

# Mainstream



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As I write these thoughts for the Mainstream front page, people are starting to gather at St Paul's Cathedral in Melbourne for a memorial service for those killed in the plane that was shot down over Russia. They are expecting such a huge crowd of people coming to mourn and pay their respects that the memorial service is being shown on big screens in Federation Square.

It has often been the case that in times of tragedy people flock to memorial services in an attempt to find meaning in the midst of chaos. Many people who in normal circumstances rarely give God a second thought find themselves reaching out, praying, hoping that there is some hope beyond the misery and pain of this mortal life.

The Bible tells us in **PSALM 71**, "*In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame. Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness; turn your ear to me and save me. Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go; give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.*"

No matter the trial or tragedy, we have an almighty God we can turn to. He and he alone has the power to save, the tenderness to comfort, the strength to hold us up and the grace to restore.

There is hope beyond the brokenness of this world. It is in a God who loves us so much that he sent his only son to bear our shame, to pay our penalty and to open the gates to life for all who believe.

**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, 27th July**

**In the Senior Citizens' Building**

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin

**The Gospel of Mark**

"The Sanctity of Marriage"

Worship Leader

Brendan Moritz

Communion Leader

Wayne Whitehead

Reading

Mark 10: 1-12

6.00 pm

Joel Thomas

**The Gospel of Mark**

"The Sanctity of Marriage"

Worship Leader

Brendan Kiley

Communion Leader

Jon Armstrong

**Next Week, Sunday, 3rd August**

10.00am

Joshua Cole

&

**The Gospel of Mark**

6.00 pm

**Mark 10: 1-10 "Divorce"**

Jesus then left that place and went into the region of Judea and across the Jordan. Again crowds of people came to him, and as was his custom, he taught them. Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" "What did Moses command you?" he replied. They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away." "It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

# Loving God - Loving People

**GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL**

## INTRODUCING... Glenis and Harry Diggle

Harry and I were both born and have lived all our lives in Sunraysia. Harry grew up on a fruit block at Koorlong with his parents, Fred and Ruby, and brothers Peter and Ken. He attended Koorlong Primary and Mildura Technical Schools and followed that with his "A" Grade Automotive Engineer Certificate through V.A.C.C. Harry did his apprenticeship with Stuart and Harrison's and then went to Washington Motors (Ford Dealer). From there he worked with Syd Mills Motors (Mazda, etc) and then opened his own workshop, having to retire in 1995 with a bad back. Harry was a Sunday School teacher, Boys' Brigade leader and Deacon.



Glenis grew up in Irymple with parents, Whit and Gertie Neville and brother David. Whit owned the Irymple Butchery and was a lay preacher to the Sunraysia Churches. His father, my grand-father, was a minister at Merbein Church of Christ. Glenis attended Irymple Primary and Mildura High School and worked in the Commonwealth Bank until she married Harry in 1964. (In those days married women were not allowed to work in any Commonwealth position after they were married). I was a stay-at-home mum until I went back to work in 1995 when Harry was forced to retire and Rachael went away to University. I worked at the Trinity Lutheran College for 12 years as a Teacher's Assistant (part-time).

Glenis enjoyed working in Church Auxiliaries, some of which were Sunday School, Adventure Club, Girls' Club, Tweens, C.W.F. Chat 'N' Chew, Share Group and Bible Study.

Harry and I were blessed with three amazing daughters, Janine (Alabaster), Michelle (Farha) and Rachael Morey, and now have eight fun-loving grandchildren: Abigail, Eli and Lydia; Damon, Nathan & Alexandra; Noah and Olyn;

*If you have had your photo taken by Auralie recently, please supply a profile of yourself so that it can be included in the Mainstream thank you.*

## 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.





## Family News & Prayer



- \* It is with sadness that we have heard the news of the death of Sylvia Rankin on Tuesday. Andrew will lead a service for Sylvia on Tuesday at 10.30 am at the Murray Pines Cemetery. Morning tea will be in our hall, so ladies are asked to please bring along a plate or two. Please let Auralie or Glenis know if you are able to help with food.
- \* "My heartfelt thanks for the over-whelming love and care by my church family at the passing of my dear Edna. I will never forget the service by Andrew and the many cards, flowers, phone calls and visits.  
Thank you, Doug."
- \* We extend our sympathy to the Corrie family on the death of Michael's beloved grand-father last week.

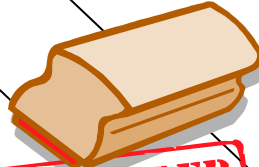
## Rosters

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 encourage them to injure each other so your team will have a better chance in the last few rounds.

**CANCELLED**

7.00 am depart. Lunch at Truro  
Game starts early at 1.40 pm.  
Back in Mildura by 9.00 pm.

