

# WEEKLY DIARY

## SUNDAY 8th August 2010

**Texts:** Exodus 33:12-23; John 1:14-18

9.00am Worship Service – MERREDIN

Preacher: Rev David de Kock

11.00am Worship Service – MUKINBUDIN

Preacher: Rev David de Kock

1.00pm Ride for Life (Saltbush Farm)

## MONDAY 9th August 2010

10.00am Ladies KYB Study (Christian Bookshop)

## TUESDAY 10th August 2010

1.00pm Bruce Rock Bible Study (20 Dampier Rd)

## WEDNESDAY 11th August 2010

6.00pm Congregation Prayer Meeting (Church)

7.00pm Men's Fellowship (Church)

7.30pm Ladies KYB Study (Beth Smith's Home)

## THURSDAY 12th August 2010

## FRIDAY 13th August 2010

3.30pm Muckaround Youth Group (Church)

## SATURDAY 14th August 2010

9.30am Great Eastern Gathering (Kalgoorlie/Boulder UCA)

10.00am Ride for Life (Saltbush Farm)

## SUNDAY 15th August 2010

**Texts:** Amos 9:11-15; Acts 15:5-22

9.00am Worship Service — MERREDIN

Preacher: Rev David de Kock

11.00am Worship Service — BRUCE ROCK

Preacher: Rev David de Kock

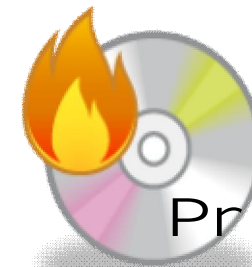
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**Eastern Wheatbelt**  
**Uniting Church**  
**Bruce Rock + Merredin + Mukinbudin + Southern Cross**



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VESTRY HOURS: 8.30am—12noon (Mon-Wed)

# Worship Services Today

9.00am—Merredin

Musician – Anne Scarfe - Projection – Debbie Tengvall

Welcome & Call to Worship

Introduction to Worship

SiS 139—I will enter His gates

SiS 141—Break forth into joy O my soul

SiS 145—Within the veil, I now would come (twice)

Prayers of Praise & Confession

**Children’s Story** - Who do you trust?

**HYMN – AHB 138—And can it be that I should gain**

Offering (Tafu Vudzijena & Suzette Coetzee)

Prayers of Thanksgiving

**SERMON** – David de Kock (If Your Presence ...)

Readers: John Rutherford & Val Tengvall

Texts: Exodus 33:12-23; John 1:14-18

Prayer of Response

**HYMN – AHB 455—Be Thou my vision**

Prayers of Intercession

**HYMN – AHB 478—Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah**

Benediction (followed by **Threefold Amen**)

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## Scripture Readings

Day	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
<b>Sun Aug 8</b>	am: 66, 67 pm: 19, 46	Jud 11:1-11, 29-40	2 Cor 11:21b-31	Mark 4:35-41
<b>Mon Aug 9</b>	am: 89:1-18 pm: 89:19-52	Jude 12:1-7	Acts 5:12-26	John 3:1-21
<b>Tue Aug 10</b>	am: 97, 99, 100 pm: 94, 95	Jude 13:1-15	Acts 5:27-42	John 3:22-36
<b>Wed Aug 11</b>	am: 101, 109 pm: 119:121-144	Jude 13:15-24	Acts 6:1-15	John 4:1-26
<b>Thur Aug 12</b>	am: 105:1-22 pm: 105:23-45	Jude 14:1-19	Acts 6:15-7:16	John 4:27-42
<b>Fri Aug 13</b>	am: 102 pm: 107:1-32	Jude 14:20-15:20	Acts 7:17-29	John 4:43-54
<b>Sat Aug 14</b>	am: 107:33-43 pm: 33	Jude 16:1-14	Acts 7:30-43	John 5:1-18
<b>Sun Aug 15</b>	am: 118 pm: 145	Jude 16:15-31	2 Cor 13:1-11	Mark 5:25-34

## Serving @ Services

TODAY	MERREDIN	MUKINBUDIN	SOUTH’ CROSS
<b>Elder</b>	Tobias Vudzijena	Gordon Jones	<b>NO SERVICE</b>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	David de Kock		
<b>Musician</b>	Anne Scarfe	Margie de Kock	
<b>Readers</b>	John Rutherford Val Tengvall	Joy Jones	
<b>Sunday School</b>	Kevin Tengvall		

NEXT WEEK	MERREDIN	BRUCE ROCK	SNAC
<b>Elder</b>	Bob French	Heather Hutton	<b>NO SERVICE</b>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Val Tengvall		
<b>Musician</b>	Sal Marais	Margie de Kock	
<b>Readers</b>	Tobias Vudzijena Fanie Coetzee	May Hayes-Thompson	
<b>Sunday School</b>	Lisa Arthur		

# What's Up?

We are gearing up for  
*Operation Christmas Child*

Collect your shoe box from  
**Anne Sutherland**



## *Praying for Rain*

The Churches Fraternal have called for the Christians in in the District to pray earnestly for rain.

More details to be announced at the services today.

## **Merredin Congregation Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the congregation will take place on Sunday August 29th, after the Morning Service.

**Parish Council Meeting** on August 28th (tentative)

## *Coming Up*

**The Ride for Life Program** continues each weekend until the end of August

**The next Great Eastern Regional Gathering** will be held on Saturday 14 August, 9.30am at Kalgoorlie/Boulder Uniting Church. A tour of some of the town highlights will follow lunch which costs \$10. Rev Ken Williams, Moderator of the Uniting Church in WA will be preaching on Sunday 15 August, 9.30am and billets are available for people needing accommodation. For more info contact Rev John or Lyn Whaley on 9021 2360 or 0429 651 378.

