

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

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**

Next Week's Roster

22nd September, 2019

Preacher: **Reverend Ross Honey**  
Leader (am): **Cath**  
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**  
Welcome: **Janet**  
Duty Elder: **David**  
Reader: **James**  
Musician: **Pat**  
Stewards: **John & Sheila**  
Manager: **Jim**  
Crèche: **Lucinda**  
Kidz Connect: **Richardt**  
Morning Tea: **Eileen & Michelle**  
Audio: **Jim**  
Visual: **Alan**  
Cleaning: **\*\*\*\*\***

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)*

# Golden Grove Gazette

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

<http://goldengroveuniting.org.au>

Sunday, 15th September, 2019

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **I'm the worst**

Scripture Reading: **1 Timothy 1: 12-17 and Luke 15: 1-10**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

Climate + Change

Many are claiming that we are seeing significant and unique changes in the global climate. There seems to be quite a bit of evidence for this, with the number of extreme weather events on our news reports – the terrible fires in Queensland at the moment are a case in point. Or maybe this is just that we are *seeing it more*, with digital images from every corner of the globe flashed to us in an instant 24 hours a day. Certainly the earth has seen great changes in its history – if the generally accepted theories are correct, from being frozen from pole to pole, to being nearly obliterated by a giant asteroid.

Jesus Christ demonstrated that He is Lord over the climate (Mk 4:35-41); and, indeed, every fibre of the universe is under the control of His say so (Heb 1:1-4; Col 1:15-18). When Jesus controlled the storm on the lake, He showed the disciples that His Lordship over the elements gave them opportunity to seek, trust and live in His goodness as their one, eternal foundation and security.

If and when there may be climate change(s), we may know that Christ is Lord, and that He is our unchangeable peace, hope and joy. We may also seek Him in prayer to actually calm the storms. Because He is also going to renew the whole creation, in making a new heaven and new earth (Act 3:21; Rev 21:1-5). This also calls and spurs us in faith to care for the creation as best we can as a sign of the great renewal that Christ is bringing.

However, the most dramatic change that we will ever see is the change in person, and in ourselves, actually trusting Jesus Christ as our Lord, Saviour and Redeemer, and ceasing to trust in ourselves and the many other worldly securities to enable us to "make it" through life successfully. Whatever our particular "storm" at the moment, do not be afraid. Have faith! Let the Lord of the climate change you!

*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.

*“Then I saw ‘a new heaven and a new earth’, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.”*

*Revelation 21: 1-2*

### Dates for our Spring Diaries

- Church Council: Tuesday, 17th September: 7.00 pm
- Last Day of Term Three: Friday, 27th September
- Women’s Fellowship: Thursday, 3rd October: 1.00 pm
- Working Bee: Saturday, 5th October: 8.00 am
- Labour Day Holiday: Monday, 7th October
- Elders Meeting: Tuesday, 8th October: 7.00 pm
- Day Of Prayer: Thursday, 10th October: 8.00 am to 6.00 pm
- Church Council: Tuesday, 15th October: 7.00 pm
- A FUN Raising Night: Saturday, 26th 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 25<sup>th</sup> August. With your help an amount of \$565.00 was raised towards the four charities that we support. God bless you all.

### A Request for the KidzConnect Computer

David Bickerton needs to administer some urgent repairs to this computer. He has to replace its motherboard. If any of you have an old desktop computer which is now surplus to your requirements, could you please let David know as soon as possible? Thank you.

### Fourth Quarter Roster

Please inform Cath or Jim by the end of the day 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.