

NEXT WEEK, 13th June

10.00 am	A. Tonkin	“A Three-fold Duty”
Worship Leader	D. Ferrett	
Communion Leader	B. Eaton	
Singers	A. Corrie, M. Cox, J. Gardner	
Band	R. Fox	
Lights/Project./Sound	G. Dunkley / L. Dunkley / P. Kelly	
Officer on Duty	J. Cooke	
Welcome/Reception	R. Firth / J. Rosenberg	
Helpers	I. Mansell, R. Mansell, E. Straub, M. Straub, T. Wiffen, P. Wiffen, P. Midgley (reader), V. Robinson	
Crèche	L. Homfray	
Children’s Church	S-A. Henderson & E. Spangenberg	
Cuppa	J. Booysen, J. Bradford, J. Firth	
Communion Prep.	R. Jackson	
Flowers / Cleaning	A. Munro / S-A. Henderson	
Grounds	B. Eaton, P. Bekker	
6.00 pm	D. Morrall	
Worship Leader	B. Mortiz	
Communion Leader	R. Jackson	
Singers	R. Fox, K. Gibbs, Z. Stewart	
Band	N. Moritz, C. Gardner, J. Waters, I. Stewart	
Project./Sound	A. Fox / A. Fox	
Reception	I. Cross	
Helpers	J. Gardner, A. Knight	
Crèche	A. Munro	

Last week, I took my grandchildren to a restaurant. My 6 year old grandson asked if he could say grace and we bowed our heads as he said, “God is good, God is great. Thank you for the food and I would even thank you more if Nana gets us ice cream for dessert. Amen!”

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, we heard a woman remark, “That’s what’s wrong with this country. Kids today don’t even know how to pray. Fancy asking God for ice cream!”

Hearing this, my grandson burst into tears and asked me, “Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?” As I held him and reassured him that he had done a terrific job, an elderly man approached the table. He winked at the boy and said, “I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer.” Then in a whisper he added, “Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes.”

Naturally, I bought ice cream for dessert. My grandson stared at his for a moment, then picked up his sundae, walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, “This is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes, and my soul is good already!”



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6th June, 2010

One of the highlights of my week is to meet every Friday afternoon with 6 young people to study the Bible. It excites me so much that these young people are so eager to get together each week to study the Bible and to grow in their faith. Their enthusiasm blesses me and their desire to learn inspires me. I know that each of these precious young people gets a lot out of each study we do, but I think I get even more out of the privilege of our time together.

How are you growing in your faith through learning more about God’s Word?

2Timothy 2:15 says, “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

We can only correctly handle the word of truth by knowing, understanding and learning more about the Bible. God has blessed us with His ‘logos’, the written Word. Through the centuries men and women of faith have defended and proclaimed the Bible with their life. The Church has triumphed through history’s darkest times through the light of the Scriptures.

The Church and Christians grow ineffective and lukewarm when it neglects the power and authority of the Bible. Today be equipped for the battle and fight the good fight of faith through a recommitment to read and study your Bible.

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 6th June

10.00 am Ruth Jackson
 Theme **LIVING IN ANTICIPATION**
A Bridesmaid's Rules

Worship Leader Doug Clark
 Communion Leader Diane Morrall
 Reading Matthew 25: 1-13
6.00 pm Andrew Tonkin
 Theme **MASTER CHEF**
Following Your Dreams

Worship Leader Clint Gardner
 Communion Leader Robyn Hawtin

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LIVING IN ANTICIPATION
A Three-fold Duty

6.00 pm Diane Morrall
MASTER CHEF
Quality Ingredients

Matthew 25: 13

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour."

Leadership weekend
Pathfinders Day
 Setting our Church Direction

Martin Boutros and Monique ten Hoopen
 Saturday 19th June
 9 am—4 pm

This Week

Sunday	6th	9.30 am	Prayer
		9.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	7th	7.30 pm	Elders
Tuesday	8th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Thursday	10th	7.00 pm	Music Practice
		7.30 pm	Administration Meeting
Friday	11th	7.30 pm	Youth Groups



JUNE

Craft Group

Monday, 14th June **Trinket Boxes**

Please bring:- empty match-boxes, pretty paper, any decorations or trims you may require, craft glue and scissors.

