

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.

**Church Telephone Number: 8251 4298**

This Week's Roster

27th January, 2019

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Jonathan**  
Leader (pm): **Ross**  
Welcome: **Janet**  
Duty Elder: **Andrew**  
Reader: **Sandy**  
Musician: **Heather**  
Stewards: **Ray & Sheila**  
Manager: **Neil**  
Crèche: **Vacation**  
Kidz Connect: **Vacation**  
Morning Tea: **Joy & Katherine**  
Audio: **Jim**  
Visual: **James**  
Cleaning: **\*\*\*\*\***

Next Week's Roster

3rd February, 2019

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Jonathan**  
Leader (pm): **David M.**  
Welcome: **Joan C.**  
Duty Elder: **Cath**  
Reader: **Trevor**  
Musician: **Heather**  
Stewards: **Cath & John**  
Manager: **Ray**  
Crèche: **Vacation**  
Kidz Connect: **Vacation**  
Morning Tea: **Lucinda, Richardt & Ruan**  
Audio: **Jim**  
Visual: **Alan**  
Cleaning: **Chris, Graham, Sandy & Trevor**

# Golden Grove Gazette

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

<http://goldengroveuniting.org.au>

Sunday, 27th January, 2019

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Good News to the Captives**

Scripture Readings: **Isaiah 41: 1-8 and Luke 4: 14-21**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

## God, I'm Listening

Has God spoken to you recently?

During World War II, a young woman had studied Morse code and applied for a job as a telegraph operator. She was invited to an interview. When she arrived she found the waiting area filled with other applicants who were chatting nervously in anticipation of getting the vacant position. The young woman took a seat and waited. Then, all of a sudden, she jumped up and walked briskly into the adjoining room. The others looked up but went on chatting. Shortly afterwards, the manager appeared to tell the group that the job had been filled. He explained that he had been tapping on his window in Morse code: 'If you can understand this, come inside. You're hired!'

We need to be attentive to hear God speaking to us. The prophet Elijah learned that God doesn't shout his instructions. He doesn't normally pass on guidance in any dramatic way, such as through the howling wind, earthquake or fire. Rather, it is through the quiet reflective reading of his word; it is while we are engaging in prayer or being attentive to God through the day that he whispers into our hearts. Have you been listening lately? If so, has God been calling you to some action?

*Rev. Gordon*

## THE POWER OF PRAYER

### PRAYERS AT SUNDAY WORSHIP

On Sunday mornings, before Worship, if you require and need some quiet time for prayer, you can meet in the meeting room in the hall from 9.00 am to 10.00am.

After Worship, if you would like prayers, there will be people sitting at the front of the Church who would be more than happy to pray with you for either yourself or for loved ones. If you need healing, or if there is any other issue for which you may need prayer, there will be someone available to share with, and pray for, you.

However, if you feel that you want some time to yourself, please just sit in the pew without rushing into the hall for a time of fellowship.

### THE PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Sarah Cooksey, if you wish to have someone's name placed on the prayer chain. If Sarah is not available, please contact Andrew MacTier.

### MONTHLY PRAYER

There is also a day of prayer,  
held on the second Thursday of  
every month,  
in the sanctuary,  
from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm.

Please see Ray Holroyd, if you wish to  
help, pray or have a quiet time.



### Activities Leaders to Contact

Craft Group: Katherine McDonald  
Day of Prayer: Ray Holroyd  
Kidz Club / 12UP: James Ross-Naylor, Katherine McDonald and Sarah Baeker  
KYB (Know Your Bible): Joan Checkley  
*mainly music:* TBA  
Men's Bible Study: Jonathan Button  
Mission and Wider Work: Coral Larcombe  
Music Worship Service: Jonathan Button and James Ross-Naylor  
Philippines: Gordon Cooksey  
Schools Ministry: John Wheatcroft  
Women's Fellowship: Eileen Stapleton  
Working Bees: Max Reed

### Pastoral Care Worker Coordinators

Banksia Park Primary School: Barbara Collins  
Greenwith Primary School: Chris Holroyd



### What's on at Golden Grove Uniting Church?

Sunday – 10.00 am	Worship and Children's Programme
Sunday – 6.00 pm	Sunday Night Music Worship Service
Monday – 10.00 am	KYB – Know Your Bible Women's Bible Study
Monday – 2.00 pm	Worship at Estia Aged Care (monthly)
Tuesday - 9.00 am	Men's Fellowship at Soul Café
Tuesday -10.30 am	Men's Bible Study
Tuesday – 1.30 pm	Craft (first and third Tuesday of each month)
Thursday - 8.00 am	Day of Prayer (second Thursday of each month)
Thursday -10.00 am	Men's Bible Study
Thursday – 1.00 pm	Women's Fellowship (monthly)
Thursday - 6.45 pm	Men's Bible Study
Friday – 9.30 am	<i>mainly music</i> (for 0-5 years old)
Saturday – 8.00 am	Working Bee (monthly)
Saturday – 6.30 pm	Kidz Club / 12UP (2nd Saturday of each month)

Mission and Wider Work - Fundraising for Mission,  
in Australia and overseas (as advised)

## NOTICE TO ALL CONVENERS

As the Annual General Meeting is being held on Sunday, 24th February, 2019, after Worship, could I please have all Conveners' reports no later than Sunday, 3rd February, by e-mail to:

[catherine.mckechnie@bigpond.com](mailto:catherine.mckechnie@bigpond.com) ?

