

NEXT WEEK, 7th March

<u>10.00 am</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	M. Waters
Communion Leader	W. Whitehead Prayer Leader D. Clark
Singers	A. Corrie, R. Turlan, B. giddings
Band	J. Alabaster, C. Beasy
Lights/Project./Sound	E. Phillips / C. Waters / P. Kelly
Officer on Duty	J. Cooke
Welcome/Reception	S-A. Henderson / R. Hawtin
Helpers	G. Beruldsen, J. Bradford, D. Cox, M. Haigh, E. Straub, M. Straub, C. Meade, B. Eaton
Crèche	B. Beasy
Children's Church	Puppets / J. Kelly
Cuppa	J. Ferrett, L. Homfray
Communion Prep.	A. Munro
Flowers / Cleaning	M. Straub / J.& R. Barthelson
Grounds	W. Duke
<u>6.00 pm</u>	Movie Night—"End of the Spear"
Project./Sound	N. Kelly / P. Kelly
Reception	G. Muller
Helpers	S-A. Henderson, P. Leng
Crèche	R. Fox

There was a woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal disease and had been given three months to live. As she was getting her things in order, she contacted her pastor and asked him over to discuss her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted at her service, what scriptures she would like read, and she also requested that she be buried with her favourite Bible. As the pastor was preparing to leave she remembered something very important. 'There's one more thing,' she said excitedly. 'This is very important,' the woman continued. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand." The pastor stood looking at the woman, not knowing quite what to say. "Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the pastor. The woman explained. "In all my years of attending church socials and suppers, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, "Keep your fork." It was my favourite part because I knew that something better was coming ... like velvety chocolate cake or apple pie and cream. Something wonderful, and with substance!

'So, I just want people to see me there in that coffin with a fork in my hand. And I want them to wonder, "What's with the fork?" Then I want you to tell them: "Keep your fork ... the best is yet to come."



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28th February, 2010

Have you told your problems how big your God is today?

Psalm 91:1 says, "***He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.***"

This sounds like a pretty straight forward verse, yet we often find ourselves dwelling on our problems instead. We waste our energy wondering *how* and *why* rather than *who*. *Who* can overcome these issues? *Who* is bigger than what's in front of me? **Who** knows the outcome of my situation? It's the "*who-factor*" that matters! God is the one who can conquer your problems. Dwell in God and not on your problems!

Notice this verse tells us to dwell in His shelter. Your problems aren't a shelter. Focusing on your problems won't keep you safe and secure. God wants you to cling to Him no matter what. You're always going to have problems, and some of them are going to seem bigger than life. The question is, are they bigger than God?

Once you put your problems in the right perspective the answer is obvious. There is nothing God can't handle, no matter how big it may seem. Rest knowing He is in control of it all! Dwell in His shelter and He will help you get to the other side!

ANDREW

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 28th February

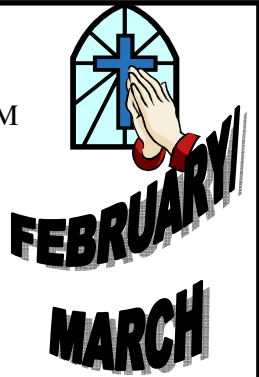
10.00 am George Warren
 Theme **The Power in the Prayer of Silence**
 Worship Leader Ruth Jackson
 Communion Leader
 Reading Matthew 11: 25-30
6.00 pm Andrew Tonkin
 Theme **JESUS FOR DUMMIES**
Why Go to Church?
 Worship Leader Clint Gardner
 Communion Leader Robyn Hawtin

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10.00 am Andrew Tonkin
THE EARLY CHURCH
A Church with a Message
6.00 pm Movie Night
"End of the Spear"

PRAYER WEEK *This Week*

Sunday	28th	9.30 am	Prayer
		9.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	1st	7.45 pm	Elders
Tuesday	2nd	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Thursday	4th	2.00 pm	C.W.F.
Friday	5th	10.00 am	World Day of Prayer
		7.30 pm	Youth Groups



Craft Group Monday, March 8th

Glass Etching

There will be a small charge of \$3 each to cover costs. Glass jars will be provided or if you prefer, you can bring your own special item to etch. You will need to bring a pencil or biro, 2 cloths—1 dry and 1 wet, a sharp Stanley knife and a pair of scissors. See you there!

