

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 November, 2018

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Eileen**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Welcome: **Sarah C.**
Duty Elder: **Lucinda**
Reader: **Alan**
Musician: **Barbara**
Stewards: **Myra & Ray**
Manager: **Ray**
Crèche: **Julia**
Kidz Connect: **Kathryn**
Morning Tea: **Beverley & Kerri**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **James**
Cleaning: *********

Next Week's Roster

2nd December, 2018

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Welcome: **Sylvia**
Duty Elder: **Lucinda**
Reader: **Barbara**
Musician: **Heather**
Stewards: **Cath & Sheila**
Managers: **Max & Jim**
Crèche: **Julia**
Kidz Connect: **Kathryn**
Morning Tea: **Chris S., Michelle & Myra**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **Kay**
Cleaning: **Chris, Graham, Sandy & Trevor**

Volunteers for Day of Prayer



As we all know, on the second Thursday of each month we hold a Day of Prayer in the sanctuary. We are desperate for more volunteers to devote an hour each month to sitting in the sanctuary for prayer. Would you please see Ray if you are able to assist? You will be an answer to a prayer. May God continue to bless all volunteers.

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

<http://goldengroveuniting.org.au>

Sunday, 25th November, 2018

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **TBA**

Scripture Reading: **John 18: 33-37 and Revelation 1: 4-8**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

Oblivion

I am the man who has seen affliction
by the rod of the Lord's wrath.
He has driven me away and made me walk
in darkness rather than light;
indeed, he has turned his hand against me
again and again, all day long.
He has made my skin and my flesh grow old
and has broken my bones.
He has besieged me and surrounded me
with bitterness and hardship.
He has made me dwell in darkness
like those long dead.

(Lamentations 3:1-6)

These are real human experiences; we can, and do, go through them. How can God let this happen?... How can we cope with them?....

Well, the question of why we go through them, we can't fully answer. However, we do have Jesus' answer, that suffering is an opportunity for the glory of God to be known by us, and shown through us (Jn 9:1-12) – i.e., either through delivering us, or increasing our reliance and faith in His saving, sustaining grace.

The Christian Gospel also tells us that God is not hiding safe and comfortable somewhere off at the other end of heaven. That His Son went through the suffering and death.....

(PTO)

Oblivion: Conclusion

.....and hell of crucifixion, taking the Father's heart and soul through that with Him, means that *God enters into our suffering* – goes through it with us - because He loves us.

But more than that, in grace He also bears our suffering with and for us, and lifts us up and carries us through it; He strengthens us, renews our faith and hope, and promises that even our joy will return (Ps 125:5,6).

Hope in Him! He will lift us up!

Grace in Christ, Jonathan

Roster: First Quarter: 2019

The compiling of the first roster for next year can be a trauma for its compilers, if they do not know when congregants are taking a well earned holiday break. Therefore, could you please let Cath or Jim know by Sunday, 9th December, if you are not going to be available at any particular times during January, February or March? Thanks very much.

Election of 2019 Church Council: Today: After Worship

The following Members have been **nominated** for election to Church Council:

- **ELDERS :** Jane Bean, Roger Bean, Ray Holroyd, Andrew MacTier and Cath McKechnie.
- **COUNCILLORS:** Tim Checkley, Coral Larcombe and Neil Larcombe.

Please note: in conformity with Uniting Church regulations, **only Full Members and Members- in-Association may nominate, be nominated and vote.**

Proxy Voting is not permitted. A member must be present in order to vote. A list of those eligible to vote will be issued before the election. Please inform me of any inaccuracies immediately. If you are not sure of your voting status, please check with me.

John Wheatcroft: Council Chairperson



Thurs 29th Nov to Sat 1st Dec

See: Decorated trees, Nativities, Train layout, Wall hangings

Buy: Crafts, Biscuits & Cakes, Plants, Produce, Children's gifts

Enjoy: Morning/ Afternoon Teas, Light meals, Sausage Sizzle

A bi-annual event, hosted @ Tea Tree Gully Uniting, 600 Milne Rd, Banksia Park

MANY CHURCHES ... ONE LOCATION

with proceeds supporting our local Pastoral Care Workers / Chaplains

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2018

Volunteers are required for morning and afternoon teas at the Christmas Tree Festival.