Thanks in advance, Cath.



### Today's Hymns and Songs

As the deer pants for the water (Praise and Worship 445)

Be Thou my vision (Australian Hymn Book 455)

How great is our God (Praise and Worship 1020)

Be strong and courageous (Colin Buchanan)

Great is Thy faithfulness (Together in Song 154)

I am carried (Praise and Worship 835)

Shalom to you now (Together in Song 778)

### Dates for our New Year Diaries

- Australia Day Holiday: Monday, 28th January
- Beginning of Term One: Tuesday, 29th January
- *mainly music*: Friday, 1st February: 9.30 am
- Working Bee: Saturday, 2nd February: 8.00 am
- Due Date for Conveners' Reports: Sunday, 3rd February
- KYB: Monday, 4th February: 10.00 am
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 3rd February: 2.00 pm
- Craft: Tuesday, 5th February: 1.30 pm
- Special Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, 5th February: 7.00 pm
- Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 7th February: 1.00 pm
- Kidz Club / 12UP: Saturday, 9th February: 6.30 pm
- Elders Meeting: Tuesday, 12th February: 7.00 pm
- Pastoral Carers Meeting: Tuesday, 12th February: 7.30 pm
- Day of Prayer: Thursday, 14th February: 8.00 am to 6.00 pm
- Church Council: Tuesday, 19th February: 7.00 pm
- Annual General Meeting: Sunday, 24th February: after Worship
- Fun Night: Saturday, 16th March: Information to be given later

### Women's Fellowship

We have barely recovered from 2018, and it is already time to be thinking hard about 2019.

When shall we all meet again?

In thunder, lightning and in rain?  
Don't be silly, Bill Shakespeare.  
This is sunny South Australia.



Commander Eileen doth beg her clan  
To assemble forthwith,  
On Thursday, 7th February  
At 1.00 pm.

Come, please, with lots of lovely ideas,  
Both brilliant and varied.



**From Pastor Luciano**

Dear Gordon and Sarah,

Thank you for your kind request. It's an honour to give details regarding our children's ministry here in the Philippines.

Our Hope Philippines Ministries of Davao City Inc ministry is mainly serving less fortunate children in our area here.

Sponsorship Ministry, for which you have sponsored several children, has the primary purpose of helping to cover the extra cost of school needs for these poor children.

Though education is free and state-funded, there are other costs that need to be covered: education supplies and uniforms, for example. The cost of travel is a huge burden to be shouldered by the families of less fortunate children.

Your sponsored children receive cash assistance from you, which is given after our Sunday church services. Your support of \$30 a month is divided by 4 weeks to ensure that the children will be present at church each Sunday.

All those children you have already sponsored have been taught how to have a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and have eventually become members of our fellowship.

The help we offer to the needy families outside of our fellowship takes the form of prayers and Bible study, except for those you have already sponsored and who receive your educational assistance.

The children you have seen in the photos sent regularly are not yet part of our fellowship. They are the children of our 5 outreach areas, where we are ministering every week.

Together with several sponsored children, whom we have trained to teach Bible stories and lead children's prayers and games, we have been ministering to poor children every Saturday morning and afternoon. We have also been feeding one outreach area every week after kids activities.

Thank you, and God bless you all.  
With love,  
Luciano and Angelie

**Requiescat In Pace, NESTA**



I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the many friends and the congregation of this church for the expressions of love, sympathy and condolences to myself and family on the death of my lovely wife, NESTA.



With blessings. Michael and family

**Café CHURCH**

Golden Grove Uniting Church

Join us for Cafe Church @ Golden Grove Uniting every **second** and **fourth** Sunday of the month.

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- COME and EXPERIENCE:
- ★ Relaxed contemporary worship, cafe style
  - ★ The Good News of Jesus Christ
  - ★ Child and young family friendly (noise allowed!)
  - ★ Coffee, tea, and yummy raisin or cinnamon toast supplied
  - ★ Friendship

WHEN: Every second and fourth Sunday  
TIME: 6.00 'til 7.00pm  
WHERE: Golden Grove Uniting Church hall

All Welcome!



27th January  
10th February  
24th February  
10th March  
24th March  
14th April  
28th April  
12th May  
26th May  
9th June  
23rd June