

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

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: **Chris H.**  
Kidz Connect: **Tina**  
Morning Tea: **Lucinda, Richardt & Ruan**  
Audio: **Jim**  
Visual: **Alan**  
Cleaning: **Chris, Graham, Sandy & Trevor**

Next Week's Roster

10th February, 2019

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Kathryn**  
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**  
Welcome: **Joan W.**  
Duty Elder: **Cath**  
Reader: **Michelle**  
Musician: **Brunetta**  
Stewards: **Kevin & Max**  
Manager: **Ray**  
Crèche: **Michelle**  
Kidz Connect: **Tina**  
Morning Tea: **Glenda, Ted & Lila**  
Audio: **Jim**  
Visual: **James**  
Cleaning: **\*\*\*\*\***

Today's Hymns and Songs

Shout to the north  
All hail the power of Jesus name  
The King of love my Shepherd is  
A mighty fortress is our God  
In Christ alone  
Loved before the dawn of time  
May the feet of God walk with you

# Golden Grove Gazette

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

<http://goldengroveuniting.org.au>

Sunday, 3rd February, 2019

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Defeating Your Dragons**

Scripture Readings: **Revelation 12: 7-12 and Luke 4: 21-30**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

**“Oh, no, Lord!... Not Law, Lord!”**

When the lights on the police car flash in our rearview mirror, and we nervously (or irately!) pull over, and wind down our window to be confronted by the police officer, *law* is not something we necessarily feel very warm towards!...

When the Bible speaks of God's law, it includes the things that He commands us to do, and the things He commands us not to do. But it also means a whole lot more than that. *It means everything that we need to know in order to have a complete and great life as human beings*, including the essential truth of His grace that pays for and forgives our sins, restores us to fellowship with Him, and enables us to live according to His good will.

So God's law is not just His "laws" (i.e., His "rules"). It is also the truth of our redemption by His stunning grace, which heals and restores, gives us a new life, a new start, and transforms us for our best good.

We cannot ignore or live without any part of God's good law. And when we understand with the Psalmist that it is "More to be desired than Gold" and "sweeter than the drippings of the honeycomb" (Ps 19:10), there is no way we would ever want to be without it!

I'll also keep a closer eye on the speedo. :)

*Grace and cheers,*  
*Jonathan*

## 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 (1st Saturday of each month)

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

## A Warm Welcome to Nathan McDuff



Nathan is the new Pastoral Care Worker at Banksia Park Primary School. He replaces Danielle McAllister. We thank Danielle for her worthy ministry, and we now look forward to working with Nathan in a similar capacity.

We are well aware of the invaluable service that PCWs provide for needy children (in both a physical sense as well as a spiritual one) in our state schools. They can be a source of comfort, solace, advice and consolation to the children in our schools and always have the time to listen and understand.

We welcome you, Nathan, and may God bless you.

Thank you, too, for the lovely photograph of your young family.

## Conveners' Deadline for Reports

**Today is the last day for reports. Did you meet the deadline?**



## Dates for our New Year Diaries

- 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
- 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
- Kidz Club / 12UP: Saturday, 2nd March: 6.30 pm
- Fun Night: Saturday, 16th March: 5.30 pm onwards to dawn

## 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, or in rain?  
Don't be silly, Bill Shakespeare.  
This is sunny South Australia.  
Rain? Never heard of it!**



**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



**GOLDEN GROVE UNITING CHURCH**

**SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**

**FUN NIGHT**

**"Rockin - On" 60s & 70s BAND**

**7pm till Late**

**\$15 per Adult (Children under 12 Free)**

**Sausage Sizzle from 5.30 – 6.30 at a Cost of \$2.50**

**Soft Drinks for Sale**

**Alcohol free fun**

**Bring nibbles**

**Join In *The Fun!***

