

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

19th May, 2019

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Neil**
Leader (pm): **James**
Welcome: **Tina**
Duty Elder: **Ray**
Reader: **Trevor**
Musicians: **Brunetta & the Boys**
Stewards: **Ray & Sheila**
Manager: **Jim**
Crèche: **Joy**
Kidz Connect: **Sandy**
Morning Tea: **Eileen, Michelle & Tina**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **James**
Cleaning: **Chris, Graham, Sandy & Trevor**

Next Week's Roster

26th May, 2019

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **TBA**
Leader (pm): **Salisbury East Home Group**
Welcome: **Janet**
Duty Elder: **Ray**
Reader: **TBA**
Musician: **Pat**
Stewards: **Cath & John**
Manager: **Jim**
Crèche: **Chris DeB.**
Kidz Connect: **Trevor**
Morning Tea: **Joy & Katherine**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **James**
Cleaning: *********

Golden Grove Gazette

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

<http://goldengroveuniting.org.au>

Sunday, 19th May, 2019

Fourth Sunday after Easter

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Unholy Marriage**

Scripture Reading: **Revelation 17: 1-6**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

The Left, the Right, ...& the Heights

"...remember the heights from which you have fallen," [Rev 2:5]

We've heard a lot in recent weeks about how far left the Left are, and how far right the Right are, as well as about right-leaning members of the Left, and the left-leaning members of the Right! Not to mention the "loopy-Left", or the "loopy-Right"! (...it feels like there should be a punch-line here!)

According to the best human thinking, the politicians and their parties have offered the best policies they know how for the good running of the nation, and we have made our best human judgement in casting our votes to elect one, or another.

Yet God says, "...my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,....As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Is 55:8,9) There is human thinking, which may be somewhere to the left, the right, or in between. Then there is God's truth, which is far greater than all human understanding. God's truth is not on the left, or the right, *but in the heights!*

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God calls us to listen above all to *His Word*, and therefore have our thinking and actions shaped primarily by *His truth*. This will enable us to see the truth and falsehood in all human thinking, and know what to support, what to stand apart from, and what to oppose.

May the will of God, our good, good Father, be done in Australia, as in heaven!

Grace and cheers, Jonathan

MISSING: A SET OF CHURCH KEYS

A set of church keys has been missing for several weeks now. The keys are attached to an embossed cross which is most distinctive. The owner is anxious to have them back. They have to be somewhere in the church. If you are able to assist in their recovery, could you please speak to Cath as a matter of urgency? Thanks very much.

Congratulations to our Intrepid Team



Steptoe (Ray) and Son (Neil) made a killing on Tuesday, collecting \$90.00 for the church by collecting and carting some pre-loved scrap metal, once dear to a member of the congregation, to its new owner. Very well done, laddies!

“You are the light of the world — like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see. Don’t hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all.”

Matthew 5: 14-15

Activities Leaders to Contact

Day of Prayer: Ray Holroyd
Kidz Club / 12UP: James Ross-Naylor, Katherine McDonald and Sarah Baeker
KYB (Know Your Bible): Joan Checkley
mainly music: Katherine McDonald
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: Vacancy

Greenwith Primary School: Chris Holroyd



What’s on at Golden Grove Uniting Church?

Sunday – 10.00 am
Sunday – 6.00 pm
Monday – 10.00 am
Monday – 2.00 pm
Tuesday - 9.00 am
Tuesday -10.30 am
Thursday - 8.00 am
Thursday – 1.00 pm
Thursday - 6.45 pm
Friday – 9.30 am
Saturday – 8.00 am
Saturday – 7.00 pm

Worship and Children’s Programme
Sunday Night Music Worship Service
KYB – Know Your Bible Women’s Bible Study
Worship at Estia Aged Care (monthly)
Men’s Fellowship at Soul Café
Men’s Bible Study (morning group)
Day of Prayer (second Thursday of each month)
Women’s Fellowship (monthly)
Men’s Bible Study (evening group)
mainly music (for 0-5 years old)
Working Bee (monthly)
Kidz Club / 12UP (1st Saturday of each month)

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

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.

Parliamentary Prayer

The President, on taking the chair each day, shall read the following prayer:

Almighty God, we humbly beseech Thee to vouchsafe Thy special blessing upon this Parliament, and that Thou wouldst be pleased to direct and prosper the work of Thy servants to the advancement of Thy glory, and to the true welfare of the people of Australia.

Our Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The President shall then make an acknowledgement of country in the following terms:

I acknowledge the Ngunnawal and Ngambri peoples who are the traditional custodians of the Canberra area and pay respect to the elders, past and present, of all Australia's Indigenous peoples.

Dates for our Autumn and Winter Diaries

- Church Council: Tuesday, 21st May: 7.00 pm
- Congregational Meeting after Worship: Sunday, 26th May
- M&WW Soup and Rolls Lunch: Sunday, 26th May: after Worship
- Working Bee: Saturday, 1st June: 8.00 am
- Worship & Music Ministry Workshop: Saturday, 1st June: 10.00 am
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 3rd June: 2.00 pm
- Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 6th June: 1.00 pm
- Holy Communion: Sunday, 9th June (note change of date)
- Day of Prayer: Thursday, 13th June: 8.00 am
- Church Council Retreat: Saturday, 15th June: 10.00 am to 3.00 pm

MONTHLY PRAYER

At our church we have a day of prayer, which is 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, to pray

or just to have a quiet time for reflection.



Everyone is most welcome.

Evening Services

Week 1: Holy Communion
Weeks 2 and 4: Café Church
Weeks 3 (and 5): Regular Service



MISSION AND WIDER WORK

The next M&WW activity will be held after Worship and the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, 26th May.

The menu consists of soup, bread rolls and sweets. There is a list on the back table in the hall, where you can place your names for catering purposes. Once again the cost is \$10.00.

The four charities we support are: Philippines Sponsorship for Joemar Gasang, Leigh and Tamara Filmer in Nepal, Pastoral Support Workers and Back Packs 4 Kids SA.

Today's Hymns and Songs

Come as you are (Together in Song 693)

Jesus, name above all names (Songs of Fellowship 298)

Purify my heart (Praise and Worship 657)

Trust and obey (Lutheran Hymnal 877)

Rock of Ages (Together in Song 222)

May the feet of God walk with you (Together in Song 779)



Go in Peace

*"God blesses those who work for peace,
for they will be called the children of God." Matthew 5: 9*

As beautiful as it is to feel God's peace in your heart, there is a special blessing for those who work towards establishing peace in the world. Working for peace has become a much more relevant pursuit in the world today since we live in a volatile society and many live in fear and anxiety.

You can be the peacekeeper in your own home, or in your workplace. You can be the voice of reason when conflict arises. You can pray for the good of everyone you know so that their lives have greater peace.

Open the door for peace to enter into your heart, your home and your community. It will make a difference and God will bless you for all that you do as His child.

(from Karen Moore's "A Taste of the Spirit")

"Be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord."

Ephesians 5: 18-19

"How great is God's love for all who worship Him? Greater than the distance between heaven and earth! How far has the LORD taken our sins from us? Further than the distance from east to west!"

Psalms 103: 11-12

A Message from LG



Thank you for allowing me to share worship with you last Sunday. I do believe that I was very quiet and extremely well behaved. Reverend Jonathan, please forgive me if I had a teensy weensy doze during your sermon. However, I did need a longer rest with Mum and Dad when we arrived home.