

## Sunday, 23rd March 2014

### 10.00 am

Worship Leader	D. Morrall
Communion Leader	B. Giddings
Children's Church	R. Hawtin
Singers	J. Cooke
Band	M. Giddings, M. Cox
Projector / Sound	N. Moritz, A. Tonkin, M. Gardner, J. Tonkin
Officer on Duty	D. Kelly / J. Armstrong
Welcome/Reception	M. Waters
Helpers	R. Hawtin / A. Eaton
	J. Bradford, K. Underwood, J. Renfree, Volunteer,
	J. Booysen, J. Wiffen, N. Underwood (reader), N. Cook

Crèche	L. Homfray
Cuppa	J. Barthelson, R. Barthelson
Communion Prep.	R. Hawtin
Flowers / Cleaning	M. Straub / J. & R. Barthelson
Grounds	D. Homfray & G. Hughes

### 6.00 pm

Worship Leader	D. Morrall
Communion Leader	S. Armstrong
Singers	R. Hawtin      Prayer leader - D. Morrall
Band	J. Gardner, D. Gray, A. Beasy
Projector / Sound	A. Alabaster, B. Moritz, C. Waters
Officer on Duty	T. Eaton / J. Armstrong
Reception	M. Waters
Crèche	J. Kelly
	M. Whitehead

An elderly woman died last month. Having never been married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her written instruction for her memorial service she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

A police recruit was asked during an exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" He answered, "Call for backup."

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied, "They couldn't get a baby-sitter."

A ten year old was becoming quite knowledgeable about the Bible. Then one day she floored her teacher when she asked, "Which virgin was the mother of Jesus, the Virgin Mary or the King James Virgin."



# Mainstream

MILDURA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**16th March, 2014**

Mark is an amazing Gospel. It is most likely the first of the gospels to be written. The book was written in Rome by John Mark who is referred to ten times in the New testament. He was bellied to have been a close follower of Peter. The Gospel is believed to have been written for the Gentiles and for the Christians in Rome, as Christianity was beginning to spread in Rome, and mark's Gospel was written to help people understand to know how and why to follow Jesus.

The Gospel of Mark shows to have a clear purpose for its audience. Written at a time when Christianity was still in an infancy stage, the Gospel of Mark shows some very clear directions of what it means to be a follower of Jesus. The Gospel mainly focuses on Jesus' actions and his teachings. A clear purpose seen throughout this Gospel shows the nature of Discipleship to an audience who needed to know what following Jesus was all about.

Today, we are looking at the parable of the Lamp on a Stand, and the topic of Discipleship is again clear within this passage.

**JOSHUA COLE**

# 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 9th March

10.00am

Joshua Cole

**THE GOSPEL OF MARK**

**Shine Your Light**

Worship Leader

Michael Waters

Communion Leader

Dennis Homfray

Reading

Mark 4: 21-25

6.00 pm

Joshua Cole

**THE GOSPEL OF MARK**

Worship Leader

Isaac Fabich

Communion Leader

Bruce Eaton

## Next Week, Sunday, 16th March

10.00 am

Diane Morrall

&

**THE GOSPEL OF MARK**

6.00 pm

**"Mustard Seed faith"**

Mark 4: 21 - 25

He said to them, "Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don't you put it on its stand? For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."

"Consider carefully what you hear," he continued. "With the measure you use, it will be measured to you - and even more. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him."

# Loving God - Loving People

**GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL**

## *This Week*

Sunday	16th	9.30 am	Prayer
		12 noon	New Comers' Lunch
		7.30 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7FM
Monday	17th	10.15 am	Aged Care Service
		1.00 pm	Admin Meeting
		7.30 pm	WIGS
Tuesday	18th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Friday	19th	7.30 pm	Youth Groups



## **Aged Care Service**

Monday, 17th March, commencing at 10.15 am at the Nursing Home Ontario Avenue.

## **Administration Committee Meeting**

Monday, 17th March at 1.00 pm in the prayer Meeting Room.

## **PEANUT PALS**

Are you wondering who your Peanut Pal is this year? Have you had to ask someone to point her out and hope that who you are asking, isn't your Peanut Pal?

## **'Getting to Know You Night'**

**Monday, 17th March**

**7.30 pm**

Please add your name to the list in the foyer if you are coming.

## **HALL & LANE SALE**

Saturday, 5th April

Start collecting those unwanted goods  
Clean out your cupboards and garage  
Add your name to the list of helpers  
Add your goods if you want them collected  
But please, don't bring anything to the hall yet  
Collection day will be Thursday, 3rd April

## **Dates for your Diary**

March	29	Prayer Retreat
April	5	Hall and Lane Sale
April	6	Hymn Singing
April	7,9,11	Children's Holiday Program
	18	Good Friday
	20	Easter Sunday

## **PRAYER RETREAT**

SATURDAY, 29TH March

9.30 am - 3.00 pm

Venue: Andrew & Kylie's garden  
7 Cyprus Ave, Merbein

A day to come near to God  
A day to quietly reflect on God's word  
A time to listen to what God might have to say to you

## INTRODUCING...

Is a new segment in the newsletter. Each week in the Mainstream, we are hoping to introduce as many members to you as possible in order for us all to get to know one another better. Auralie will be asking everyone if she can take a photo of them and if you can provide a profile of yourself. Please assist by promptly writing up a short profile and handing it to her.

## INTRODUCING...

### Joshua Cole

I am 24 years old and have lived most of my life (17 years) in Mildura. I work here at the Church as the Associate minister 2½ days a week. I also work at the Mildura South Mocha Mecca as a barista. I am currently completing my final year of study in which I will complete my Bachelor of theology. I love both jobs, making coffee and being around people at Mocha Mecca, and love sharing the message of Jesus with the young people of the region in my role at the church. I love sport and spending weekends at sports' clubs. I play football for the Cardross Football Club and cricket for the Irymple Cricket Club.



