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God's life giving water



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Drought and famine are common themes in the Bible, as are God dealing bounteously with His people. There are many types of drought – there is physical drought which many parts of Australia face even today – I know my paddocks are dry, bare and my horses run to me when I turn up to get food. This costs me money to buy feed however as a responsible owner I do not begrudge this however it does cause me to pray more and become more focussed on the blessing He gives us such as a spring which provides necessary water.

In Luke 12:38, Jesus tells his disciples “From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.” As members of the MCF we have been blessed with much over the years, we have also been entrusted with much. Our relationship with the chaplains, our credibility within Defence as a whole and the blessing of a part-time Staff Worker in Julie.

As we enter a new phase within the MCF-A with over 40 years of service to Defence members and their families behind us, let us not weary of doing good and being willing to continue to support the ministry within Defence. Over the last year many of our costs have increased such as postage, travel, public liability insurance, maintaining the website, some of the Staff Worker costs/insurances. As a result of these pressures we are currently running at a deficit.

Some years ago I challenged the MCF-A Executive that we would embark on a faith journey with our finances and this has provided many surprising moments where often we have had an unexpected extra cost, and after praying about it, an anonymous donor sends in the needed funds. Whether the donor was aware of our need or not I do not know, however I do thank them for listening to the prompting of the Lord.

In our society, and even in Defence, we are suffering a Spiritual drought. In Isaiah 44 we read: *For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by flowing streams. Some will say, 'I belong to the Lord'; others will call themselves by the name of Jacob; still others will write on their hand, 'The Lord's,'*

My prayer is that we all continue to contribute generously to MCF-A enabling God's life giving water to be poured into hearts and souls of the people of Defence, breaking the Spiritual drought, empowering them to be like trees plants by streams of water bringing forth the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Godspeed

Steve - MCF Chair

MCF-A 2024/25 tax deductible donations – we need your prayers and help

The MCF-A is a tax deductible charity - donations received over \$2 can be claimed against your tax.

The only government assistance received by MCF is some office space. MCF is run via donations from its members and supporters, and through the generous gifting of Bibles and some of the other Christian material MCF uses. If you wish to financially contribute to supporting and building God's Kingdom in Defence you can do so via direct debit (don't forget to put your name in the reference box), directly out of your pay (don't forget to add your name) or via a donation link. All the info can be found at [Donate - Military Christian Fellowship of Australia \(mcf-a.org.au\)](https://mcf-a.org.au) with instructions for each method under the big green DONATE NOW button. Every \$ counts and adds up, especially if given each month, so don't feel only large donations are sought, but they too are very much appreciated. If every member of MCF-A gave \$10/mth we could look to employ two part-time Staff Workers, or one full time, and meet our other commitments.



A huge thanks to those who have given financially this financial year. If you don't already have your tax receipt one will be emailed to you by the end of July. You can email mcf.office@defence.gov.au if you have any questions.

MCF-A National Day of Prayer for Defence

All who have a heart to pray for Defence are welcome to join in praying together. Groups will be meeting all across Australia and it is hoped that many local churches and schools will host an event or use the prayer points during their services. Please get involved and uplift the Australian Defence Force in prayer. All welcome, ***you don't need to be in Defence to host a gathering.*** It can be in a Small Group, at a Defence Base, in a local Church or school, or by getting a few friends together to pray for these important issues. **You are welcome to organise a time of prayer that works for you and your location.**



Suggested time: Saturday 24th May, 2025 has been nominated as the date for this event, but you are welcome to host an event before or around this time that suits your Base, School or Church situation.

Please register your event, time and location, or if you have questions: mcf.office@defence.gov.au (It is nice for our Military Members to know there are lots of groups praying across Australia.)

Churches and Schools are most welcome to host an event or use the prayer points as they see appropriate.

Use the link below for more info and to find if there is an event near you. Events added as they register. There is a Prayer Booklet, that can be adjusted for your local area, and promotional video available via this link.

[National Day of Prayer for Defence 2025 - Military Christian Fellowship of Australia](https://mcf-a.org.au)

MCF Small Groups/Bible Study Groups

Check out the MCF website for new Small Groups, or a group near you!

