

VALE MISSION

newsletter

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Thought for the month

An enemy has done this!
(passed on by John Henry)

Jesus told a parable about a farmer who planted seed in his field, but whose enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat while the workers slept. When the crop began to grow, the weeds also grew. The farmer's workers went and reported this to him. "Should we pull out the weeds?" they asked. "No," he replied, "you'll uproot the wheat if you do. Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds." (Matthew 13:24-30). There are two important lessons here. 1) *You must know God's Word so well that error, a regardless of how convincingly it's presented, can't mislead you.* Paul warned the leaders of the church at Ephesus: "Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard!" (Acts 20:30-31). 2) *You must stay spiritually awake and alert.* Notice, the seeds that were sown that night didn't produce a harvest of weeds until later. And at that point they could not be uprooted. This is dangerous! One degree off course may seem harmless enough, but if you stay on that trajectory long enough, you will end up far from where God wants you to be and realise "an enemy has done this!" So, what is the answer? "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching... to fellowship... the breaking of bread and... prayer' (Acts 2:42).

What's on this month?

Sundays:

10.45am: Singing time before morning service

11am – 12pm: Morning service, including Communion and Sunday School classes

6.20pm: Singing time before evening service

6.30pm – 7.30pm: Evening service, followed by refreshments

Wednesdays: 7.30pm – 9pm: Prayer time & Bible Study

Sunday Services

2nd (morning): Steve

2nd (evening): Mike Prendergast (LCM)

9th (morning): Dan

9th (evening): Tim Le Prevost

16th (morning): Tim Henry

16th (evening): Ben

23rd (morning): Steve

23rd (evening): Victor Lane

30th (morning): Tim Henry

30th (evening): Peter Robinson

Wednesdays

5th: Prayer time & Bible study

12th: Prayer time & Bible study

19th: Singing visit to La Nouvelle Maraitaine (7.30pm – 8pm), followed by Bible study (at the Vale Mission)

26th: Prayer for the Persecuted Church, followed by singing

Singing visit to Maison L'Aumone: Friday 14th, 6.50pm

Afternoon Ladies Fellowship: Thursday 20th at 2.30pm for a Summer Special!

Elders & Deacons meeting: Friday 28th, 7.30pm at Mark & Bridget's

Next Men's Breakfast: Saturday 5th August, 9.30am at Vale Mission

Cleaning rota

2nd: Bridget

9th: Tracy

16th: Lydia

23rd: Tim

30th: Jayne

Flower rota

2nd: Jess B

9th: Mo

16th: Tracy

23rd: Joey

30th: Bridget

Creche rota

2nd: Kelly & Tracy

9th: Bridget & Beccy

16th: Joey & Matt

23rd: Tracy & Bish

30th: Jess B & Rachel

The Vale Mission BBQ will take place on Saturday 26th August, starting at 2pm at Ladies Bay and then back at the Mish to eat at 4.30pm
