

NEXT WEEK, 18th April

<u>10.00 am</u>	John Saulo
Worship Leader	R. Jackson
Communion Leader	M. Waters      Prayer Leader R. Jackson
Singers	D. Ferrett, K. Gibbs, R. Fox
Band	C. Beasy
Lights/Project./Sound	J. Cole / C. Cole
Officer on Duty	A. Munro
Welcome/Reception	J. Cooke / J. Rosenberg
Helpers	G. Beruldsen, N. Cook, W. Whitehead, J. Barthelson, D. Beasy, A. Beasy, F. Duke, G. Diggle
Crèche	M. Cox
Children's Church	S-A. Henderson
Cuppa	J. Booyesen & J. Bradford
Communion Prep.	R. Hawtin & J. Firth
Flowers / Cleaning	A. Munro / S-A. Henderson
Grounds	W. Duke & M. Cameron
<u>6.00 pm</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	J. Gardener
Communion Leader	R. Hawtin
Singers	M. Cameron, J. Gardner, Z. Stewart
Band	N. Moritz, M. Gardner, J. Waters, C. Waters
Project./Sound	A. Fox / A. Fox
Reception	A. Knight
Helpers	I. Cross, B. Eaton
Crèche	R. Fox

There is a story about a monastery in Europe, perched high on a cliff several hundred metres high. The only way to reach the monastery was to be suspended in a basket which was then pulled by the monks at the top, who pulled and tugged with all their strength until their passenger was able to alight.

Obviously, the ride up the steep cliff in that basket was terrifying. One day a tourist was even more terrified when he noticed that the rope by which the basket was suspended, was starting to look old and frayed.

With a trembling voice, he asked the monk who was travelling in the basket with him, "How often do you change the rope?"

The monk thought for a moment, then answered bluntly, "Whenever it breaks!"



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**Proverbs 27:17** *"As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend."*

This verse is a good reminder that having the right people around us makes a difference in our lives. However, it also makes us question our own influence on others.

We benefit most from those who bring something to the table. While we need people around us who are positive and encouraging, that's only part of it. We also need those who can be honest and realistic with us.

Think about this for a second. In your own relationships are you both sharpening one another or is it a one sided affair? Maybe both blades are dull and neither side is benefiting. Whatever the case, we should be insightful and challenge each other.

I want to encourage you to be a friend who encourages, uplifts, and inspires! Be the person who people can share what they are going through, the good and bad, and know that you will pray for them and offer real solutions.

If you've been stuck in relationships that aren't sharpening you, it's time to make a change. Seek out those who will challenge you as a person and help you grow in your faith.

# 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 11th April

10.00 am  
Theme

Andrew Tonkin  
**VICTORIOUS LIVING**  
**Live Differently—Have Patience**

Worship Leader  
Communion Leader  
Reading  
6.00 pm  
Theme

David Ling  
Michael Waters  
James 1: 1-12  
Andrew Tonkin  
**FAITHBOOK**  
**My Friends List—Part 1**

Worship Leader  
Communion Leader

Michael Waters  
Diane Morrall

## Next Week, 18th April

10.00 am John Saulo

6.00 pm Andrew Tonkin  
**FAITHBOOK**  
**My Friends List—Part 2**

## AN IDLE TALE



The Bible tells us that when the women rushed from the empty tomb back to tell the other disciples that Jesus could not be found there, the men dismissed it as “an idle tale”. Luke 24:11. What might you think?

Sometimes stories as out of this world as the resurrection can overwhelm us. The women come to believe, when they remember Jesus’ words—his teachings that, no matter what, he would not abandon them/us. It is in many ways the same as the Emmaus story that follows. Only when they reflect on a long history of the Messiah and the presence of God in their lives do those two disciples come to realize that, however they want to understand it, Jesus is unquestionably travelling with them.

Maybe that’s the key. Perhaps the *how* of resurrection does not matter nearly as much as the *awareness* that Jesus has not gone away but is with us now, in each moment, to comfort us and challenge us and inspire us.

