

NEXT WEEK, 25th July

<u>10.00 am</u>	D. Clark
Worship Leader	R. Jackson
Communion Leader	M. Waters Prayer Leader R. Jackson
Singers	M. Cameron, D. Shields, K. Whitehead
Lights/Project./Sound	C. Cole / D. Kelly / P. Kelly
Officer on Duty	J. Kelly
Welcome/Reception	D. Beasy / A. Beasy
Helpers	J. Bradford, N. Cook, M. Cox, C. Meade, J. Rosenberg, M. King, N. Dean
Crèche	C. Waters
Children's Church	J. Clarke
Cuppa	L. Homfray, V. Robinson
Communion Prep.	P. Midgley, M. Haigh
Flowers / Cleaning	M. Straub / R. Hawtin, R. Jackson
Grounds	D. Homfray
<u>6.00 pm</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	C. Gardner
Communion Leader	J. Cole
Singers	W. Jemmeson, M. Whitehead, E. Jemmeson
Band	J. Waters, J. Pech, N. Christian, B. Moritz
Project./Sound	A. Fox / A. Fox
Reception	J. Gardner
Helpers	P. Midgley / I. Cross
Crèche	R. Fox

A tired minister was at home resting, and through the window he saw a woman approaching his door. She was one of those too-talkative people, and he was now anxious to talk with her. He said to his wife, "I'll just duck upstairs and wait until she goes away."

An hour passed, and then he tiptoed to the stair landing and listened. Not a sound. Starting down the stairs, he called loudly to his wife, "Well, dear. Did you get rid of the old bore at last?"

The next moment he heard the voice of the same woman caller, and she couldn't have possibly missed hearing him. Two steps down, he saw them both staring up at him. It seemed truly a crisis moment.

The quick-thinking minister's wife answered. "Yes, dear. She went away over an hour ago. But Mrs Jones has come in the meantime, and I'm sure you'll be able to greet her."



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18th July, 2010

At the time of Jesus a parable was a unique style of teaching used widely by religious teachers of the day, particularly in Jewish teaching. People expected religious leaders to speak in parables, and the teachers who were better storytellers developed a larger following. So why did Jesus choose to teach in parables?

Jesus taught the public in pithy and memorable parables, so that people would remember them, discuss them, and try to figure out what they meant; and in this way the parables spread far beyond their original audience. Jesus' parables are still relevant to everyday life even after 2,000 years and technological, social, and political changes beyond anyone's wildest imagining. Many of Jesus' parables have even woven their way into our culture and are part of our common colloquialism (Good Samaritan, Prodigal Son).

Those of us who have been in the Church for many years will have read the parables of Jesus many times and heard many sermons based on them. But the purpose of the parables for us today isn't to just provide a nice sermon illustration or an entertaining story. The parables of Jesus should still initiate a search within our own heart for the deeper truths of the Kingdom. As we continue to teach on the parables of Jesus, let me encourage you to continue to remember them, discuss them and figure out what each one is saying to you.

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

<u>10.00 am</u>	Andrew Tonkin
Theme	Parable of the Treasure and the Pearl
Worship Leader	Denis Ferrett
Communion Leader	Leonie Dunkley
Reading	Matthew 13: 44-46
<u>6.00 pm</u>	Andrew Tonkin
Theme	Avatar
Worship Leader	Jono Pech
Communion Leader	Diane Morrall

Next Week, 25th July

<u>10.00 am</u>	Doug Clark
	Parables
<u>6.00 pm</u>	Andrew Tonkin
	Avatar

HYMN SINGING AFTERNOON

SUNDAY, 18th July at 2 pm

Come along and enjoy an afternoon of hymn singing and other musical attractions.

Janice Rosenberg will be our soloist,
Sing Australia will sing for us,
Our Men's Quartet will sing and
Glenn Miller will be playing the piano.

Please bring a plate of afternoon tea.

This Week

Sunday	18th	9.30 am	Prayer
		2.00 pm	Hymn Singing
		9.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	19th	10.15 am	Nursing Home Service
		6.45 pm	WIGS
Tuesday	20th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Thursday	22nd	12 noon	Meet And Eat
Friday	23rd	7.30 pm	Youth Groups



JULY

WIGS Women In God's Service

Please note the earlier starting time for WIGS tomorrow night. Meet at the church at 6.45 pm to all travel to the Card Making Night together. The lessons commence at 7.00 pm and the night will conclude at 9.00 pm. Remember your \$15 for your four cards to pay the lady on the night. Any further information, please see Robyn or ring her on 5023 4138.

Nursing Home Service

Our service to the aged is on again this Monday. Come along to the Ontario Home and give your support to Doug Clark.

Meet And Eat

We meet again this Thursday at Jenny's Coffee Lounge at the end of the Mall for a time of fellowship as we eat our lunch together. Everyone welcome.

I don't know what tomorrow holds, but I know who holds tomorrow.

LADIES DAY

Unleashing Our Potential

With Guest Speaker Barb Detlefson

Saturday, 7th August At 9.30 am
\$10 Includes lunch

Check the Notice Board to find out more about Barb Detlefson

FAFFS

Our Progressive Dinner has been post-poned until August 28th when we hope there will be more available.

Offers of three homes for the night and someone willing to make our soup course would be appreciated



Family News & Prayer



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Mission Update



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