

Mainstream



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20th July, 2014

This past week I conducted my first funeral for an Aboriginal person. The deceased knew John Saulo, but since John is still in Papua New Guinea I was asked to conduct the funeral. I felt very honoured to do so. Being an Aboriginal funeral I wanted to include some content that would have some cultural meaning. I phoned an Aboriginal pastor I know and he shared with me this wonderful version of the 23rd Psalm. I think it is beautiful and my prayer is that it has really blessed those who attended the funeral in Dareton last Friday morning...

PSALM 23 (ABORIGINAL STYLE)

By Rev. Ron Williams

*My big fella boss up in the sky is like the father emu.
He will always look after me and take me to green grass,
And lead me to where the water holes are full and fresh all the time.*

*He leads me away from the thick scrub
and helps me keep safe from the hunters, dingoes and eagles.
At night time when I'm very lonely and sad,
I will not be afraid, for my Father covers me with His feathers like a
father emu.*

His spear and shield will always protect me.

*My big fella boss always gives me a good feed in the middle of my
enemies.*

In hot times he makes me sit down in a cool shade and rest.

*He gives me plenty of love and care all of my life through.
Then I will live with my big fella boss like a father emu,
that cares for his chickens in good country full of peace and safety,*

Forevermore and evermore.

ANDREW TONKIN

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 in the Church Hall following the morning service.

Today, Sunday, 20th July

10.00 am

Joel Thomas

The Gospel of Mark

“Spiritual Surgery”

Worship Leader

Communion Leader

Reading

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6.00 pm

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In the Senior Citizens' Building

Beth Giddings

Ruth Jackson

Mark 9: 42-50

Isaac Fabich

Joshua Cole

Next Week, Sunday, 27th July

10.00am

&

6.00 pm

Andrew Tonkin

The Gospel of Mark

Mark 9: 42-50

“And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where ‘their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’ Everyone will be salted with fire...”

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL



Family News & Prayer



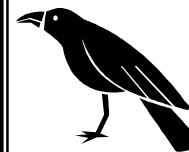
- * It is with sadness that we received the news of the death of Edna Clark on Saturday. Our sympathy and prayers are with Doug and his family at this time. Andrew led a funeral service for her on Thursday.
Thank you to all who prepared and served afternoon tea after the burial.

LIBRARY

The Library has been closed due to renovations. A stock-take will be done at this time, so we ask that all library books be returned to the office. Thank you.

Rosters, Directories, Envelopes

There are still some rosters that haven't been collected. They are available at the front door on Sunday or from the office during the week.
If you didn't pick up a new Family Directory, there are still a few left.
There are plenty of offering envelopes available also.
Remember to fill out the Roster absence form on the door in the church foyer for October, November, December.



B.I.G. Blokes Into God



A day bus trip to Adelaide Oval to watch
Crows vs West Coast Eagles
on Saturday, 2nd August.

If you don't barrack for either team, come and encourage them to injure each other so your team will have a better chance in the last few rounds.

7.00 am depart. Lunch at Truro

Game starts early at 1.40 pm.

Back in Mildura by 9.00 pm.

We need 20 names for the bus, and ground entry and costs should be around \$60 plus your food and drink for the day.

Please, names early to help with organising.

YOUTH GROUPS

Friday, 25th July

7.30 - 9.30 pm

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

UV Party

In the hall

Wear white or fluoro colours

For a stand-out night

Churches Opposes Distribution of Scriptures in Greece

Almost 300 volunteers from Greece and around the world are gathering in Halkidiki just outside Thessaloniki in Northern Greece, preparing for a week-long, major summer project. The participants are coming from as far afield as Australia, Iceland, South Africa, New Zealand, Romania, Canada, the UK and the USA. Their purpose is to distribute modern Greek Testaments to some 150,000 homes. Very few Greeks own a Bible and even fewer have ever read a modern Greek translation. So you would think that the powerful Greek Orthodox church would be rejoicing at the prospect of a national spiritual impact and the opportunity to make the Scriptures available to the common people.

