


Birthdays this week (and last week)


Wednesday (past)	Patricia Gummerson
Friday (past)	Faith Connell
Saturday (past)	Josh Webb

Today	Tara Waller
Tuesday	Cassie Fredericks
Thursday	Oliver Owen
Friday	Paul Volkart



Anniversary last week

Saturday (past)	Wayne & Vivienne Speirs
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10th September 2023

Topic: *Portrait of a Healthy Church:*
Godly Living promoting Christ likeness.

Speaker: Mitch Cavens

Chairman: Rhys Morsillo

Creche: Carol & Maybelle

Next Sunday...

Portrait of a Healthy Church:
Godly Citizens

Sp: Phillip Gummerson
Ch: Rhys Morsillo
Cr: Matt & Tamika

The Sunday After..

Portrait of a Healthy Church:
Godly Workers

Sp: Phillip Gummerson
Ch: Rhys Morsillo
Cr: Estelle and Rhiannan

The Program (D.V.)

10:00am

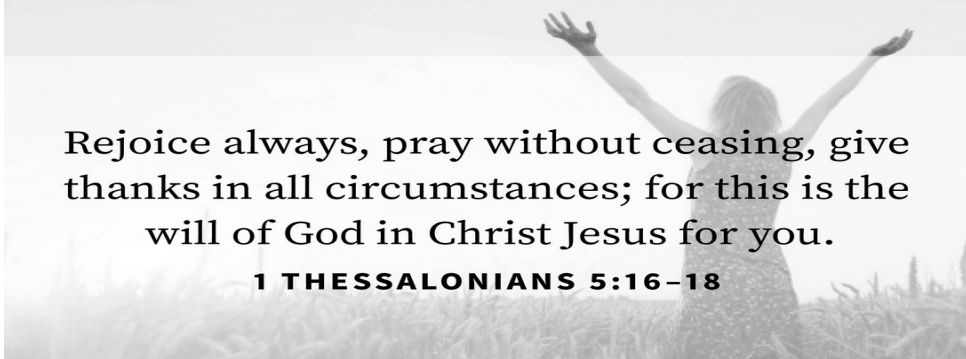
Church which includes:

- Prayer and Praise
- Kids' Church
- Creche
- Worship
- Communion
- Preaching

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Prayer, Praise & News



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

- * **Paul Volkart** – Paul is greatly improved, though some questions still remain to be answered from a medical point of view.
I rang last Tuesday and he was on an outing with Marilyn to the shops and sounded very cheerful.
Praise – For the great improvement.
- * **Johanna Skelly** – Due for a checkup in a few weeks time.
Praise – Back at work – lingering tiredness but otherwise well.
- * **Tejal, Jahi Patel's aunt (In India)** – cervical cancer. Not a believer!
Praise – For a good prognosis.
Pray – That this prompts her to accept Jesus as her Saviour.
- * **Steve Young, Heather Davis' Niece's husband** – Pancreatic cancer.
Operation cancelled and further chemotherapy scheduled.
Pray – For peace for the family.
- * **HSC Students** – Cate, Josh, Kaylen and Zac.
Pray – That they will be rewarded for their studies.

Ken Harding preaching at St Clair this morning.

Difference – Christianity and Hinduism.

Hinduism is one of the oldest known organised religions—its sacred writings, the Vidas, date as far back as 1400 to 1500 B.C. It is also one of the most diverse and complex, having millions of gods, a wide variety of core beliefs and exists in many different sects.

Though Hinduism is often understood as being polytheistic, supposedly recognising as many as 330 million gods, it also has one “god” that is supreme—Brahma. Brahma is an entity believed to inhabit every portion of reality and existence throughout the entire universe. Brahma is both impersonal and unknowable and is often believed to exist in three separate forms: Brahma—Creator; Vishnu—Preserver; and Shiva—Destroyer. It is difficult to summarise Hindu theology since the various Hindu schools contain elements of almost every theological system. Hinduism can be:

- 1) Monistic—Only one thing exists; Sankara's school
- 2) Pantheistic—Only one divine thing exists; Brahmanism
- 3) Panentheistic—The world is part of God; Ramanuja's School
- 4) Theistic—Only one God, distinct from Creation; Bhakti Hinduism.

About the only real issue is whether or not a belief system recognises the Vedas as sacred. If it does, then it is Hindu. If not, then it is not Hindu.

Because Brahma is everything, Hinduism asserts that everyone is divine. Atman, or self, is one with Brahman. All of reality outside of Brahman is considered mere illusion. A Hindu believes that he/she will be repeatedly reincarnated in order that he/she may work towards self-realisation of the truth (the truth being that only Brahman exists, nothing else). How a person is reincarnated is determined by karma, which is a principle of cause and effect governed by nature's balance. What one did in the past affects and corresponds with what happens in the future.

Although this is just a brief synopsis, it is readily seen that Hinduism is in opposition to biblical Christianity on almost every count of its belief system. Christianity has one God who is both personal and knowable (Deuteronomy 6:5; 1 Corinthians 8:6); has one set of Scriptures; teaches that God created the earth and all who live upon it (Genesis 1:1; Hebrews 11:3); believes that man is created in God's image and lives only once (Genesis 1:27; Hebrews 9:27-28); and teaches that salvation is through Jesus Christ alone (John 3:16; 6:44; 14:6; Acts 4:12). Hinduism as a religious system cannot save because it fails to recognise Jesus as the uniquely incarnated God-Man and Savior, the one solely sufficient source of salvation for humanity.

From <https://www.gotquestions.org/hinduism.html>

See also <https://www.gotquestions.org/witnessing-Hindus.html>