

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

29th September, 2019

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leader (pm): **David**
Welcome: **Lila**
Duty Elder: **David**
Reader: **Kathryn**
Musician: **Heather**
Stewards: **Cath & Kevin**
Manager: **Jim**
Crèche: **Vacation**
Kidz Connect: **Vacation**
Morning Tea: **Lucinda, Richardt & Ruan**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **James**
Cleaning: **Chris, Graham, Sandy & Trevor**

Next Week's Roster

6th October, 2019

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): **David**
Welcome: **Julia**
Duty Elder: **Ray**
Reader: **Mariska**
Musician: **Heather**
Stewards: **Cath & Graham**
Manager: **Neil**
Crèche: **Vacation**
Kidz Connect: **Vacation**
Morning Tea: **Bob & Faye**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **James**
Cleaning: *********

SAMARITAN'S PURSE BOXES

The Samaritan's Purse boxes can be collected from the back table in the hall if you wish to support this wonderful cause again this year. It is just so special for many under privileged children to receive a gift.

The boxes will need to be returned by Sunday, 20th October, in order that they can arrive in time for the children.

Thank you for supporting this over many years.

Mission & Wider Work Committee



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

<http://goldengroveuniting.org.au>

Sunday, 29th September, 2019

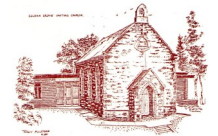
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **How to escape hell**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 16: 19-31**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

IN THE DOLDRUMS

The origin of the form of the word *doldrum* is thought to lie in the Old English word *dol*, meaning 'dull'. As for the meaning, there are two schools of thought. Early in the 19th century, in the *doldrums* was used as a synonym for 'in the dumps, depressed'.

Later sailors borrowed the phrase to describe the region of sultry calms and baffling winds within a few degrees of the Equator where the northeast and southeast trade winds converged. Here the progress of sailing ships would be greatly delayed for many days, their crews becoming frustrated and demoralised through inactivity. Hence, their feelings provided the name for the area.

All of us have felt depressed or low in spirit at one time or the other. When these feelings continue and spoil our normal enjoyment of life, or make us feel less able to do work or everyday jobs at home we should seek medical help.

It is surprising the number of biblical characters who found themselves in the *doldrums*. Elijah is usually cited as an example. The Psalms frequently portray the author as someone who is dejected and 'down'. The contrasting experiences of 'patience' and 'hope' are constant. Take, for example, *I waited patiently for the God to help me; then he listened and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the pit of despair...and set my feet on a hard, firm path and steadied me as I walked along (Psalm 40:1-2).*

(Rev. Gordon)

A Message from the Elders

In our congregation, pastoral care happens both informally in an unstructured and everyday, loving manner and formally through a structured pastoral care network, consisting of care providers and members enjoying care.

Our congregation is blessed to have so many who provide mutual care and support in an unofficial capacity. This might be as simple as just saying G'Day to someone or going out of your way to help them in a bind.

If you would like to find out who is your official carer in our structured system, please refer to the pastoral care list available on the noticeboard in the church hall. Alternatively, if you would like to become more involved in providing pastoral care to your fellow congregation members, please speak to one of our elders.

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

Important: Change of Date

Saturday, 26th October 6.15 pm for a 6.30 pm start

A FUN Raising Night

We sincerely apologise for having to change the date.

Fish, chips, salad, cake and coffee will be followed by a fun evening, with a cost of \$6 to cover the food.

A list is at the back of the hall. Please add your name.

Sandy Walker: Salisbury East Home Group



Dates for our Vernal Diaries

- Elders Business Meeting: Tuesday, 1st October: 7.30 pm (Date Change)
- Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 3rd October: 1.00 pm
- Working Bee: Saturday, 5th October: 8.00 am
- Welcome to Daylight Saving: Sunday, 6th October: 2.00 am
- Labour Day Holiday: Monday, 7th October
- Day Of Prayer: Thursday, 10th October: 8.00 am to 6.00 pm
- The Dinner Table: Thursday, 10th October: 6.00 pm
- TTG Historical Society Tour: Monday, 14th October: 12.00 noon
- Church Council: Tuesday, 15th October: 7.00 pm
- A FUN Raising Night: Saturday, 26th October: 6.15 pm

A Request for the KidzConnect Computer

David Bickerton needs to administer some urgent repairs to the KidzConnect 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? His mobile number is 0431 629 111. Thank you very much.

Women's Fellowship

Thursday, 3rd October 1.00 pm

Guest Speaker Kelly



Everyone is welcome to an informative afternoon of fun, food and fellowship.

Steptoe and Son



After a brief hiatus Steptoe and his son are back in business. This past week's haul included an historic shed and a pre-loved washing machine. Well done, guys! May the force continue to be with you as you forage, salvage and scavenge.