

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

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**

Next Week's Roster

28th October, 2018

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Welcome: **Ray**
Duty Elder: **David**
Reader: **Sandy**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Stewards: **Ray & Sheila**
Manager: **Neil**
Crèche: **Michelle**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: **Bob & Faye**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **Alan**
Cleaning: *********

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

<http://goldengroveuniting.org.au>

Sunday, 21st October, 2018

Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

Preacher: **Dominic Hopps**

Theme: **The Sword of Grace**

Gospel Reading: **Mark 10: 17-31**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

Dying Words

I've had a number of conversations at after-funeral gatherings over the years where someone says to me something like – "I've always followed the Ten Commandments!". I think that's supposed to make a point to me that they will "make it over the line" in the end... by the time that it's *their funeral* I am attending.

However, the fact that they say it to me betrays their inner suspicion that they may well *not* "make it"! The rich young ruler in the Gospels had done his very best – obeyed all the commandments, yet he still knew that this had not got him "over the line" (inherited him eternal life – Mk 10:17-30).

Jesus said to him, "You have to sell everything you own and give it to the poor." Jesus was meaning that: following the commandments and inheriting eternal life is really about *loving God the Father more than anything else in your life* (including all your precious money!), because He has first willingly loved you, saved you by grace, given you eternal life, and commanded you to repent and receive that gift.

The summary of every one of God's commandments is, love Him with everything you've got, and love other people as (*before*) yourself.

Grace and cheers, Jonathan

Christmas Tree Festival ★



*Let
Your
Light
Shine*

Thurs 29th Nov to Sat 1st Dec

See: Decorated trees, Nativities, Train layout, Wall hangings
Buy: Crafts, Biscuits & Cakes, Plants, Produce, Children's gifts
Enjoy: Morning/ Afternoon Teas, Light meals, Sausage Sizzle

A bi-annual event, hosted @ Tea Tree Gully Uniting, 600 Milne Rd, Banksia Park
 MANY CHURCHES ... ONE LOCATION
 with proceeds supporting our local Pastoral Care Workers / Chaplains

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.

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.

The Ladies of Government House

Thursday, 1st November

As the tour starts at 11.30 am and concludes at 12.30 pm,

it is that we, all the ladies of Women's Fellowship leave

the church car park at 10.30 am at the latest.

Most Important: All the ladies who intend going on the tour must meet me, immediately after worship, in the children's room. Tea, coffee and gossip will have to take second place. For security reasons, I have to have each lady's name on a slip of paper which has to be sent to the governor prior to the visit. If I do not have your name on that slip of paper today, you will not be able to form part of the tour.

Thanks and blessings, Eileen



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



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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 Fast Fading Year

- Council Nomination Forms Available: Sunday, 21st October
- Wedding: Friday, 26th October: 2.30 pm
- Deadline for Christmas Child Boxes: Sunday, 28th October
- Service of Thanksgiving and Blessing: Sunday, 28th October
- All Saints Day: Thursday, 1st November
- Women's Fellowship at Government House: Thursday, 1st November
- Working Bee: Saturday, 3rd November: 8.00 am
- Tea Tree Gully Christmas Pageant: Saturday, 3rd November
- Newcomers Lunch: Sunday, 4th November: After Worship
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 5th November: 2.00 pm
- Wedding: Saturday, 10th November
- Remembrance Day: Sunday, 11th November
- Remembrance Day Concert: Sunday, 11th November: 2.00 pm
- Elders and Pastoral Carers Meeting: Tuesday, 13th November: 7.00 pm
- Presbytery and Synod Meeting: 15th to 17th November
- M&WW Sausage Sizzle: Sunday, 18th November: After Worship
- Church Council: Tuesday, 20th November: 7.00 pm
- Church Council Elections: Sunday, 25th November: After Worship
- Craft Group Break-Up: Tuesday, 27th November: 12.00 noon
- Wedding: Saturday, 8th December
- Carols Service: Wednesday, 19th December

Today's Hymns and Songs

We have come into His House (Praise and Worship 67)

Jesus loves me (Together in Song 229)

Amazing Grace (Together in Song 129)

A New Commandment (SLC 853)

When love is found (Together in Song 654)

Trust and obey (SLC 877)

We are one in the bond of love (Praise and Worship 23)

Election of 2019 Church Council

The election of Elders and Councillors for the year 2019 will be held immediately following morning worship on Sunday, **25th November, 2018.**

The meeting will be solely for the purpose of electing Church Council members for 2019. The AGM will be held early in 2019, when reports will be received.

The sequence of events will be as follows:

- **21-10-2018 Nomination forms available.** These forms will contain the names of Elders and Councillors who are willing to accept re-nomination as well as provision for new nominations.
- **4-11-2018 Nominations close at 12.00 noon.**
- **11-11-2018 Names of nominees published in the Golden Grove Gazette.**
- **25-11-2018 Election of Elders and Church Councillors.**

Please note: in conformity with Uniting Church regulations, **only Full Members and Members- in-Association may nominate, be nominated and vote.**

Proxy Voting is not permitted. A member must be present in order to vote. A list of those eligible to vote will be issued before the election. Please inform me of any inaccuracies immediately. If you are not sure of your voting status, please check with me.

The new Church Council will take office on 1st January, 2019.

Please see me if you require any further information.

John Wheatcroft (Council Chairperson)



mainly music

10th Birthday Celebrations

This Sunday, this evening, at 5.00 pm, in the hall.
Please come and help us celebrate this special occasion,
and see the children, perhaps even the adults, in action.

Please let Sandy Walker or the *mm* team know,
if you are able to attend.

Philippines Child Education Scheme

As announced last week, I've assumed responsibility for the sponsorship scheme.

As I'm sure that at least some members of our congregation, who have joined us recently, may not know what it's all about, I'd like to "put you in the picture".

Many years ago our then minister, Reverend Robert Iles, made contact with Pastor Luciano Bariquit, who ran, and still runs, a Christian ministry in Davao City in the Philippines. The Hope Ministry, as it's called, is situated in a very poor area, and many children who attended the church could not afford to attend school, which of course greatly reduced their future prospects.

Robert, therefore, instigated a direct sponsorship scheme, which is still going strong. From time to time Luciano keeps us up to date with the progress of the children, which is always encouraging.

Sponsors pay \$90 per quarter (tax deductible), all of which is sent to the Philippines and makes a huge difference to the families involved. Currently we support 25 children. Two of the children are supported by the 'Philippines jars', which are placed on the tea / coffee table, and one child by Mission and Wider Work. Hence, if you are unable to commit to a full sponsorship, you are still able to contribute to a very worthwhile cause.

Unfortunately, one of our sponsors has had to drop out of the scheme recently. Thus, we need another sponsor for Harold Garcines, aged 15 years (photo available). If you are able and willing to become involved in this very satisfying and worthy mission activity, please see me as soon as possible so that I don't have to inform Luciano that Harold is no longer sponsored.

(Gordon Cooksey)

