

Vision Statement:

We see a Jesus-orientated church having a passion for the Gospel and compassion for the world expressed through dynamic worship, love in action, the empowering of the servant leaders and the growing of disciples.

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I am available in the event of emergencies at any time, but other than that would appreciate not receiving calls on Wednesdays, where possible, as this is my day off.

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This Week's Roster

14th October, 2018

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Welcome: **Myra**
Duty Elder: **David**
Reader: **Marlene**
Musicians: **Barbara**
Stewards: **John & Kevin**
Manager: **Neil**
Crèche: **Vacation**
Kidz Connect: **Vacation**
Morning Tea: **Dorothy, Katherine & Sarah B.**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **James**
Cleaning: *********

Next Week's Roster

21st October, 2018

Preacher: **Dominic Hopps**
Leader (am): **Cath**
Leader (pm): **James**
Welcome: **Marlene**
Duty Elder: **David**
Reader: **Janet**
Musicians: **Brunetta & the Boys**
Stewards: **Max & Myra**
Manager: **Neil**
Crèche: **Chris H.**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: **Chris S., Eileen & Myra**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **James**
Cleaning: **Coral, Neil, Jill, Lynne & Katherine**

Golden Grove Gazette

Keeping in touch with the G.G.U.C. family

<http://goldengroveuniting.org.au>

Sunday, 14th October, 2018

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **The Shock of the True**

Scripture Reading: **Revelation 9: 1-6 & 13-21 and Mark 10: 13-16**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

Call On Me! [God]

Ever been in an impossible situation?...

In Mark 9:14-29, a man comes to the followers of Jesus with his son, who is possessed by a bad spirit, which causes him to be thrown to the ground, convulse, and froth at the mouth. He asks their help to free the boy from this torment; they try, but fail. Sad helplessness swamps them. The despondent father says to Jesus, "*If you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us.*"

Jesus says that they could not help the boy because they lacked faith. Faith is not a work, a spiritual exertion. *Faith is waiting upon God!...- i.e., looking to, trusting in, relying on, His strength.* By lack of faith Jesus is meaning that they are *closed off to believing that He is good enough, or strong enough, to help the boy.* Oh, He is good enough to help – he loved that boy enough to die for Him to pay for His sins; and he is strong enough – He rose from the dead to eternal life... let alone created the universe! (Col 1:16)

"Are you kidding?!... of course I am able!... Just believe!" Jesus says, and straightaway His strong words call the man to faith... "*I believe..."*, he cries out, "*...help my unbelief!*" In hearing the truth from Jesus, that truth sank into His heart, and it caused faith to spring to life in him; he stopped being closed off to faith in Jesus, became truly open to it, *and it seized him*; the truth of Jesus went on giving him every bit of faith he would ever need in his life.

Are we open, or closed off, to the truth and healing of Christ?

Jesus freed and restored this boy!

Grace and cheers, Jonathan

Garage and Car Boot Sale

Saturday, 20th October

9.00 am to 4.00 pm



There are two options.

1. If you wish to donate goods for sale to the GGUC, then the profits from the sale will go to our church.
2. Alternatively, you can pay \$10.00 per car, and the profits from the car boot sale go to the person who paid for the hire of a selling point.

Irresistible Addition:

You will also be able to enjoy satisfying your hunger at one of our justly celebrated **SAUSAGE SIZZLES**.

If you require any more details, please speak to

John Wheatcroft or Cath McKechnie.

Tea Tree Gully Christmas Pageant

Saturday, 3rd November (at a time to be advised)



Please see Katherine McDonald if you require more information. If anyone has a trailer that could be used for the pageant, would you please see Katherine as soon as possible? Thank you.

Family Directory Update

See Cath

We love a sunburnt country

Hearty congratulations to our newest Australian citizens, the Wilkinson family: Richardt, Lucinda, René and Ruan.

We are delighted to have you as members of our church family.

Philippines Sponsors: A Gentle Reminder

It is that time of year when our generous sponsors of Luciano's children need to make their quarterly payments. Would you please attend to this as soon as possible? Your thoughtfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated. What a wonderful way in which you serve the Lord. Thank you very much.

We are extremely pleased that Gordon Cooksey has taken over as the liaison person for this important church function.

A Desperate Plea for Volunteers

You will notice on the fourth quarter roster that the number of volunteers for the cleaning and morning tea duties continues to dwindle.

If you are able to assist in filling a vital gap, would you please see Cath or Jim as soon as possible? Thank you very much.

Remembrance Day Centenary Concert

2pm Sunday 11th November, 2018

Houghton Uniting Church Hall

\$25 per person
(limited tickets available)

Ticket Sales: James Rackham 0417 978 990

Felicity Young 0418 695 632



HOUGHTON, INGLEWOOD & HERMITAGE
MEMORIAL PARK INC

All proceeds to Houghton Community Centre

featuring
Lyn Harris
Brendan Williams
and
Various Local Performers

Afternoon Tea Provided



HOUGHTON UNITING CHURCH

Dates for the Future

- Congregational Meeting: Sunday, 14th October: After Worship
- First Day of Term Four: Monday, 15th October
- Church Council: Tuesday, 16th October: 7.00 pm
- Garage / Car Boot Sale: Saturday, 20th October
- Wedding: Friday, 26th October: 2.30 pm
- Service of Thanksgiving and Blessing: Sunday, 28th October
- Tea Tree Gully Christmas Pageant: Saturday, 3rd November
- Wedding: Saturday, 10th November
- Remembrance Day: Sunday, 11th November
- Remembrance Day Concert: Sunday, 11th November: 2.00 pm
- Presbytery and Synod Meeting: 15th to 17th November
- M&WW Sausage Sizzle: Sunday, 18th November: After Worship
- Wedding: Saturday, 8th December
- Carols Service: Wednesday, 19th December

Activities Leaders to Contact

Kidz Club: James Ross-Naylor and Katherine McDonald

KYB (Know Your Bible): Joan Checkley

mainly music: Sandy Walker

Men's Bible Study: Jonathan Button

Mercy Meals: Katherine McDonald

Mission and Wider Work: Coral Larcombe

Music Worship Service: Mark Ross-Naylor

Philippines Ministry: Gordon Cooksey

Schools Ministry: John Wheatcroft

12UP: Sarah Baeker

Women's Fellowship: Eileen Stapleton

Working Bees: Max Reed

Craft Group

The Craft Group will not be having a meeting on 6th November. Please remember that the last meeting for the year will be on 27th November.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It is time to start thinking about filling the shoeboxes to bless children in overseas countries. Now is the time to start buying and planning what to pack in your boxes.



Last year we packed 27 boxes.

Can we beat that this year?

Please return filled boxes to our church by October 29th.



Christmas Tree Festival



Let Your Light Shine

To be hosted at **Tea Tree Gully Uniting Church**
592-600 Milne Road, Banksia Park

from **Thurs 29th Nov to Sat 1st Dec**

Thurs 9:30am-8:00pm

Fri 9:30am-9:30pm with Family-Fun evening event with activities, carol singing, barista coffee & pancakes

Sat 9:30am-6:00pm

Come and See:

- Decorated Trees
- Nativity Scenes
- Interactive Train layout
- Wall hangings

Stalls to Buy:

- Biscuits, Cakes
- Plants, Produce
- Gifts & Crafts
- Children's stall

Entry:

- \$2 Donation
- Children under 12 Free

Enjoy:

- Morning/Afternoon Teas,
- Light meals, Sausage Sizzle

MANY CHURCHES ... ONE LOCATION
with proceeds supporting local Pastoral Care Workers /
Chaplains in our local schools