[Small groups - Military Christian Fellowship of Australia](https://mcf-a.org.au)

New groups having just started, or starting soon: **HMAS Kuttabul Woodside Army Barracks RAAF Townsville Brindabella Business Park**

Please register your interest one or more of these groups at: mcf.office@defence.gov.au

Save the Date – NT



Defence Christian's BBQ

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You are invited to join fellow Defence Christians from the Top End for a great time of fellowship!

Date: Saturday 14 June 2025

Place and time: TBC – approx. 1100 – 1500 h

Dress: Casual

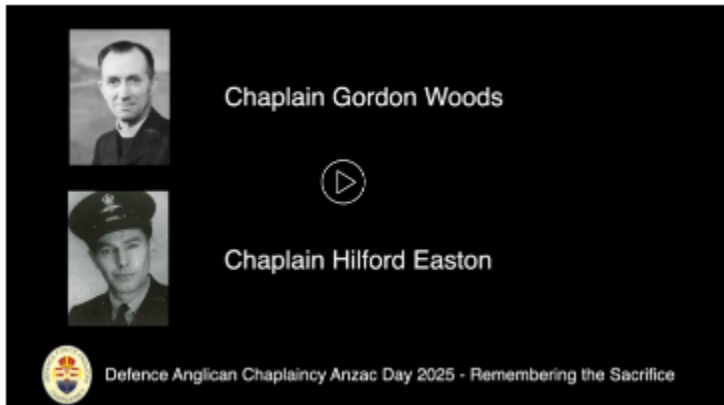
POC: LS Luke Eglinton

luke.eglington@defence.gov.au or mcf.office@defence.gov.au

Although this is a Christian event, you are invited regardless of belief or personal circumstance. Family members and visitors to the Top End most welcome!

More info to follow in the June eNews and on the website.

In case you missed it - Anzac Day video



For ANZAC Day, April 25 2025, Defence Anglicans have produced a short 4 min video to be shared and used to help us remember the sacrifice given by the few for so many.

Link to video: [Defence Anglicans ANZAC 2025](#)
You may like to check out the links to their Anzac Walk while you're there.

View the video on personal devices only but you can read about the walk on your work device.

MCF-A Merch for sale

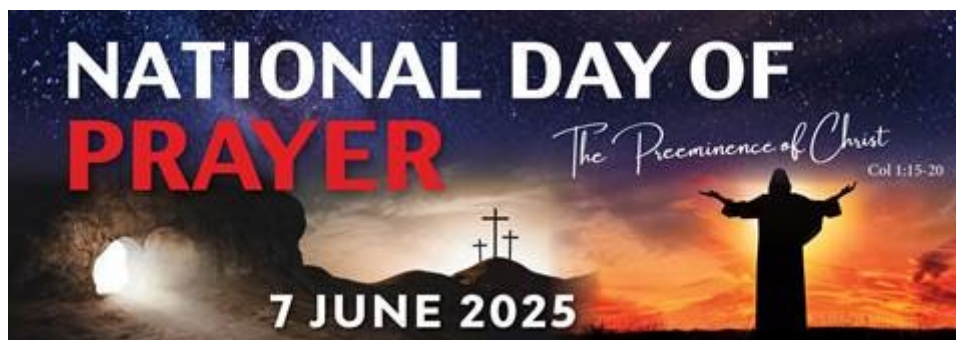


As the weather chills for most of us, now may be the time to buy some MCF merch to keep you warm. Beanies, vests and other items available via the attached clothing form.

MCF-A shoulder patches are also available via the other attached form. These would be great to have on hand for EX Talisman Sabre! \$5 includes p/h. Get in quick before they are all gone.

Other items that may interest:

National Day of Prayer



Australia wide! To find out more or to register at an event near you: www.australiaprays.com.au

Myanmar earthquake appeal

Many of you may be aware of the terrible calamities that have hit Myanmar and Thailand.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding this request to you and your churches seeking your prayers and support for the people in Myanmar and those in Thailand. There are estimated to be about one million Myanmar refugees in Thailand and my dear pastor friend Shane often takes up medical teams from Australia and the Philippines to minister to them.

