

Sunday, 27th April 2014

10.00 am

Worship Leader	J. Armstrong	
Communion Leader	M. Waters	
Children's Church	J. Cole	Prayer leader H. Atkins
Singers	M. Straub, S. Armstrong	
Band	M. Gardner,	
Projector / Sound	B. Kiley, C. Beasy	
Officer on Duty	Ca. Waters / Cl. Waters	
Welcome/Reception	J. Kelly	
Helpers	M. King / D. Hind	
	G. Beruldsen, J. Cooke, W. Duke, K. Underwood, H. Atkins, C. Armstrong, N. Underwood (Reader), D. Shields	

Crèche	M. Cox
Cuppa	D. Ferrett, J. Ferrett, J. Purcell
Communion Prep.	Ca. Waters
Flowers / Cleaning	M. Straub / P. Leng, R. Hawtin

6.00 pm

Worship Leader	J. Armstrong
Communion Leader	B. Kiley
Children's Church	B. Eaton
Singers	J. Cole
Band	S. Armstrong
Projector / Sound	A. Alabaster, M. Gardner, J. Waters, C. Waters
Officer on Duty	T. Eaton / P. Norris
Reception	J. Kelly
Crèche	G. Muller
	J. Cooke

Divine Intervention? One Easter afternoon Jasper, a little boy, was playing outdoors. He used his mother's broom as a horse and had a wonderful time until it was getting dark. He left the broom on the back porch. His mother was cleaning up the kitchen when she realized that her broom was missing. She asked Jasper about the broom and he told her where it was.

She then asked him to please go get it. Jasper informed his mother that he was afraid of the dark and didn't want to go out to get the broom. His mother smiled and said, 'The Lord is out there too, don't be afraid.'

Jasper then opened the back door a little and said, 'Lord, since you're out there, please pass me the broom.'



Mainstream



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18th & 20th April 2014

The witnesses to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ perceived some remarkable things that day. Human eyes saw three men being executed in the manner reserved for the very worst criminals. . They saw the earth cloaked in a darkness even midnight would not recognize. Ears heard the loathsome whistle and snap of the scourge, the piercing ring of the hammer on spike, horrifying shrieks of agony and the demon-fuelled laughter of angry soldiers. The earth shook and quivered beneath their feet as an earthquake rumbled through the Judean hills.

It would have been an overwhelming scene to comprehend. But there was even more taking place in the spiritual realm beyond the reach of human senses. The spiritual battle of the ages had reached its climax. It was the loneliest moment since creation. It was the day God the Father turned his back on his only begotten Son as the sins of the world were piled upon the blood stained shoulders of our Lord and he died in our place.

Never before or since has such love been on open display. Calvary's cross is the place where God's unfathomable provision intersects with our deepest and most basic need. Put another way, the cross is where the furious love of God Almighty encounters our broken and shattered hearts.

ANDREW TONKIN

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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, Friday 18th April

9.00 am

Jon Armstrong

Good Friday

Worship Leader

Samantha Armstrong

Today, Sunday 20th April

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin

Resurrection Sunday

Worship Leader

Brendan Moritz

Communion Leader

Joshua Cole

NO PM SERVICE

Next Week, Sunday, 27th April

10.00am

Jon Armstrong

CONNECT GROUPS

Worship Leader

Michael Waters

Communion Leader

Joshua Cole

6.00 pm

Jon Armstrong

CONNECT GROUPS

Worship Leader

Brendan Kiley

Communion Leader

Bruce Eaton

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

This Week

Sunday	20th	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Prayer Ray on Radio 106.7FM
Monday	21st	10.15am	Aged Care Service
Monday	21st	7.30pm	W.I.G.S. Chill out night
Tuesday	22nd	1.00pm	Admin Meeting
Thursday	24th	12noon	Meet and Eat
Friday	25th		Anzac Day
Saturday	26th		Meal with Midgley's



Church Café Nights - Dates for your Diary

DATE

May 11th
May 25th
June 8th
June 22nd
July 6th

TEAM

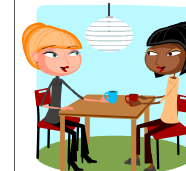
Ministry Group
Worship Ministry
Women's Ministry
Pastoral Care Ministry
Worship Ministry



W.I.G.S

April 21st 7.30pm

**COME AND CHILL
OUT NIGHT**



Come and enjoy
some Fellowship.
Bring a small plate of
Supper to share.



CRAFT

Advance Notice

Monday 28th April
11am to 3pm

Finish off Card
Making for Mother's Day

All welcome to come along
And enjoy the fellowship

Meet And Eat

Thursday 24th April
12 noon

Jenny's Coffee Lounge
In the Mall, Langtree Avenue

All welcome to join in
this time of fellowship.



INTRODUCING...

Anne Beaufort

Born in England in 1935. Lived in Guernsey C.I. 1938-1945.

Educated in England. Joined the W.R.N.S in 1953. Married in Malta.

