

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

8th September, 2019

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Eileen**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Welcome: **Katherine**
Duty Elder: **David**
Reader: **Barbara**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Stewards: **Cath & Kevin**
Manager: **Jim**
Crèche: **Cath**
Kidz Connect: **Kathryn**
Morning Tea: **Joy & Katherine**
Audio: **Tim**
Visual: **Alan**
Cleaning: *********

Next Week's Roster

15th September, 2019

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): **James**
Welcome: **Linda**
Duty Elder: **David**
Reader: **Sylvia**
Musician: **Heather**
Stewards: **John & Myra**
Manager: **Jim**
Crèche: **Joy**
Kidz Connect: **Sandy**
Morning Tea: **Beverley, Kerri & Lila**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **James**
Cleaning: **Barb & Patrick**

Philippines Child Education Scheme

Thank you for continuing to support our children in the Philippines. Your sponsorship for the September quarter is now due. Please pay your money by the end of September so that we can forward it to Luciano on time. Many thanks also to those who generously support two of our children through the 'Philippines jars'.

(Gordon Cooksey)

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

<http://goldengroveuniting.org.au>

Sunday, 8th September, 2019

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **The Potter's Hand**

Scripture Reading: **Jeremiah 18: 1-11**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

What's So Good About Heaven?...

There are two things about our glorious future that the Gospel assures us is coming.

First, we are going to enjoy God forever.... None of us, even the strongest Christians today, has ever experienced what that joy is – perfect, cosmic, infinite, endlessly growing – because all of us worship and adore other things. But then we will be freed from sin, and we will know and experience that glory and joy. We will enjoy Him forever.

Second, we will enjoy him forever in the new city, in the New Jerusalem, in the new heavens and new earth. We will experience this cosmic joy not in a purely immaterial condition. But, rather, we will be in a restored material creation. We will have resurrection bodies like Jesus' body - physical bodies.... No other religion envisions that. We will not float around as disembodied spirits, but we will dance. We will march. We will hug. We will be embraced. We will eat, and we will drink in the kingdom of God. It means all our deepest longings will be fulfilled. All of our deepest sorrows will be swallowed up.

What could be better than that? And that's what we're in for. Nothing less!

Timothy Keller

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 Spring Diaries

- Pedare Christian College Open Day: Sunday, 8th Sept: 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm
- 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



Mission and Wider Work

Mission and Wider Work would like to thank you, the congregation, for either attending, or donating to, our Pot Luck Lunch, after Worship on Sunday 25th August. With your help an amount of **\$565.00** was raised towards the four charities that we support. God bless you all.

Pedare Christian College Open Day



If you are interested in exploring Pedare Christian College and learning more about its important role in our community, please attend the Open Day, from 1.00 am to 4.00 pm, TODAY.

Fourth Quarter Roster

Please inform Cath or Jim by next Sunday (15th September) if you have any requests for exclusion from, or inclusion in, the next roster (to be published in the Gazette on 22nd September). Please do not allow the onus to arrange a swap to have to fall on you, if you are too late with your requests. Thank you very much.