## **YOUTH GROUPS**

**Friday, 1st August**

**7.30 - 9.30 pm**

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

**Q & A Games Night**

**Come along for a night**

**where we answer any questions you've got!**

**At the Church Hall \$3**

### **Persecution Gathers Momentum**

CHINA - Pastor Zhang Shaojie sentenced to 12 years in prison  
LAOS - Christians arrested; falsely accused of murder  
TANZANIA - Pastors charged with blasphemy  
KAZAKHSTAN - Criminal charge against pastor continues  
CUBA - Government demolishes house church  
ASSYRIA - Christians demand protection  
CHINA - House church persecuted after outreach  
IRAQ - Christians on the run, endangered and in need  
INDIA - Christian convert couple killed; 250 Christians made homeless  
EGYPT - Christians jailed for blasphemy and disturbing the peace  
NIGERIA - Christians killed at worship, churches torched in attacks  
VIETNAM - Bible school students beaten in night-time raid  
INDONESIA - Church attacked by masked Muslims during service  
SUDAN - Authorities demolish church building; mosque left standing  
UNITED KINGDOM - British Christian National Health Service manager suspended for praying with Moslem colleague  
NIGERIA - Boko Haram strikes again but Christians persevere on two fronts  
PAKISTAN - Christian teenagers raped and killed  
KENYA - Al-Shabaab attack targets Christians  
NEPAL - Police arrest 40 Christians following pressure from Hindus  
EGYPT - Christians kidnapped in Egypt as Islamist violence continues  
BHUTAN - Targeted pastor charged with illegally collecting funds  
PAKISTAN - Prayer asked for Christians safety  
IRAQ - Church being eliminated as Christians flee  
NORTH KOREA - S. Korean missionary sentenced to life in hard labour  
IRAN - Pastor irani returned to prison  
EGYPT - Christian gets 6 years prison for 'liking' Facebook page

## **TRADITIONAL CHINESE BANQUET**

**Saturday, 9th August**

**6.30 pm**

Salvation Army  
14th Street



Come and enjoy authentic Traditional Chinese Food cooked by the Chinese Christian Fellowship. Learn how to make dumplings on the night. Chinese massage available (after dinner for a small donation)

All proceeds will go towards Bibles for China  
\$20 entry fee  
Numbers limited

**RSVP Jane Schmidt 0400 256130 by Saturday, 2nd August**

### **CALLING ANY MEN**

Josh Cole is urgently looking for someone to help him cook breakfast at the Encounter Youth Camp. Saturday morning, August 9th

6.00 - 9.00 am

Lake Cullulleraine

**URGENT**

"I would like to thank all who have so far volunteered their time for helping with the set up and pack up of church in the seniors' building. If you had put your name down to volunteer and have not yet been contacted to assist, that will be due to me (Brendan) losing the list before I could put a roster together. Please accept my apologies. If you are still keen to assist, can you please give your names and availability (morning only, night only, both services and date if applicable) to the church office, and I will endeavour to not lose them again this time around. Thanks again to all who have assisted, and to those who are keen to, Brendan Moritz

## *This Week*

Sunday	27th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7FM
Monday	28th	11.00 am	Craft Group
		7.30 pm	Board Meeting
Tuesday	29th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Friday	1st	7.30 pm	Youth Groups
Saturday	2nd		BIG Cancelled



**Adventure Club Kitchen - July 29th**

Pam Midgley and Red Team

**Church Café - August 3rd**

Worship - Brendan and Natalie Moritz

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

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.

## **C.W.F. Christian Women's Fellowship**

August Meeting  
 Thursday, 7th August  
 1.30 pm

### **Your favourite thing**

Be it a hymn, song, article of clothing, jewellery or game

Devotions for this month from Kaye Underwood on  
 "Blood in the Vineyard" -  
 1 Kings:21



Hostesses for the day are Charlotte Armstrong and Patricia Castleman

## **Sunday, 3rd August 2014**

### **10.00 am**

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

J. Cole  
 D. Ferrett  
 R. Jackson + Prayer  
 M. Straub  
 M. Cameron, D. Clark, M. Cox  
 G. Miller, M. Waters, R. Fox  
 C. Waters / C. Waters  
 A. Munro  
 M. King / J. Ferrett  
 J. Cooke, C. Meade, K. Underwood, N. Underwood,  
 I. Cross, J. Booyesen, C. Staley (reader), G. Diggle  
 Mark 10: 17-27

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

R. Broad  
 J. & R. Barthelson, C. Armstrong  
 C. Waters  
 R. Barthelson & N. Underwood  
 J. Cole  
 I. Fabich  
 M. Waters  
 K. Kiley  
 J. Gardner, S. Armstrong, A. Gray  
 R. Jemmeson, I. Fabich, B. Moritz  
 A. Fabich / C. Waters  
 A. Munro  
 C. Waters  
 J. Kelly

One Sunday, a farmer went to church. When he entered, he saw that he and the preacher were the only ones present. The preacher asked the farmer if he wanted him to go ahead and preach. The farmer said, "I'm not too smart, but if I went to feed my cattle and only one turned up, I'd feed him."

So the minister began his sermon.

One hour passed, then two. The preacher finally finished and came down to ask the farmer how he had liked the sermon.

The farmer answered slowly, "I'm not too smart, but if I went to feed my cattle and only one showed up, I sure wouldn't feed him all the hay."