**YouthCare Meeting**—August 17th

**Churches Fraternal AGM**—August 18th

**Relevant Churches Seminar**—August 27/28th



## Your Pastor's Pen

**Rev David de Kock**

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I shared with the ladies at the Ladies Guild last Tuesday how I had intended to spend a significant part of my holiday praying and seeking the Lord's direction for preaching His word after I finished up the series on Philippians. I came back still not having any direction but as the days moved on the words "God with us" began to direct my focus.

I used a concordance (digital is just so easy!) to look up the number of times in the Bible God says that He will be "with" someone—it was astounding. As I thought about this I came to realise that the most important thing that we need to know about God is that He is with us. And it is the most important thing that we can share with anyone full of questions about life and its meaning.

Jeremiah was a prophet who was given a really hard job to do. God told him to tell the people that because of their sin they were going to be punished by God—specifically that they would be exiled in Babylon. The Lord also told him that the people would despise him and ignore him but that he was never to give up or be afraid because He (God) would always be with him and would rescue him. (Jer 1:8) Nonetheless Jeremiah did struggle with the constant rejection to his message and in Chapter 12 he complains bitterly to God about his situation. God says to him, "If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, how can you compete with horses?" I have always been inspired by that verse—if the little things get you down, how do you expect to cope with the big issues?

Jeremiah is a great example of perseverance in the face of great difficulty. When you've been in the same job, or house, or situation, or even marriage, for a long time it feels that your world is diminishing around you. Jeremiah could have felt like that but God's reminder was that there were much greater issues at stake and that He would be with him through them all. And so Jeremiah carried on carrying on—he ran with God. If you find yourself facing insurmountable odds, remember, God is with you in the race!

Today our focus on this subject of God being with us, takes us to Mount Sinai. Moses had been up the mountain to meet with God and was about to come down with the Ten Commandments when God told him that He was furious with the people who had created a golden calf and were worshipping it while Moses was away. The Lord said that He was no longer going to lead the people; they were going to have to find their own way to the Promised Land.

Moses pleads (argues?) with God. He holds the Lord to His Word (that's why it is important for us to become familiar with the Bible). He reminds God of His promises—this is your nation; these are your people; you said you would lead us; how can you rescue us and then just dump us; what about your promises on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? And God relents—He undertakes to continue to lead the people and to be with them. This is the wonder of God's grace, this is why God will always be "with" us—He promised, and we need to hold on to that promise as much as Moses and Jeremiah did. A significant aspect of Moses' reasoning with God is that it is the Presence of the Lord which distinguishes His people from all other people. This can not however be a source of pride for us, or make us haughty over others. No, that the whole point of the Gospel—it is not God's desire that any should perish but rather that everyone should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). Having found the joy of salvation in Jesus Christ, we can know that God is now with us, and it is our task then to share that with others who do not yet know the Presence of God with them.

If you feel that you are struggling to know the Presence of God with you then ask one of the elders to pray with you after the service today, or come to see me in the week. I am at the church Monday to Wednesday morning. By the way, its okay to feel like that. That exactly how Jeremiah felt and how Moses felt. So if you are feeling weary after running with men, then ask God to run with you.

Next Saturday is the Great Eastern Gathering at the Kalgoorlie/Boulder Church. It starts at 9.30am and will include a tour around Kalgoorlie and the Super-pit in the afternoon. Everyone is invited, see the details on the What's Up page. Margie & I (and Sal) will be driving up early on Saturday morning and will be returning in the late afternoon if you would like to attend (and not stay over).

On August 27/28 we will be privileged to have Rev Dr Chris Walker share with us (and surrounding churches) in a seminar. He is the National Consultant for Theology and Discipleship in the Uniting Church and is the author of five books on spirituality and discipleship for today's generation. We have specifically asked him to speak on one of his books, "Seeking relevant churches for the 21st century". You don't want to miss this!

Grace & Peace

David

## Prayer Time



This week we are praying for the following families in our congregations

- Norm & Val Hooper
- Russel & Vicky Hooper, Katie & Danielle

## Family News

- Neville Jolly's brother, Bob, passed away on Tuesday evening. We have been praying for him and the family, knowing that his condition was terminal. Now he is at peace. Continue to pray for the family, especially Bob's wife, Bernadette, who remains at Charles Gardiner.

### Birthdays

TODAY—George Tengvall

### Wedding Anniversaries

TODAY—Allan & Ritia McKenzie

*If you have any news that you would like to share with your church family, then call David 9041 1117, or email [daviddecock@bigpond.com](mailto:daviddecock@bigpond.com) for inclusion in this space.*

## PRAYER NEEDS

- The rain situation is getting desperate, please pray urgently that the Lord will send rain.
- Pray for the forthcoming Elections. God asks us to pray for the government and the government we get is the one we pray for.
- Pray for Val Hooper, who had hip replacement surgery on Friday.
- Pray for Kobus Marias' mother—the cancer has spread further. Pray for Kobus, his father, brother & sister.
- Pray for those suffering flu symptoms
- Pray for the Merredin Ride for Life program.
- Pray that the Lord would send a new spiritual awareness and hunger for righteousness amongst His people.
- Give thanks for the good things in your life—God has blessed you.
- For the week commencing Sunday August 8th: Como and Manning congregations. Also UnitingWorld & Christian Education Network.