### World's Greatest Shave

Saturday, March 15th

Emma Sturm is having her head shaved for leukaemia. You can sponsor her by clicking onto the sponsorship website [worldsgreatestshave.com](http://worldsgreatestshave.com). Emma Sturm under the orange SPONSOR tab.

*So often we think we have got to make a difference and be a big dog. Let us just try to be little fleas biting. Enough fleas biting strategically can make a big dog very uncomfortable.*

Marian Wright Edleman

## PRAYER CHAIN REVIEW

As a Prayer Committee, we are reviewing the Prayer Chain. If you are already on the Prayer Chain, will you please review your email address. If you wish to continue will you tick your name and check that your email address is correct. If you do not wish to continue, cross out your name and email address. For anyone who would like to become a part of this great ministry, would you add your name and email address to the list. If you would prefer the telephone, please add your name and telephone number. The lists are on the table in the foyer.

## ENCOUNTER CAMP Combined Church Youth Groups' Camp August 8th - 10th

Position Vacant for a Caterer  
To provide 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 1  
Dinner For 120 teenagers

See Josh Cole for details

## NEW COMERS' LUNCH Today, Sunday, March 16th

After the morning service  
If you have been meeting with us regularly and would like to come and meet with the leaders and enjoy a fellowship meal, then you are invited to join us.

**All welcome**

## Elders, Deacons and Officers of the Church

At our Annual General Meeting in February, a new Elder was appointed and two Deacons and two Officers were re-elected to the leadership Team. Brendan Moritz now joins the Elders' team of Andrew Tonkin, Wayne Whitehead, Michael Waters and Ruth Jackson.

Samantha Armstrong will be continuing on as Children's Ministry Deacon, and Jon Armstrong is commencing a new Functional Committee - Connect Groups. Auralie Munro and Heather Atkins are continuing in their roles as Secretary and Treasurer.

This morning in the service, there will be a time of dedication for the Church Leadership team.

## MOTHERS' DAY

The Women's Ministry Team would really love all of you to write a short record of a special memory that you have of being a mother OR as a daughter or son, with a special memory of your own Mother. If you are a keen writer, you're welcome to share more than one memory.



All these memories will then be compiled into a booklet and given back as a gift. We would like you to put your name to the article, but if you would like us to Not publish your name, please note that and we'll respect your request. Once you've written your memory, please put it in an envelope and hand it to me or leave it in the U-V pigeon hole in the foyer.

Let's really honour Motherhood and make this a special keepsake. Thank you.

Kaye Underwood and the Women's Ministry Team.



## Family News & Prayer



- \* Betty and Gil Handasyde would like to thank their Church Family for their love and support on the passing of their dear son, Alan.
- \* Our sympathy is extended to Bernadette Witcombe and her family on the passing of her mother in Queensland recently.
- \* Also noticed in the Sunraysia Daily last week was the death of Bob McSwain in Geelong, a member of this church in past years.
- \* Be in prayer also for Ralph Thomas who is in the Mildura Base Hospital.

*All too often we bemoan our imperfections rather than embrace them as part of the process in which we are brought to God. Cherished emptiness gives God space in which to work. We are pure capacity for god. Let us not, then, take our littleness lightly. It is a wonderful grace. It is a gift to receive. At the same time, let us not get trapped in the confines of our littleness, but keep pushing on to claim our greatness. Remind yourself often, "I am pure capacity fro God; I can be more."*

Macrina Wiederkehr - A Tree Full of Angels

### HELPERS NEEDED

Children's Holiday Program  
Monday, April 7th, Wednesday April 9th &  
Friday, April 11th.

Put your name on the list if you are able  
to assist with kitchen helping,  
Working with children,  
Setting up & packing up.  
Come for the three days, one day or half  
a day.  
Your assistance would be great!



### POSITIONS VACANT

For R. E. Classes  
A helper in the lower  
grades  
And an emergency  
teacher  
Friday mornings 8.45 am to 9.15 am.  
Commence at the  
Ranfurly School  
On Friday, 7th March  
Training available.

## YOUTH GROUPS

**Friday Night 21st March**

**IGNITION - for years 5 - 8**

Chalk Chase

Get ready to follow the chalky clues.

7.30 - 9.30 pm \$3

**XLR8 - for years 9 -12**

Masterchef

You've seen it on TV, so now it's your chance.

7.30 - 9.30 pm \$5

## Mission Update

### Paul and Linda Burrow in Cochabamba, Bolivia

We had a good break just after Christmas, going on a 6 day trip to see Betanzos, Caiza 'D' and Vitichi. These three towns were places where Paul's parents, Lincoln and Win, ministered many years ago. Paul had vague recollections of the place. Betanzos is a town surrounded by rugged mountains. It was a moving experience to be greeted by the church folk who greatly appreciated our visit. We were only sure of our plans on Friday and arrived there on Sunday morning. There was a special lunch in our honour and we were presented with local hats. One very old man recounted how Lincoln was the only person in town who thought he was of value. He became a Christian and God turned his life around from being a drunken down-and-out. He told his story in Quecha and the pastor translated it into Spanish for Paul's benefit. During the worship service, Paul had to give an impromptu message in Spanish. I share on Psalm 23 and they were very forgiving of my stumbling English. After a big lunch, we toured the town, meeting more people who fondly remembered Lincoln and Win. There are now at least 3 churches in Betanzos and they all trace their origins back to the church started by Lincoln and Win.