Friday Afternoon, 30th Nov. 1.30pm. – 5.00pm.

and

Saturday Morning, 1st Dec. 9.30am – 11.30am.

Please see John Wheatcroft, if you are willing to help. Thank you very much.

Golden Grove Uniting Church

Christmas Picnic

Join us for a relaxing afternoon
of fun and fellowship.

Sunday 9th December
from 12.30pm

Goldenfields Park
Atlantis Drive
Golden Grove



Bring your own food, drinks and chairs
BBQ facilities available

Contact Sarah Baeker with any queries

Dates for December Diaries

- Working Bee: Saturday, 1st December: 8.00 am
- First Sunday in Advent (HOPE): Sunday, 2nd December
- ESTIA WORSHIP SERVICE: Monday, 3rd December: 2.00 pm
- Estia's Christmas Twilight Fête: Wednesday, 5th December: 5.00 pm
- Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 6th December: 12.30 pm
- Wedding: Saturday, 8th December
- Second Sunday in Advent (PEACE): Sunday, 9th December
- Church Picnic: Sunday, 9th December: 12.30 pm
- Elders and Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, 11th December: 7.00 pm
- Day of Prayer: Thursday, 13th December: 8.00 am to 6.00 pm
- Last Day of Term Four: Friday, 14th December
- Third Sunday in Advent (JOY): Sunday, 16th December
- Carols Service: Wednesday, 19th December
- Southern Summer Solstice: Saturday, 22nd December: 8.53 am
- Fourth Sunday in Advent (LOVE): Sunday, 23rd December

Volunteers for the Cleaning Roster

Are you handy with a mop and bucket, a feather duster or a vacuum cleaner, and do you enjoy the fellowship of working in a team of four? Then we have just the job for you, cleaning our beloved church four or five times per year. Would you please see Cath, if you are able to assist? Thanks very much.

Today's Hymns and Songs

Good Christians all, rejoice (Together in Song 313)

O come, all ye faithful (Together in Song 304)

Joy to the world! (Together in Song 268)

The First Nowell (Together in Song 301)

Hark! the herald angels sing (Together in Song 303)

Once in royal David's city (Together in Song 312)

Now unto Him (Praise and Worship 470)

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Once again, with your help, we will be collecting food to make up Christmas food hampers for the two schools we support through the Pastoral Care Workers. They are Danielle McAllister from Banksia Park Primary School and Louise Finch from Greenwith Primary School.

Estia Nursing Home has already started collecting food for us in order to assist with this outreach programme.

Over the next few weeks, bins will be situated on the back tables in the hall for you to leave any donations for this special cause to feed families over Christmas. Or, you could even donate a small children's gift to put a smile on a family's faces over Christmas.



The last day for donations will be Sunday, 9th December.

Thank you for your wonderful support and generosity over the past several years.

Women's Fellowship Christmas Lunch

Thursday, 6th December 12.30 pm

Somerset Hotel 505 Bridge Road Para Hills

I need to have an accurate list (which is on the hall table)

of the names of all the ladies, who will be joining us on

this mouth-watering occasion, by 2nd December, at the latest.

Please remember to put down the names of all

your most welcome friends who will be chaperoning you at the event.

Could you please bring your Secret Pal present to the lunch, as we shall

not be returning to the church afterwards?

Thanks and blessings, Eileen (Convener)



Advent Friend

Yes; it's that time of year again, back by overwhelming, popular demand.

What does it mean?

For four weeks during Advent, if you participate, you will be given the name of a member of the congregation (you keep it a secret until the last Sunday in Advent). Each week it is suggested that you buy, make, or send a little note relating to the theme for the Sunday, e.g. HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE.

Someone will be given your name, and he or she will do something for you.

When does Advent begin?

2nd December, and then for a further three weeks: 9th December, 16th December and 23rd December.

How can I participate?

Write your name on the sheet in the hall and on Sunday, 25th November, you will be given your secret Advent Friend's name.

What do we do at the end of Advent?

On **Sunday, 23rd**, when you give your final gift, note, etcetera, you will write your name on it so that the person knows from whom it has come.

