

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

10th March, 2019

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Welcome: **Lila**
Duty Elder: **Jane**
Reader: **Janet**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Stewards: **Kevin & Max**
Manager: **Max**
Crèche: **Coral**
Kidz Connect: **Katherine**
Morning Tea: **Katherine & Sarah B.**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **James**
Cleaning: *********

Next Week's Roster

17th March, 2019

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Cath**
Leader (pm): **David M.**
Welcome: **Myra**
Duty Elder: **Jane**
Reader: **Barbara**
Musicians: **Brunetta & the Boys**
Stewards: **Myra & Neil**
Manager: **Max**
Crèche: **Joy**
Kidz Connect: **Jane**
Morning Tea: **Coral & Joy**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **James**
Cleaning: **Brunetta, Chris, Ray, Tim & Tina**

".....I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink....." (Matthew 25: 35)



Golden Grove Gazette

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

<http://goldengroveuniting.org.au>

Sunday, 10th March, 2019

First Sunday in Lent

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Tempted?**

Scripture Reading: **Luke 4: 1-13**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras is predominantly a Christian tradition – or at least, within certain parts of Christian tradition. The phrase is French, meaning literally, “Fat Tuesday”. It was a name for the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent - the forty day period leading up to Good Friday, often considered a period appropriate for fasting and penitence. The idea was that you would “pig out” on many fat things to compensate you for the arduous fast you are about to undergo! Whether or not there is any foundation for this practice in Christian truth, the label of Fat Tuesday has come to be attached to all manner of excess.

I can't help thinking that this tradition comes from a fatal misunderstanding of fasting, prayer and penitence. The Bible speaks of these as *good gifts*, so *why would anyone need compensating for them?!...*

Jesus taught that fasting is a gift, where we are free not to eat for a period, so that we can enjoy more blessed fellowship with God our Father in prayer; and that it is definitely not something to be miserable about (Matt 6:16).

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The Bible teaches that penitence, or repentance, is likewise a blessed gift (Ps 32:5-7), of acknowledging our sin and receiving full forgiveness through the cross of Jesus Christ.

If we realised and seized the great gifts of God the Father that are ours in Jesus Christ, that might free us from compulsion to all sorts of falsely compensating excess.

Grace and cheers, Jonathan

Lenten Boxes

The first week of Lent commences on Sunday, 10th March. Lent concludes on Palm Sunday, 14th April. The Lenten boxes will be placed on the table at the back of the hall for anyone who would like to take one home and return it on Sunday, 14th April. Thank you very much.

MISSION AND WIDER WORK

The Mission & Wider Work Committee would like to say thank you for supporting our first function, which was a Pancake Lunch.

With your support and donations a total of ***** was raised.

Our next function will be held on Sunday 27th May after Worship. This will be a lunch, comprising soup, rolls and sweets.

Please save the date in your diaries.

All monies raised by Mission & Wider Work go to the following four charities:-

Joemar Gasang Philippines Child Sponsorship
Leigh & Tamara Filmer (Nepal)
Pastoral Support Workers (Schools Ministry)
Back Packs SA 4 Kids.



GOLDEN GROVE UNITING CHURCH

SATURDAY 16TH MARCH 2019

FUN NIGHT

"Rockin - On" 60s & 70s BAND

7pm till Late

\$15 per Adult (Children under 12 Free)

Sausage Sizzle from 5.30 – 6.30 at a Cost of \$2.50

Soft Drinks for Sale

Alcohol free fun

Bring nibbles

Join In *The Fun!*



Renée and Ruan Make a Splash

Save the date, everybody — Renée and Ruan are getting baptised!

Sunday, 24th March, at 5.00 pm

@ the home and swimming pool of the Buttons

(20, Linwood Court, Wynn Vale)

Come at 5.00 pm for the Baptism (*in place of Café Church).

Stay for a sausage sizzle.

Sausages, bread and sauce will be provided.

You can bring a salad or dessert.

BYO any drinks.

