

NEXT WEEK, 14th March

10.00 am	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	D. Clark
Communion Leader	R. Hawtin
Singers	R. Turlan, J. Gardner, M. Cameron
Band	N. Moritz, R. Fox
Lights/Project./Sound	N. Underwood / J. Cole / P. Kelly
Officer on Duty	J. Kelly
Welcome/Reception	D. Shields / R. Mansell
Helpers	J. Kelly, G. Diggle, W. Duke, F. Duke, J. Wiffen, P. Wiffen, T. Wiffen, G. Handasyde ?
Crèche	L. Homfray
Children's Church	J. Clarke
Cuppa	K. Underwood, B. Eaton
Communion Prep.	A. Munro
Flowers / Cleaning	A. Munro / D. Ferrett
Grounds	B. Eaton
6.00 pm	D. Morrall Baptism—D. Kelly
Worship Leader	B. Moritz
Communion Leader	R. Hawtin Prayer Leader S-A. Henderson
Singers	Z. Stewart, J. Gardner
Band	C. Gardner, M. Gardner, J. Waters, C. Waters
Project./Sound	G. Norris, P. Norris
Reception	I. Cross
Helpers	K. Gibbs, M. Cameron
Crèche	J. Cooke

A rich man went to his pastor and told him that he wanted to send him on a 3 month holiday while he got some builders to do some work on the church building. When the pastor and his wife returned home they were taken to examine the new work. The pastor immediately noticed that inside the church there was only one pew. "You just wait until Sunday", said the rich man. When the time came for the Sunday service, the early arrivals entered the church, filed into the one pew and sat down. When the pew was full, a switch clicked and the rear pew began to move forward. When it reached the front of the church it stopped. At the same time, another empty pew came up from below at the back and more people sat down. And so it continued, pews filling and moving forwards until finally the church was full, from front to back. "Wonderful!" said the pastor, "Marvellous!" The service began, and the preacher started to preach his sermon. He launched into his text and, when 11 o'clock came, he was still going strong with no end in sight. Suddenly a bell rang and a trap door in the floor behind the pulpit dropped open. "Wonderful!" said the congregation, "Marvellous!"



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7th March, 2010

One Sunday night many years ago I went into a pizza shop to buy some pizza for tea.

The guy in the pizza shop asked me, "Where have you been this evening?"

"I've just been to Church." I answered. "We have just finished and I thought I would take a pizza home for tea."

"You've been to Church?" the pizza guy replied, almost surprised by the fact. "You will never get me in a Church. All they ever talk about is wanting your money."

I tried explaining to the pizza guy that the Church rarely spoke about money and that the main message was the love of God shown through Jesus. But he wasn't going to be changed in his opinion. I felt very sad that this man thought that the message of the Church is just about how to get people's money.

I wonder what people outside the Church think our message is. I know that I hope they would think that our message is one of love, grace and eternal life found in Jesus.

What do you think our message is? What do you think our message should be? How are you being a proactive part of expressing and sharing the true message of the Church of Jesus Christ? It cannot be left up to the Minister or the Elders. It takes every one of us working together in love and unity, being effective witnesses where ever we are, through our actions and our words. Are you sharing the right message?

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 7th March

10.00 am

Theme

Andrew Tonkin

THE EARLY CHURCH

A Church With a Message

Worship Leader

Michael Waters

Communion Leader

Wayne Whitehead

Reading

6.00 pm

Movie

END OF THE SPEAR

Next Week, 14th March

10.00 am

6.00 pm

Andrew Tonkin

THE EARLY CHURCH

A Giving Church

Diane Morrall

JESUS FOR DUMMIES

How Do I Tell Others?

This evening we also will be witnessing the baptism of Duncan Kelly.



HYMN SINGING AFTERNOON

To be held in the Wesleyan Church
Next Sunday—14th March at 2.30 pm
Come along and sing old and new favourite hymns
With Glenn Miller at the Organ

&

Soloist—Simone Liuzzi

Presenter for the afternoon will be Sandy Thomas

This event is being organised by the Bible Society of Sunraysia
A freewill offering will be taken in aid of the Society's work in Kenya
For further information, contact Doug Herde on 5023 2713

This Week

Sunday	7th	9.30 am	Prayer
		9.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	8th	LABOUR DAY	
		11.00 am	Craft Group
Tuesday	9th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Friday	11th	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!

Are you acting too much like a Christian to be one?



ADVENTURE CLUB FAMILY PICNIC

Tuesday, March 9th

5.30—7.30 pm

Jaycee Park

Cost \$3 each

**Plus bring a salad and finger
dessert to share**

I hired a plumber to help me restore an old farm house. He had a rough first day on the job, a flat tire had made him lose an hour of work and his electric drill quit. Then, his ancient one-ton truck refused to start. As I drove him home he sat in stony silence.

On arriving home, he walked up to the front door, and paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches. As he opened the door his face was wreathed with smiles as he hugged his wife and children.

The next day I asked him about the touching of the tree. "Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied. "My day's troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and kids, so I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home and I ask God to take care of them for me. Then in the morning I pick them up again. Funny thing is," he smiled, "when I come out in the morning, there aren't as many as there was the night before."



Family News & Prayer



- * Congratulations to Carole and Peter Staley on the arrival of another grandson, Samuel Paul, born to Ashley and Lisa on February 14th.
- * We offer our sympathy to Bert Curtis whose sister, Marjorie Cruickshank died on the 22nd February.

PINK SHEETS

In the last couple of weeks we distributed the Pink Roster Volunteer Sheets. Thank you to the many who filled them out and returned them. 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 **today** so that Carolyn can finalise the Roster. Remember to also fill out the absence date form on the church foyer door.

FAITH PROMISE FOR MISSIONS

In your Mainstream today you will have received all the Faith Promise information. Please return your Faith Promise Slips as soon as you can, either in the offering bowl or to the office.

FAITH PROMISE FOR MISSIONS

Money already received for 2010
+ \$1,400

Lord, take me where you want me to go;
Let me meet who you want me to meet;
Tell me what you want me to say;
And keep me out of the way.

Father Mychal Judge

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Friday, March 12th

7.30—9.30 pm

IGNITION

Wide Games

Big Team Games under the lights.

At Mansell Reserve

XLR8

No Youth Group

Mission Update



St Kilda Gatehouse

New Projects

In 2010 we are embarking on new initiatives which have been formed from the ideas and needs expressed by those who access Gatehouse.

Transit is a support group and skills program for women who want to exit the cycle of drug addiction and sex work. The group will allow women to work through issues that are unique to street sex workers including abuse, isolation and instability.

The **Gatehouse Women's Netball Team** will be joining a league in late February. The team is made up of staff, volunteers and women who access Gatehouse.

Navigate was developed out of the need to assist individuals to navigate services, systems and appointments. Individuals can find 'the system' overwhelming and intimidating. Navigate is about making the right introductions and working alongside individuals to remove the blockers that are keeping them from accessing important services.

We continue to seek resources for these new ventures. If you would like to contribute directly to an initiative, please send an email to info@stkildagatehouse.org.au.

The night before our Christmas Party, a group of volunteers helped us put together over 60 Christmas packages. The Christmas Party was a huge day. For some the Gatehouse Christmas package was the only Christmas gift they received.