Looking forward to many of you joining in.

Sandy Walker



Activities Leaders to Contact

Kidz Club: James Ross-Naylor and Katherine McDonald
KYB (Know Your Bible): Joan Checkley
mainly music: Sandy Walker
Men's Bible Study: Jonathan Button
Mission and Wider Work: Coral Larcombe
Music Worship Service: Mark Ross-Naylor
Philippines: Gordon Cooksey
Schools Ministry: John Wheatcroft
12UP: Sarah Baeker
Women's Fellowship: Eileen Stapleton
Working Bees: Max Reed
Youth Alpha: Lucinda and Richardt Wilkinson

Pastoral Care Worker Coordinators

Banksia Park Primary School: Barbara Collins

Greenwith Primary School: Chris Holroyd



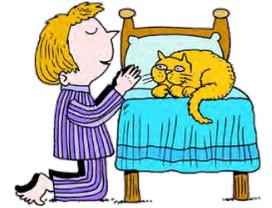
What's on at Golden Grove Uniting Church?

Sunday – 10.00 am	Worship and Children's Programme
Sunday – 6.00 pm	Sunday Night Music Worship Service
Monday – 10.00 am	KYB – Know Your Bible Women's Bible Study
Monday – 2.00 pm	Worship at Estia Aged Care (monthly)
Tuesday - 9.00 am	Men's Fellowship at Soul Café
Tuesday – 1.30 pm	Craft Group
Wednesday - 7.00 pm	Alpha Course
Thursday - 8.00 am	Day of Prayer (second Thursday of each month)
Thursday -10.00 am	Men's Bible Study
Thursday – 1.00 pm	Women's Fellowship (monthly)
Thursday - 7.00 pm	Men's Bible Study
Friday – 9.30 am	<i>mainly music</i> (for 0-5 years old)
Saturday – 8.00 am	Working Bee (monthly)
Saturday – 6.30 pm	Kidz Club (first Saturday of each month)
Saturday – 7.00 pm	12UP (third Saturday of each month)

Mission and Wider Work - Fundraising for Mission,
in Australia and overseas (as advised)

THE POWER OF PRAYER

PRAYERS AT SUNDAY WORSHIP



On Sunday mornings, before Worship, if you require and need some quiet time for prayer, you can meet in the meeting room in the hall from 9.00 am to 10.00am.

After Worship, if you would like prayers, there will be people sitting at the front of the Church who would be more than happy to pray with you for either yourself or for loved ones. If you need healing, or if there is any other issue for which you may need prayer, there will be someone available to share with, and pray for, you.

However, if you feel that you want some time to yourself, please just sit in the pew without rushing into the hall for a time of fellowship.

THE PRAYER CHAIN



Please contact Sarah Cooksey, if you wish to have someone's name placed on the prayer chain. If Sarah is not available, please contact Andrew MacTier.

MONTHLY PRAYER

There is also a day of prayer,
held on the second Thursday of
every month,
in the sanctuary,
from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm.



Christmas Twilight Fete

Estia Health- 27-31 Captain Robertson Ave,
Golden Grove

6.00pm

Wednesday 5th December

Residents, Staff, Families & Friends
Welcome to come along and enjoy the
Stalls



Antonietta Gifts

Cookie Man

Dizzy Crafts

Nutrimetics

Tupperware

Xmas Pudding



Jewellery, Scarfs, Underwear, Bags and Lots More!!

MISSION AND WIDER WORK

FUND RAISING FOR 2018

The Mission and Wider Work team would like to sincerely thank our Church family for attending our Sausage Sizzle last Sunday!

*A HUGE thank you to the wonderful Neil and Dean, who worked hard over a hot BBQ. Also to the great salad makers. We had a marvellous choice.

*Thank you so much to our Church family for supporting us so well, once again.

Thank you for the generous donations, too.

*Thank you so very much to everyone who helped with the dishes and clearing the tables, etc!

*Thank you all on behalf of our chosen charities this year which are:-

Joemar Gasang Philippines
Leigh and Tamara Filmar Nepal
Pastoral Support Workers
Back Packs 4 Kids

