

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

25th August, 2019

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Welcome: **Joan W.**
Duty Elder: **Richardt**
Reader: **Coral**
Musician: **Pat**
Stewards: **Cath & Graham**
Manager: **Neil**
Crèche: **Lucinda**
Kidz Connect: **Richardt**
Morning Tea: **Lucinda, Richardt & Ruan**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **Alan**
Cleaning: **Asa, Brunetta, John. Lucinda & Tim**

Next Week's Roster

1st September, 2019

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Cath**
Leader (pm): **David**
Welcome: **Joy**
Duty Elder: **David**
Reader: **Marlene**
Musician: **Heather**
Stewards: **John & Sheila**
Manager: **Jim**
Crèche: **Eileen**
Kidz Connect: **Michelle**
Morning Tea: **Peter & Yvonne**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **James**
Cleaning: *********

Have you considered E-giving?

Envelopes with an "E" on the front, prayer requests or thanks can be placed in the offering bags on a Sunday morning.

Our bank details are as follows:

BSB 805-007 Account Number: 00702729 Credit Union SA

Please speak to Chris Holroyd if you require more information.

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

<http://goldengroveuniting.org.au>

Sunday, 25th August, 2019

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **The Wedding**

Scripture Reading: **Revelation 21: 1-8 and 22-27**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

Ah... To Breathe!

Lk 13:10-17 tells of Jesus entering a church, and then how He heals a woman who has been crippled for 18 years. Then one of the leaders of the church tells Him off, saying, "We don't do that sort of thing in our church services"!... Jesus says, "If church isn't to bring God's healing to one of His dear daughters, then *what on earth is it for?*"....

"Religion" is "the way we do things" (our tradition), which we believe is "the right thing", and that we will only get what is good in life, and approval from others and God, if we do things in this way.

The Christian Gospel is that God makes helpless sinners right – forgiven - by His gift of grace alone, and that all who believe and repent receive God's approval and eternal reward. This then enables any person to live a new life in joyful thanksgiving and obedience to God.

The problem that Jesus found in the church in Luke 13 is where Christians impose religion upon the Gospel, and suffocate it. This squeezes the life out of people, and keeps them captive to brokenness; this squeezes the life out of the church, and cripples us. At times all Christians fall into this way of operating; I fall into this way of operating.

The wind of the Gospel is always busting to blow afresh; suck it in!... Ahhhh!!!

Grace and Cheers, Jonathan.

Message from the Elders

“All prayer is responding to God. Prayer is continuing a conversation that God has started through His Word and His grace, which eventually becomes a full encounter with Him.” Timothy Keller (Prayer)

Take the opportunity every day to respond to God’s call. Talk to Jesus at any time: when you wake, when you drive to the shops, at work, before you go to sleep. Here are some of the formal opportunities available for prayer at our church:

Pre-service Prayer Time - Sunday mornings before worship from 8.00 am in the meeting room

Post-service Prayer Time - in the church directly after the service each Sunday

Evening Services - 6.00 pm each Sunday, with a special focus on prayers for healing

Thursday Prayers - in the meeting room each Thursday morning

Day of Prayer - at the church on the 2nd Thursday of every month from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm

Prayer Chain - Contact Sarah Cooksey to be prayed for by others on the chain

Prayer Request Cards - available in the church hall - complete and lodge in the offering bag

Alternatively, contact one of the elders: Jonathan, Andrew, Cath, David, Ray or Richardt.

Dates for our Winter and Spring Diaries

- M&WW Pot Luck Lunch: Sunday, 25th August
- Father’s Day: Sunday, 1st September
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 2nd September: 2.00 pm
- Women’s Fellowship: Thursday, 5th September: Dolphin Cruise
- Working Bee: Saturday, 7th September: 8.00 am
- Elders Meeting: Tuesday, 10th September: 7.00 pm
- Day of Prayer: Thursday, 12th September: 8.00 am to 6.00 pm
- Church Council: Tuesday, 17th September: 7.00 pm
- A FUN Raising Night: Saturday, 12th October

Evening Services



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

Steptoe and Son

No; Steptoe and Son are not retiring at the end of this month. However, they will be taking an extended and adventurous holiday with family and friends in September. In their absence, please round up friends and neighbours, perhaps even enemies with a back yard full of metallic “junk”, and book them up for an October collection. So far Steptoe and his son (aka Ray and Neil) have been phenomenally successful in eating into our deficit budget. Thank you, fellow congregants, for your expert use of metal detectors. Thank you, boys, for your Herculean efforts.



*“And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.”
(Isaiah 40: 5)*