The current situation is exasperated by the fact that those Christian and dissident Myanmar residents living in Australia (I would believe the same is happening in the USA and around the world) are unable to get back into Myanmar to help their families as they will most likely be arrested, tortured, and maybe put to death.

Could I please invite you to just check out these two clips to give you a much better picture of the horrendous reality of this situation.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=67UVZFihU8>

This was just after the earthquake.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOJBjwVLr14>

This was after an incredible recent storm.

May the Lord guide you and your ministry partners as to how best to respond to this request.

Yours in His mighty service.

Graham – Did You Know Education (an MCF-A partner)

We have family and friends living in Myanmar and Thailand who have been affected by the recent major earthquake and by the ongoing persecution by the Army Junta in our home country.

Serve Your Neighbour Australia Mission and the Burmese (Myanmar) Christian Church in Sydney invite you to participate in offering financial and practical support to those in need. All support will go directly to those in need and not be interfered with by corrupt bureaucrats.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Please accept our invitation to attend the

Annual Fundraising Dinner

Date: Saturday 17 May 2025

Venue: The Grand Royale

51-61 South St Granville NSW

Time: 6.00pm to 9.00pm

DINNER TICKETS: Adults: \$120 Children under 12: \$40

Thanks for your help and support

Payment Details:

Serve Your Neighbour Australia

BSB 062-033 Account 1075 0683

Reference: Dinner Ticket (Your Name)

SPECIAL IMMEDIATE OFFER FOR THOSE SUFFERING

Serve Your Neighbour Australia

BSB 062-033 Account 1075 0683

Reference: Burmese Disaster

Thank you for which ever way the Lord leads and may he bless you abundantly.
On behalf of the 43,000 Myanmar residents living in Australia and 1,700 university students from 2021 who have been unable to return to Australia to complete their courses because of the ongoing civil war.

Pastor Shane Khin, Burmese Church Sydney E: shanekhin@gmail.com

Graham McDonald, Friend E: graham@didyouknow.org.au

Free online Bible courses and other info



All, MCF-A members and supporters, and their family members, are invited by USA Brother and founder of Virtual Military Ministry, Anthony, to join any of their online Bible courses, Bible Studies, and to read blogs and sermons, and much more.

From Anthony: *we are geographically in the USA but our ministry is both virtual and indigenous. We have free Bible courses available through a partnership with a Bible College. We offer virtual small group Bible studies, virtual prayer meetings and a few other opportunities to allow our amazing military members (past and present and their family members) to stay spiritually focused no matter where in the world they are located.*

You can see all on offer via their website: www.virtualmilitaryministry.com

Also look for Virtual Military Ministry on Facebook – private group, some simple questions before joining.

Resolute Ready



An open global community founded by the families of Veterans to give support through mental and physical trauma - “ONE STOP, ONE CALL, ONE LIFE” - “Our vision is to empower people through education, to advance social and public welfare, and to improve and support Global Mental Health through educational initiatives.” Check out the new

'backpack' to help children associated with Defence. Website: Resolute Ready

Valuing People - Valuing Children - Valuing lives

The founder of this initiative is Christian and has attended MCF Dinners in South Australia, but this is not identified as a Christian organisation – the information above is FYI and not an endorsement by MCF-A.

Have you posted or moved house? Are you deploying or away from home for a few months or longer?

Posted or moved, please update your details [HERE](#)

Deploying or on a long exercise? MCF-A would love to support and pray for you while you're away. Let us know at: mcf.office@defence.gov.au

Membership

[Membership](#) is free and **open to every Christian**. If you've not had an association with Defence or you don't identify as Christian you can be an associate member via the same link.

Donations



MCF is supported almost entirely through freewill donations by members and supporters. Please look at Supporting MCF in prayer, with your time, and through [financial support](#). (Direct debit preferred – details further down page from link) ***Note that donations (over \$2) to MCF-A are tax deductible.***

Prayer requests

To put forward prayer points for inclusion in the calendar please email the MCF Prayer Coordinator Dr Daniel Solomon: [Prayer Requests](#)

You can also send through **urgent prayer points** that are sent on confidentially to the MCF Prayer Warriors, or to enquire about becoming an MCF Prayer Warrior, contact the MCF Office or Daniel (via the Prayer Request link above).

Contacting the MCF Office

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