Administration Committee Meeting

Thursday, 10th June

Please note that the Administration Committee will be meeting **this** Thursday at 7.30 pm in the small meeting room.

Elders' Meeting

Monday, 7th June

Please note that the Elders will be meeting at the home of Brian and Auralie Munro this month at 7.30 pm.

Rosters

Carolyn has commenced work on the rosters and this is the last day for you to list your absences on the board, thank you

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June 19-20
 Leadership weekend

June 27
 Hymn Singing Afternoon

July 4
 Sing with Sing Australia

August 7
 Ladies' Day

October 16
 "Induction Day"

October 22
 Gospel Music Festival

Helping Others

Every week we give food to needy people who come to the church. Grocery items may be left in the box on the hall foyer table. Please help if you can.

Food items that are needed are:

- tins of food with pull- top lids
 eg. spaghetti, baked beans, meals in a can
- long life milk
- coffee



Family News & Prayer



- * "I would like to thank my Church family for your prayers and support while Jack was so ill. A special thanks to Joan and Denis for all their home visits which Jack did appreciate. I am so proud of our Church and the wonderful service Andrew conducted for Jack. Thank you to the Prayer Group who gave so much support, and to all for your expressions of sympathy and attendance at Jack's funeral, I thank you. Norma Dean"
- * Continue to pray for Anne Beaufort as she recovers from her operation. Gwen Curtis is still in need of prayer as she recovers from an infection.
- * Ern Straub is progressing well after a successful oesophagus operation and remains in intensive care in Melbourne after a few minor problems. Continue to pray for Ern in his recovery and also for Mina as she waits at the hospital with him. Mina really appreciates your prayer and the notes she's received. Mina can be reached at:
City Edge Apartments Room 25
83 Albert Heights
Albert Road
East Melbourne 3002
- * Found in the courtyard - a key with a yellow holder. It can be reclaimed from the church office if it is yours.

The pastor began the meeting by reading from Luke 12: 25-26: "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?"

One of the women started to cry. "If only you knew," she said. "We're having trouble with the mortgage, and Gene's been laid off, and things are really tough. I was crying in my office not half an hour ago; now you remind me that, no matter what, God is somehow with me, caring for me."

How simple are those words and yet, at the same time, how difficult to live by. Often people will say "consider the lilies" but we can be too busy to do that. Yet when we do stop and open ourselves to God's presence, we can indeed be amazed at how close that presence really is, and the effect it can have in our lives.



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Friday, June 11th

- IGNITION** We're having a Sleepover at the church
Bring a pillow and bedding. Breakfast provided.
7.30 pm Friday—10.00 am Saturday
- XLR8** Ten Pin Bowling 7.30—9.30 pm
Pick up and drop off at Ten Pin Bowls
Cost \$15

Mission Update



Touched by Jesus: Meena's Story

Mena began to attend the Nakasi Church of Christ, Fiji as part of a three-day outreach program held for the children in the neighbourhood. Meena is mentally disabled. Her mother would drop her off at the church and she was looked after by Kanta until someone picked her up again after the program concluded. Meena related well with Kanta and was influential in connecting her family with the church. Before she joined the church, Meena was unable to speak. Each Sunday she would come a long while before the service started and try to speak a few words. Slowly she picked up a few tunes singing along with the congregation. Gradually, she began to communicate in a few words of Fiji Hindi.

Whenever we visit her parents, Meena is the first one to greet us and now keeps talking most of the time until we leave. We praise God and thank him for His healing touch. It was wonderful to listen to her mother's testimony of God's miraculous work in the life of Meena since she began attending the church regularly.

It was good to see how easily Meena connected us to her family. Her parents allowed us to pray for her brother and opened the door for sharing God's word. Her mother now attends church with her daughter. It is amazing to see the way Meena has become an instrument in leading others towards God.

We continue to visit and share the love of God in word and deed. Our prayer is that one day the whole family will come to know God personally and join the church.