formal approval of the Church to proceed with the construction of the building extensions in line with the proposed plans."
2. "That we seek to extend the ministry of Andrew Tonkin until the end of the year 2019 i.e. another 5 years."

Leaders Profiles

Ruth Jackson

Ruth is a single lady who has been nursing for many years. She works at the Mildura Private Hospital, initially as a midwife and currently in a general ward. Ruth is involved with CWCI ministry. Over the past twenty-two years, she has been involved in worship leading, preaching, leading a Bible Study group, mission outreach and prayer ministry. Re-nominated as Elder.



PRAYER WEEK

Luke 18: 1 CEV "Jesus told his disciples a story about how they should keep on praying and never give up."

Time to Pray

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

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

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

"There is no need that prayer cannot meet and no need that prayer cannot solve."
Warren Wiersbe



Break and Enter

Please be diligent about locking doors and windows. Last Saturday, someone broke into Chivell House and was about to remove a television set through an unlocked door. You will notice that one window has had to be boarded up.

Please lock all lockable doors, close all windows that you open, and alarm the sound room and office when you leave.

Of all the twists and turns in the story of Jesus Christ, this may be the most strange: the church is the body of Christ ... the same Jesus who once walked Galilee shows up all over the world in and through us, not in his previous body but for the very same purposes. During his earthly ministry, vagabond though he was, Jesus travelled less than a hundred miles from home. Now his widely dispersed body races towards "Jerusalem, Judea and to the ends of the earth" so that there's nowhere on earth you can be where Jesus didn't get there before you.

William H. Willimon, Pulpit resource

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.

YOUTH GROUPS

IGNITION - for years 5 - 8 & XLR8 - for years 9 -12

We're kicking the term off with a fun night out at the Aqua Coaster Waterslide. Meet and pick up from the Aqua Coaster. Great night to bring a friend.

7.00 - 8.30 pm

At Orange Avenue \$12

Mission Update

Global Mission Partners - life-changing partnerships

Pray for South Sudan

Thank you for continuing to pray for the people of South Sudan in the wake of the attempted coup in December, 2013 which led to an outbreak of intertribal violence. Even though peace talks have commenced in Ethiopia between the warring parties, and a ceasefire has been agreed to, the root causes of the conflict still exist and both parties have not agreed to any binding conditions for ongoing peace. There is also the likelihood that as evidence of mass killings is discovered in the coming weeks that tensions will again rise. For example, with the retaking of Bor, the provincial capital of Jonglei state, estimates put the civilian death toll at over 1,000.

It has been estimated that over 10,000 people have been killed and over half a million have been displaced across South Sudan. The participation of Ugandan troops to assist the government forces has also complicated issues.

Continue to pray for the Live Connection COCOA project that has been disrupted by the fighting around Bor.