Not so. A press statement was posted on 27 June on the official Greek Orthodox Church Archdiocese website warning the public of 'Hellenic Ministries, a neo Protestant group that will once again be involved in a widespread proselytizing effort with the excuse of passing out New Testaments!'

They remind the Greek audience that, 'the Greek people are the only body of Christ and that Greece doesn't need modern heresies or "self-ordained" (Evangelical) preachers.'

Included in the Bible gift packets are an audio version of the New Testament and a testimony from a Greek pastor. Also included is contact information for the mission, an Alpha Course contact and a letter encouraging people to attend the church of their choice.

In the latest Hellenic Ministries monthly prayer letter, Jonathan Macris, President of the mission asks supporters to, 'Pray that God will turn their negative intentions into positive publicity.' He asks people to pray for a blinding of church clergy to the press statement and that instead of stirring up opposition it will create much interest and even support for the project.

This Week

Sunday	20th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7FM
Monday	21st	10.15 am	Aged Care Service
		1.00 pm	Admin. Committee
		7.30 pm	W.I.G.S.
Tuesday	22nd	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Thursday	24th	12 noon	Meet And Eat
Friday	25th	7.30 pm	Youth Groups
Saturday	26th	6.30 pm	FAFFS Mexican Night



JULY

Adventure Club Kitchen - July 22nd

Ash & Danni Gray & Blue Team

Church Café - July 20th

Adventure Club Josh Cole & Kaye Underwood

Hello ladies of all ages!
Our Annual Ladies' Day
 Is coming up on
Saturday, 9th August.

Advertising fliers are available in the Mainstream this week. Please mark this date in your diaries. Women of all ages are invited and please invite a friend along as well.

Put your name on the registration Sheet in the church foyer for catering purposes before Sunday, 3rd August.

It promises to be a great day of fellowship, worship and learning from God's Word.

W.I.G.S. Women In God's Service

Monday, 21st July at 7.30 pm

What We Do For a Job!

Maree Whitehead is going to talk about her job with CRS Australia

Nathan Christian will tell us what it is like to work on controlling bushfires and other things he does in his job.



All ladies welcome!

Sunday, 27th July 2014

10.00 am

Worship Leader
 Communion Leader
 Children's Church
 Singers
 Band
 Projector / Sound
 Officer on Duty
 Welcome/Reception
 Helpers

A. Tonkin
 J. Cole
 W. Whitehead
 M. Straub
 M. Cameron, D. Mountford, K. Tonkin
 A. Thorne, R. Jemmeson, I. Fabich, C. Beasy
 P. Bekker / P. Norris
 J. Kelly
 D. Morrall / J. Cooke
 G. Beruldsen, J. Renfree, J. Barthelson, D. Shields,
 H. Atkins, J. Wiffen, M. Cox (reader), J. Bradford
 Mark 10: 1-12

Reading

Crèche

Cuppa

Communion Prep.

Grounds

6.00 pm

Worship Leader
 Communion Leader
 Children's Church
 Singers
 Band
 Projector / Sound
 Officer on Duty
 Reception
 Crèche

A. Tonkin
 B. Kiley
 J. Armstrong
 J. Cole
 S. Armstrong, A. Alabaster, A. Gray
 M. Gardner, I. Fabich, I. Stewart
 J. Corrie / P. Norris
 J. Kelly
 R. Hawtin
 M. Whitehead
 Prayer Leader D. Morrall

Bobby's father asked him, "What did you learn in Sunday School this morning?" Bobby replied, "We learned about how Moses went behind enemy lines to rescue the Jews from the Egyptians. Moses ordered the engineers to build a pontoon bridge. After the people had crossed, he sent bombers back to blow up the bridge and the Egyptian tanks that were following them. Concerned, his father asked, "Did your teacher really tell it like that?" "No," replied Bobby. "But if I told you what he said, you would never believe it."

Q: Why was Moses the most wicked man who ever lived?

A: He broke the Ten Commandments all at once.

