

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

28th July, 2019

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Welcome: **Coral**
Duty Elder: **Cath**
Reader: **Trevor**
Musician: **Pat**
Stewards: **Neil & Sheila**
Manager: **Ray**
Crèche: **Chris H.**
Kidz Connect: **TBA**
Morning Tea: **Bob & Faye**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **Alan**
Cleaning: *********

Next Week's Roster

4th August, 2019

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): **David**
Welcome: **David M.**
Duty Elder: **Ray**
Reader: **Marlene**
Musician: **Heather**
Stewards: **Cath & Graham**
Manager: **Neil**
Crèche: **Katherine**
Kidz Connect: **Michelle**
Morning Tea: **Joy & Katherine**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **James**
Cleaning: **Coral, Jill, Katherine, Lynne & Neil**

Golden Grove Gazette

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

<http://goldengroveuniting.org.au>

Sunday, 28th July, 2019

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Final Judgement**

Scripture Reading: **Revelation 20: 7-15**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

Holy Communion On The Moon

Did you know that when “the Eagle landed” on the moon’s surface 50 years ago, before he ventured to do anything else, Astronaut Buzz Aldrin first paused and celebrated the Christian Sacrament of Holy Communion?

There is no doubt that the moon landing in 1969 represented one of the greatest accomplishments of human history, in terms of both technology and courage. It is understandably upheld as a moment of great human pride. However, Buzz Aldrin saw something much bigger than that.

He saw that every atom of the universe was created by Christ, and is moment by moment held in existence by the power of His Word (Jn 1:3; Col 1:16,17; Heb 1:3). So Christ was there way before the Eagle ever landed! Celebrating Holy Communion there wasn't human beings taking the presence of Christ to the moon, but acknowledging that He was already there as Lord.

He also saw that every human ability and accomplishment is dependent upon the grace of Christ. The text he read for this Communion service was Jn 15:5 –“*I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit, for you can do nothing without me.*”

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If any human endeavour is going to amount to anything of value in the end, it must acknowledge and rely upon Christ. This is what true communion with Christ looks like.

This goes for whether we are landing on the moon, or loving our spouse, or raising a family, or doing our study or jobs. If what we do is going to be real, of value to others and God, and be meaningful, satisfying and enjoyable to us, *we must seek and acknowledge Christ as our Lord and Redeemer, and rely utterly upon His grace in our day to day lives.*

Grace - *to the moon and back!* – Jonathan

A Note of Sadness from the Philippines

A Request from Flash



As I am in full training to become a Guide Dog, it is very important that you pay no attention to me when I am with you in Church or afterwards in the hall. I must avoid distractions of all kinds. My trainer says that I am improving. But, I have a long way to go before I assist someone without sight.
Love, Flash.

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that just over a week ago Angelie's mother passed away at the age of seventy-four. Please keep Pastor Luciano's beautiful family in your prayers at this sad time. *(Gordon Cooksey)*

Women's Fellowship

On Thursday, 1st August we are off again, this time to *Dressed for Success*. As we have pre-booked for a certain number of customers and have to cover the cost of the bus, this means that, once you have made the commitment, there can be no last minute withdrawals.

Please see Sandy if you have any last second questions.

Dates for our Winter Diaries

- **Church Council: Tuesday, 30th July: 7.00 pm (DATECHANGE)**
- **Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 1st August: Dressed for Success**
- **Working Bee: Saturday, 3rd August: 8.00 am**
- **Estia Worship Service: Monday, 5th August: 2.00 pm**
- **Day of Prayer: Thursday, 8th August: 8.00 am to 6.00 pm**
- **Elders Meeting: Tuesday, 13th August: 7.00 pm**
- **Church Council: Tuesday, 20th August: 7.00 pm**
- **Worship/Music Ministry Team: Saturday, 24th August: 10 am to 12 noon**
- **M&WW Pot Luck Lunch: Sunday, 25th August (DATE CHANGE)**

Evening Services



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

Elders in our Church

"The role of a church elder is to provide spiritual leadership, based on the Gospel and Truth of Jesus Christ."

When you have the opportunity, ask your church elders about "Gospel Integrity" and its importance in the church.

Our church elders are: Jonathan, Andrew, Cath, David, Ray and Richardt.

Happiness is a Trailer Weighting for Heavy Metal

Congratulations to young Steptoe and his younger son. Otherwise fondly known as Ray and Neil, this intrepid team has been on further forays into the wilds of Golden Grove, where it has scored yet more hauls of pre-loved metal. Thank you so much, boys. Thank you to all those congregants who have satisfied our lads' passion for heavy metal.