Have 2 Sons and a daughter.

Migrated to Australia in 1971. Taught R.E. for 10 years. Joined the Church of Christ in 2001. Have a grandson, granddaughter

And 2 Great grand daughters. Was baptised and confirmed in the Church of England. Received the Holy Spirit in 1985 which gave me a deep faith and trust in God. I love Gardening, Nature and Solitude.



We are running short of profiles!! Please send yours in now if you have had your photo taken by Auralie.



B.I.G. : Blokes Into God Saturday May 10th 4x4 Hattah Lakes Tour



Follow the Leader
10.00am depart Church
And return at 5.00pm

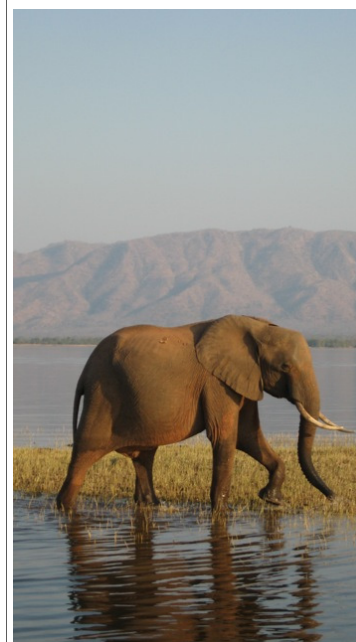
**Bring your own 4x4
Or find a friend with one.**

Donations to Church Building Program.

A list will be put up in the church foyer

**So please write your name down if you are
Interested or see Noel, Wayne
or Peter for more details**

OUT OF AFRICA



Have you seen our Exhibition of African Paintings and photographs yet? We are approaching the last week.

How about meeting at Stefano's at morning tea time -10am to have a cuppa and one last look.

The ladies who did the trip will try to be there to have a chat and tell stories of our experiences.

**Last Chance this week
Mon 21st, Tues 22nd, and Wed 23rd
From 10am. Looking forward to
meeting you there,
Elizabeth, Janet, Jenni & Glenda.**

Exhibition finishes on April 23rd.

**At Stefano's Gallery,
25 Deakin Avenue,
Mildura 3500**



Family News & Prayer



*Continue in prayer for:

Anne Eaton as she recovers from back surgery
Bob McAllister who has had a bad fall
Ralph Thomas in the Base Hospital
Lois Biggs whose illness prevents her from attending church
Des Hammond, Vic Robinson, Peg Furze, Nancy McAllister,
Leon Scarlett all in Nursing Homes, and Norma Fechner

* Our sympathy and prayers are with Coral and David Ling and family. Coral's brother, Maurie Payne passed away on Sunday 13th April after a short illness.

* Please be in prayer for Colin and Shirley Clarke. Colin is in hospital after having a stroke on Thursday morning.

YOUTH GROUPS

Public Holiday -- No Youth Groups

IGNITION - for years 5 - 8

XLR8 - for years 9 -12



**Children's Church
Needs
More teachers for the
evening service.**



If you would like to help, then please contact Sam Armstrong
on 0423 079018.

**Creche AM and PM
Need more helpers too**

If you would like to help, then please write your name
on the sheet in the foyer or talk to Carolyn Waters.

Mission Update

As we move through Lent, we are inexorably drawn to the pivotal events of the Gospel. We move along this journey with Jesus, not because we want to know the end, but because we already know the end.

Jesus, who personified love, justice, compassion and integrity was arrested, was beaten, spat upon and crucified. God incarnate was executed by a dominant military empire. We have all heard sermons that go into the grisly details of that process. No matter how willingly Jesus sacrificed himself, his last hours were painful and alienating. As we keep reading, we know that this is not the end.

The resurrection account dawns upon us, and a hope borne out of despair, a life out of death, a light from darkness, is gifted to us. At the core of it all is sacrifice – a sacrifice that leads through pain to life. To speak of partnerships and mission is, ultimately, to speak of sacrifice. I think of our GMP partners who have had to deal with the sacrifice of leaving ethnic and community ties to follow Jesus. I think of others who live and minister in settings where in order to simply live and minister, sacrifice is required. By definition, sacrifice is not easy, but when sacrifice is fuelled by faith it leads to hope, life and light. In difficult places one of the ways we can contribute to those partnerships is to let them know that they do not sacrifice alone or in vain. We, here at home, can also give our time, money, energy and prayer to help our partners' sacrifices go through a resurrection experience.

As we approach those pivotal Easter moments we remember the timeless Christ – he whose sacrifice is not merely contained in a provincial backwater of the Roman Empire 2000 years ago, but whose sacrifice and resurrection speak afresh into our lives today. It is his sacrifice and resurrection that empowers, changes and redeems our partners and us, giving power to our ministries to create hope, life and light.

Whether that is in urban Melbourne, the Bandaran Hills or rural Zimbabwe, the One who sacrificed himself and rose from the dead is here to partner with us all.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45).

Craig Brown