Christian Women's Fellowship Thursday, March 4th

Psalm 1 "Delight in God's Word" - Diane Morrall
 "Delights to Share" - Kaye Underwood
 Games: - Find a Word & Jokes
 Cuppa—Peg Furze and Marjorie Teague
 Ladies of all ages are welcome to come along to the church on Thursday.

*Lord, take me where you want to go; Let me meet who you want me to meet;
 Tell me what you want me to say; and keep me out of your way.
 Father Mychal Judge*

PRAYER WEEK



"Whatever your trial, God sees.
 Whatever your struggle, God knows.
 Whatever your cry, God listens.
 Whatever your difficulty, God cares.
 Whatever your problem, God understands.
 Whatever your need, God provides.

Roy Lessin

'Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.' Hebrews 4: 16

Another month beginning, another opportunity to come and spend time in prayer. The Chapel will be open between 7am and 8 am from Monday to Friday, and throughout the day on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 am until 4.30 pm. Choose a time that would suit you. Come and spend time with the Lord. Pray over the points on the whiteboard and even add your own.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER **FRIDAY, 5th MARCH**

At the Mildura Church of Christ
At 10.00 am

Speaker: Ruth Jackson

"Let everything that has breath praise God"



Family News & Prayer



- * We have a number of people who are in need of prayer:
- Des Hammond who has been taken to hospital
 - Vic Robinson who has his operation on Tuesday
 - Gil Handasyde who had a bad fall last week
 - Norma Fechner whose operation has been post-poned
 - Lesley Nevill who is not well
 - Heather Atkins who has glandular fever and mumps
 - Heather Hoskin who is having further throat treatment
 - Nancy McAllister who has spent some time in hospital

CELEBRATION SERVICE

What a great Celebration Service we had last Sunday. Features were:

- Children's Talk featuring Missions with Sally-Anne Henderson
- A slide show of many of our church people by Diane Morrall
- Prayer for the Church and its people by Ruth Jackson
- Adventure Club promotional material displayed
- Joshua Cole commissioned into Ministry
- Recognition given to Claire Foster for her work with Adventure Club
- Recognition given to Alys Beasy for her organ playing
- Roster volunteer sheets distributed

The Celebration Service was followed by our Annual General Meeting with 54 members present.

PINK SHEETS

Last week, we distributed the Pink Roster Volunteer Sheets. Thank you to the many who filled them out and returned them last Sunday. If you didn't pick one up last Sunday and you wish to be on the roster, please see about collecting one today. These forms need to be back by next Sunday so that Carolyn can finalise the Roster. Remember to also fill out the absence date form on the church foyer door.

Children's Ministry

There will be a Scripture Union Training Day for anyone involved in Children's Ministry held at the Loxton church of Christ on Saturday 13th March from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm. BYO lunch. Cost: a donation. Resources for sale. This training day will be accredited as PD for all ACCESS ministries CRE teachers who attend. Please contact Chris Cook—5024 1987 or email chris@redcliffs.net about this. If you need accommodation please email Wendy at living.waters@internode.on.net

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Friday, 5th March 7.30—9.30 pm

IGNITION

Swimming Night

Meet at 462 Walnut Avenue

Don't forget your towel

XLR8

Wide Games

Meet and pick up from Mansell Reserve

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Mission Update



METAMORPHOSIS

Christmas and new year went by in a blur of activity, mostly involving long church services. For me it was a more homesick Christmas than usual, with our family gathered for both Christmas and my brother's wedding the day after.

A recent highlight was the visit of a team to repair obstetric fistulas at Danja. Many women in Niger suffer terribly from constant leakage of urine due to damage caused by prolonged labour. They are shunned by society and live lonely and miserable lives. Five of these women had surgery to repair fistulas. Apparently they didn't know until they met in the hospital ward that there were others who had the same problem. The special celebration before their discharge was truly a time of praising God. You should have seen the joy on their faces!

This week we are finally hiring a new health trainer. The next challenge will be training her. Pray that she will turn out to be capable and faithful. We also need new missionaries to carry on the work of the project in coming years. The Cunninghams will return to Australia in September. Jim Stuart will take over from Peter, but he too will be leaving the following year...Sally has been managing the finances for the Maradi area and we urgently need someone to replace her. Do pray for these needs. Thanks for your prayers and encouragement.

Ruth Perkins