Today's Hymns and Songs

As the deer pants for the water (Praise and Worship 445)

How great is our God (Praise and Worship 1020)

When I survey the wondrous cross (AHB 258)

Before the throne of God above (NCHB 92)

Spirit of heaven, fall afresh on me (Getty Hymn Book)

What the Lord has done in me (Praise and Worship 888)



(Brunetta in action)



Dates for our Diaries

- **First Sunday in Lent: Sunday, 10th March**
- **Public Holiday: Monday, 11th March**
- **Elders Meeting: Tuesday, 12th March: 7.00 pm**
- **Day of Prayer: Thursday, 14th March: 8.00 am to 6.00 pm**
- **Fun Night: Saturday, 16th March: 5.30 pm onwards to Dawn**
- **Second Sunday in Lent: Sunday, 17th March**
- **Commissioning Service for Elders & Councillors: Sunday, 17th March**
- **Craft Group: Tuesday, 19th March: 1.30 pm**
- **Third Sunday in Lent: Sunday, 24th March**
- **Church Council: Tuesday, 26th March: 7.00 pm**
- **Fourth Sunday in Lent: Sunday, 31st March**
- **Estia Worship Service: Monday, 1st April: 2.00 pm**
- **Craft Group: Tuesday, 2nd April: 1.30 pm**
- **Working Bee: Saturday, 6th April: 8.00 am**
- **End of Daylight Saving: Sunday, 7th April: 2.00 am**
- **Palm Sunday: Sunday, 14th April**
- **Craft Group: Tuesday, 16th April: 1.30 pm**
- **Church Council & Elders Retreat: Saturday, 18th May: 10.00 am**

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday: Thursday, 18th April at 7.00 pm

Good Friday: Friday, 19th April at 9.00 am

Easter Sunday Dawn Service: : Sunday, 21st April at 7.00 am

Easter Sunday Service: Sunday, 21st April at 10.00 am

Easter Sunday: No Evening Service

Evening Services

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



MORE SPONSORS NEEDED. COULD YOU PLEASE HELP?



Name : Junice Letada
Age : 9 years old
Date of Birth : February 9, 2009
Current City : Davao City Philippines
Type of Support: Educational Assistance

Philippines Child Education Scheme

This is a reminder that your March quarter sponsorship payments are now due.

Thank you for your continued support of this very worthwhile work. Your generosity is really appreciated, both here and in Davao City.

Stop Press: Lucinda and Richardt have agreed to be the new sponsors for Junice Letada. Thank you very much, Lucinda and Richardt.

However (there's always a however), Luciano has many more children who would benefit greatly from sponsorship. Hence, if you feel that you are able to help in this way, please talk to me.

(Gordon Cooksey)

Window Undressing

A huge thankyou to Neil, who has been spending many arduous and potentially dangerous hours removing the lead-filled paint from our historic sanctuary windows, in order that they are able to be preserved with a new coat of paint. Neil is yet another example of a craftsman who has saved our church many, many hundreds of dollars.

Activities Leaders to Contact

Craft Group: Katherine McDonald
Day of Prayer: Ray Holroyd
Kidz Club / 12UP: James Ross-Naylor, Katherine McDonald and Sarah Baeker
KYB (Know Your Bible): Joan Checkley
mainly music: Katherine McDonald
Men's Bible Study: Jonathan Button
Mission and Wider Work: Coral Larcombe
Music Worship Service: Jonathan Button and James Ross-Naylor
Philippines: Gordon Cooksey
Schools Ministry: John Wheatcroft
Women's Fellowship: Eileen Stapleton
Working Bees: Max Reed

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 -10.30 am	Men's Bible Study (morning group)
Tuesday – 1.30 pm	Craft (first and third Tuesday of each month)
Thursday - 8.00 am	Day of Prayer (second Thursday of each month)
Thursday – 1.00 pm	Women's Fellowship (monthly)
Thursday - 6.45 pm	Men's Bible Study (evening group)
Friday – 9.30 am	mainly music (for 0-5 years old)
Saturday – 8.00 am	Working Bee (monthly)
Saturday – 7.00 pm	Kidz Club / 12UP (1st Saturday of each month)

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