

Sunday, 16th February 2014

10.00 am

Worship Leader	A. Tonkin
Communion Leader	R. Jackson
Children's Church	M. Waters
Singers	J. Cooke
Band	M. Cameron, K. Whitehead, D. Mountford
Projector / Sound	N. Moritz, B. Moritz, I. Fabich, R. Fox
Officer on Duty	C. Waters / J. Armstrong
Welcome/Reception	W. Whitehead
Helpers	D. Shields / D. Hind
	N. Cook, W. Duke, F. Duke, M. Straub, J. Bradford,
	J. Ferrett, D. Ferrett (reader), H. Atkins

Crèche	J. Kelly
Cuppa	G. Beruldsen, L. Homfray, I. Cross
Communion Prep.	A. Munro
Flowers / Cleaning	A. Munro / J. & R. Barthelson
Grounds	N. Underwood, G. Hughes

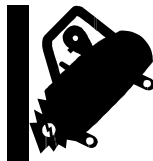
6.00 pm

Worship Leader	A. Tonkin
Communion Leader	S. Armstrong
Singers	D. Morrall
Band	J. Gardner, A. Beasy
Projector / Sound	A. Alabaster, M. Gardner, J. Waters, C. Waters
Officer on Duty	J. Corrie / J. Armstrong
Reception	J. Kelly
Crèche	P. Kelly
	R. Hawtin

FAMILY WORSHIP

Every evening the Reverend Philips' family gathered together for a Bible story and prayer. One evening, the story was about Lot and his wife escaping from Sodom and Gomorrah. As we all know, the great climax of the narrative is when Mrs Lot looks back and turns into a pillar of salt.

The story sat well with Tommy, who raised his hand the second the story was over and told his father, "That's like when mum was driving home in the car; she looked back at Rachael and me and turned into a telephone pole."



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Mainstream

ILDURA CHURCH OF CHRIST

9th February, 2014

Our new sermon series on the Gospel of Mark began last week with two terrific worship services. This week our series continues with the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus that began with Jesus being baptised by John the Baptist.

Baptism is a very important and significant spiritual practice. Baptism is one of the two practices that we refer to as a 'sacrament'. A sacrament is an outward action that symbolizes an inner outpouring of God's grace. Baptism is an expression of fully surrendering to Christ, dying to the old life and raising in the resurrection power of Christ to the new life in Him.

Baptism identifies the believer with the God head as they are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Baptism also identifies the believer with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. (*For you were buried with Christ when you were baptised. And with him you were raised to a new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead. Colossians 2:11-12*)

Baptism is an act of obedience. Jesus told his disciples to baptise all believers (**MATT 28:19**). In **ACTS 2: 38** Peter says to the crowd, "*Each of you must turn from your sins and turn to God, and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.*" When we are baptised as believers in the Lord Jesus we are obeying his instructions and following the example set for us through the Scriptures.

Baptism is an amazing public witness to others. It is the outward confession of an inward experience. In baptism, we stand before the church, our family and our friends to confess that Jesus is the Christ and our personal Lord and Saviour.

If you haven't been baptised by immersion as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ then I invite you to do so. Come and have a chat and ask any questions you may have. It would be my privilege to do so.

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 9th February

10.00am

Andrew Tonkin
THE GOSPEL OF MARK
"The Ministry Begins"

Worship Leader
Communion Leader
Reading
6.00 pm
In the Hall

Beth Giddings
Bruce Eaton
Mark 1: 9-20
Andrew Tonkin
THE GOSPEL OF MARK
"The Ministry Begins"

Worship Leader
Communion Leader

Joshua Cole
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Next Week, Sunday, 16th February

10.00 am
&
6.00 pm

Andrew Tonkin
THE GOSPEL OF MARK
"Four Faithful Friends"

Mark 1: 9-14

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; With you I am well pleased." At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, and he was in the desert for forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

This Week

Sunday	9th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.30 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7FM
Monday	10th	11.00 am	Craft
Tuesday	11th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Friday	14th	7.30 pm	Youth Groups
Saturday	15th	2.00 pm	Share Group

FEBRUARY

Dates for your Diary

February 23	Church A.G.M.
March 29	Prayer Retreat
April 6	Hymn Singing
April 7,9,11	Children's Holiday Program
18	Good Friday
20	Easter Sunday

The love of our neighbour in all its fullness simply means being able to say, "What are you going through?"

-Simone Weil

WIGS

Monday, February
17th
At 6.30 pm
Tea at Hungry
Jacks



Start off our year with a meal and chat at Hungry Jacks. If you don't like eating fast food, then come and sit and enjoy a cuppa and relax together. Hope to see you there.

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.



FAFFS

Family And Friends Fifties - Sixties

Our first get-together for the year is a barbecue tea at the home of Brian & Auralie, 10 Grandview Way on Saturday, 22nd February at 6.30 pm.

Bring some meat, a salad and sweet to share. All welcome



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).

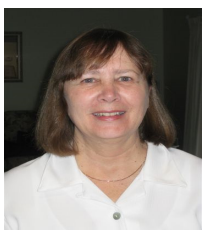


Samantha Armstrong

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 many 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.



Family News *& Prayer*

- * Congratulations to Lisa and Dennis Homfray's daughter, Abbey on her recent engagement to Dane Avery. We wish them every happiness.
- * A Special Happy Birthday to Claire Foster who is celebrating her 80th Birthday on Monday, 10th February.
- * Michelle Fernance has for sale a large entertainment unit for \$50. Call Michelle on 0456 15344 or call in to 133 Deakin Avenue.

"When Christ said: 'I was hungry and you fed me,' he didn't mean only the hunger for bread and for food; he also meant the hunger to be loved. Jesus himself experienced this loneliness. He came amongst his own and his own received him not, and it hurt him then and it has kept on hurting him. The same hunger, the same loneliness, the same having no-one to be accepted by and to be loved and wanted by. Every human being in that case resembles Christ in his loneliness; and that is the hardest part, that's real hunger.

Mother Teresa

A lighthouse along a bleak coast was tended by a keeper who was given enough oil for one month and told to keep the light burning every night. One day a woman asked for oil so that her children could stay warm. Then a farmer came; his son needed oil for a lamp so he could read. Still another needed some oil for an engine. The keeper saw each as a worthy request and measured out just enough oil to satisfy all. Near the end of the month, the tank in the lighthouse ran dry. That night the beacon was dark and three ships crashed on the rocks. More than 100 lives were lost. When a government official investigated, the man explained what he had done and why. "You were given one task alone," insisted the official. "It was to keep the light burning. Everything else was secondary. There is no defence."

YOUTH GROUPS

Friday Night 14th February 7.30 - 9.30 pm

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

It's our first night back at the church.

Come along for games, music, a big supper, and loads more!!

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Mission Update

What's Ahead for Gatehouse

Last year we learnt just how widespread the support for the work of gatehouse is. We have felt strength from our community of supporters who help us bring hope and dignity and change - in small and big ways. With our new and long-term supporters we are creating new opportunities and building on what we already do well. Our big goals ahead are to:

- Extend the hours of our Drop-In Centre, which continues to be the place where women find worth, safety and hope.
- Continue to build our Young Women's Program, which is now extended out to Dandenong, in addition to Fitzroy and the City of Port Philip, working alongside young girls and women at risk of exploitation and early involvement in the illegal sex industry.
- Build the Greeves Street Social Enterprise, which is already taking off beyond expectations.

Your giving to Faith Promise for Missions goes to helping St Kilda Gatehouse in the work they are doing.