## This Week

Sunday	11th	9.30 am 9.00 pm	Prayer Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	12th	11.00 am 7.45 pm	Craft Group Elders
Tuesday	13th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Wednesday	14th	6.15 pm	Men’s Group
Thursday	15th	7.30 pm	Admin. Meeting
Friday	16th	7.30 pm	Youth Groups
Saturday	17th	2.00 pm	Share Group



# APRIL

## CRAFT GROUP

Monday, April 12th

Embroidery—for most: bring your designs, necessary threads, needles and scissors.

Lace Jars—for some: bring jar with lid, gathered lace, scissors and craft glue.  
Come and enjoy the fellowship.

## ADVENTURE CLUB & YOUTH GROUPS

All groups will re-commence this week.

God grant  
me Patience—  
NOW!

## MEN’S GROUP

Barbecue Tea  
and Movie on the Big Screen

Wednesday, 14th April  
at 6.15 pm

See Wayne  
for details



## SHARE GROUP



Saturday, April 17th

Come and celebrate with Alys -  
Doug’s 80th Birthday  
At the Vines Community Centre  
San Mateo Avenue,  
between 15th & 16th Streets  
From 2.00 pm—4.30 pm  
Enjoy a time of fellowship with the  
Beasy extended family.  
(No presents—just your presence)





# Family News & Prayer



- \* Congratulations to Doug Beasy who is celebrating his 80th Birthday on Friday, 16th April. Happy Birthday, Doug.
- \* Margaret and Vic Robinson will celebrate 45 years of marriage on Saturday, 17th April. Congratulations to you both.
- \* Continue to pray for:  
Gwenyth Curtis who has been in the Base Hospital this week.  
Norma Fechner, who is in the Rehabilitation Ward at the Base.  
Colin (Beaufort) Morris, who is praising God for what He is doing in his life.
- \* Allen Staley has passed away after a long illness in Bendigo, on April 5th. Allen and Dorothy were long-time hard-working members of this church. Our sympathy and prayers go to his son Peter and wife Carole Staley. A graveside funeral will be held next Tuesday at Murray Pines Lawn Cemetery, next Tuesday, April 13th. The service will be followed by an afternoon tea in our Church Hall. Ladies are asked to assist by bringing a plate of afternoon tea please.
- \* A black and white negative with some money was found in an envelope in the church offering. Is it yours?

## HALL & LANE SALE

Saturday, 24th April  
8 am—2 pm

Start cleaning out your house cupboards and shed now!

Collection commences Wednesday, 21st April  
Are you available to help?

All money raised will go towards the Church Maintenance Program

All clothing, etc in the Lost and Found box in the hall foyer will be added to the sale if items are not collected prior. Check it today!

# youth Update

Friday, April 16th

### IGNITION Amazing Race

Follow the clues and challenges. Bring a torch  
7.30—9.30 pm. At the Church \$2

### XLR8 Car Tag

Drop off and pick up at the Church for a car  
trial by GPS \$5  
7 pm—10 pm

# Mission Update



### Cunningham's Niger Notebook

- Pray that (those who attended a 3 day training course on improved farming systems) will be able to implement what they have learned with widespread benefit to their communities in other regions, east and west Niger.
- Pray for our Fulani brothers and sisters in Christ that they would be strengthened and encouraged as they seek to live Godly and productive lives in a harsh environment as nomads on the desert margins.

*It was inspiring to spend time with our great friends, Phil and Carol Short who have been such a great encouragement to us throughout our journey in mission.*

- Pray for the govt. and NGOs who will be distributing food aid across the country: that help would reach those most in need.
- Pray that a new democratic government will quickly be established who will rule for the benefit of all Nigerians and maintain freedom of religion.

*March—The heat is on...! March marks the start of the hottest months of the year (and frequent power and water shortages!) It also means that we have just 6 months of work left here in Niger.*