

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

3rd November, 2019

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leader (pm): **David**
Welcome: **Chris DeB.**
Duty Elder: **Andrew**
Reader: **Joan C.**
Musician: **Heather**
Stewards: **Cath & Graham**
Manager: **Ray**
Crèche: **Chris DeB.**
Kidz Connect: **Michelle**
Morning Tea: **Joy & Katherine**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **Alan**
Cleaning: *********

Next Week's Roster

10th November, 2019

Preacher: **James**
Leader (am): **Eileen**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Welcome: **Chris H.**
Duty Elder: **Andrew**
Reader: **Sylvia**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Stewards: **John & Kevin**
Manager: **Ray**
Crèche: **Joy**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: **Beverley, Kerri & Lila**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **Alan**
Cleaning: **Coral, Jill, Katherine, Lynne & Neil**

Have you considered E-giving?

Envelopes with an "E" on the front, prayer requests or thanks can be placed in the offering bags on a Sunday morning.

Our bank details are as follows:

BSB 805-007 Account Number: 00702729 Credit Union SA

Please speak to Chris Holroyd if you require more information.

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

<http://goldengroveuniting.org.au>

Sunday, 3rd November, 2019

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Salvation Today!**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 19: 1-10**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

Is God an Environmentalist?

We can be irked when people adopt a "greener-than-thou" attitude, and put guilt on us to demonstrate greater environmental responsibility. Our reaction is understandable; this is how we react to any form of self-righteousness.

However, we have an obligation to care for the environment. In fact, the first "environmentalist" was God! He declared His creation "very good" (Gen 1:31); He intends to fill the earth with His glory, "as the waters cover the sea" (Hab 2:14); He will cleanse the earth of all evil and pollution (1Pt 3:10); God will make the entire earth and heavens completely new, and transfigure them with His glory (Rev 21:1-5), and they will last forever! (Is 66:22)

Wow!...

Not surprisingly then, God called us – who are created in His image – to also be "environmentalists" like him. We are to exercise control over the creation in being the best stewards of it that we can be (Gen 1:27-30; 2:15). The Psalm writer celebrates again and again God's great glory in the environment of His creation, and the Prophet declares that one day the very trees and hills will sing of God's glory! (Is. 55:12). be the best carers of the environment!

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However, because this is all based upon faith in Jesus Christ, supreme Lord and Redeemer of the heavens and earth, who forgives and sets us free to live for Him by grace, we won't do any of this out of fear, nor be militant about it, and certainly not with any "greener-than-thou" self-righteousness. Rather we will do so in great freedom, hope and joy for the glorious future of our world, the universe and humanity.

Grace and cheers, Jonathan

A Message from the Elders

Reading the Bible is one of the ways in which we can have a personal encounter with God. It is through His Word that God offers us directions and answers to the things we have been praying about. A daily devotional can be a useful tool to assist you in regularly immersing yourself in the Word for your alone time with God.

If you prefer a more sociable time to engage with others whilst studying the Bible, we have the following Bible study groups at our church:

Women's Bible Study (KYB) every Monday at 10.00 am (contact: Joan Checkley)

Men's Bible Study (morning group) every Tuesday at 10.30 am (contact: Andrew MacTier)

Men's Bible Study (evening group) every Thursday at 6.45 pm (contact: Jonathan)

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



Steptoe and Son

Steptoe and Son Inc. (alias Ray and Neil, pictured at left with the son's trailer) has no intention of retiring. Please contact the father or the son if you are anxious to dispose of any metal at all.

Dates for our Vernal Diaries

- **Estia Worship Service: Monday, 4th November: 2.00 pm**
- **Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 7th November: 1.00 pm**
- **Worship / Music Ministry Team : Saturday, 9th November: 10.00 am**
- **Elders Pastoral Care Meeting: Tuesday, 12th November: 7.00 pm**
- **Day of Prayer: Thursday, 14th November: 8.00 am to 6.00 pm**
- **The Dinner Table: Thursday, 14th November: 6.00 pm**
- **M&WW Sausage Sizzle: Sunday, 17th November: After Worship**
- **Church Council Election: Sunday, 24th November: After Worship**

Women's Fellowship Thursday, 7th November 1.00 pm

Starring the Peerless Knitter, Janet, and, hopefully,
a speaker from the City of Tea Tree Gully

It will be interesting to see what progress has been made with
the blankets for the Christmas hampers.

Today's Hymns and Songs

Shout to the north (Songs of Fellowship 921)

Great Southland of the Holy Spirit (Praise and Worship 629)

How deep the Father's love for us (Praise and Worship 841)

My heart is filled with thankfulness (Getty Hymn Book)

Father, what wonder abundant (New Creation Hymn Book 271)

May the Peace of God (Getty Hymn Book}

Do you know how much the Bible has influenced history?

Pick up your copy of the printed sheet at the entrance and find the answers.

Thanks for this submission, Ken.