

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.

Reverend Jonathan Button can be contacted at j.button@bigpond.com.

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

17th November, 2019

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): **James**
Welcome: **Coral**
Duty Elder: **Andrew**
Reader: **Mariska**
Musicians: **Brunetta & the Boys**
Stewards: **Myra & Ray**
Manager: **Ray**
Crèche: **Sarah B.**
Kidz Connect: **Kathryn**
Morning Tea: **Lucinda, Richardt & Ruan**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **Kay**
Cleaning: *********

Next Week's Roster

24th November, 2019

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Neil**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Welcome: **David M.**
Duty Elder: **Andrew**
Reader: **Chris DeB.**
Musician: **Pat**
Stewards: **Cath & Graham**
Manager: **Ray**
Crèche: **Cath**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: **Bob & Faye**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **Kay**
Cleaning: *********

Advent Friend

This popular tradition, organised by Sandy Walker, is on again this year and is about to have its advent.

For those who wish to participate, would you please collect an information sheet from the table at the back of the hall?

Everybody is welcome.

Golden Grove Gazette

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

<http://goldengroveuniting.org.au>

Sunday, 17th November, 2019

Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **The Gospel of Upheaval**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 21: 5-19**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ



and nurture them through our church

FIRE

With the Australian community, we are overwhelmed at the moment with the devastation and trauma caused by wildfire in several states, particularly in NSW and Qld. Our hearts go out in compassion to those who have lost family members, homes and all normalcy in life. We pray for them, and help in any way that we can!

As individuals, families, or, as whole communities, events outside of our control can unexpectedly rise up and run right over the top of us, leaving us devastated: illness, loss of job, personal attack, relationship breakdown, any of innumerable misfortunes, the death of someone we love. The Bible speaks of our suffering as "walking through fire"! (Is 43:2)

In the Old Testament, Daniel and his friends, while being held captive in Babylon, were attacked and put into an actual fire – a furnace (Dan 3:13-30). As someone looked into that hellish place, they saw them alive and unharmed, and, mysteriously, saw a fourth person with them "who looks like a son of gods"!

The love of God is stronger than our wildfires. It is so strong that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, plunged into the fire of His death on the cross for us, to forgive us, and make us His forever.

This assures us that God is walking with us in the middle of the worst trials in which we find ourselves; protects and keeps us so that the flames don't hurt us, and brings us safely out of them; and actually uses these fiery trials to "re-forged" us as His glorious children (2Pt 4:12,13).

Trust in Him, however ferocious the flames.

Grace and cheers, Jonathan.

Church Council Election: 24th November, 2019

The following members have been nominated for election:

Elder: Richardt Wilkinson

Councillor: Christine Holroyd

All Elders are full members of the Church Council.

Voting will take place immediately following Worship.

A Good News Story

What a difference can one person make? Please read on.

Many years ago Maureen and David Hurcombe sponsored a girl by the name of Chrestine (sic) Torrejos as part of our sponsorship scheme.

We have recently received a picture of the young lady with the following information:

“Chrestine graduated with a Bachelor of Science and Secondary Education (Biological Science) and was ranked 6th in the board exam for teachers. She is now a Professor at the University of Mindanao, Davao City.”

I'm sure you will agree that this is really great news and that David will be greatly encouraged in his ongoing giving. David still sponsors two children! God bless you, David, you're an inspiration to us all!

He has the picture and will be delighted to show it to you.

Gordon Cooksey

P.S. If you wish to know more about the sponsorship scheme, I'll be happy to give you the relevant information.

Mission and Wider Work Sausage Sizzle Sunday, 24th November

Donation: \$10.00

All proceeds will be donated to the four charities that we support.

Dates for our November Diaries

- Church Council Election: Sunday, 24th November: After Worship
- M&WW Sausage Sizzle: Sunday, 24th November: After Election

GOLDEN GROVE LIFESTYLE VILLAGE



CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 23rd November 2019

11.00am to 3.00pm

- Over 23 stalls to check out.
- Sausage sizzle
- Devonshire afternoon tea
- All welcome

Further information from Anne Crabb 8251 0791

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

As we are no doubt aware, once again it is getting close to Christmas, the time when we normally assist with food hampers for the two schools that we support, Greenwith Primary and Banksia Park Primary.

If you could possibly start bringing on a Sunday, up until Sunday, 8th December, something to help families in need so that they might enjoy a meal on Christmas Day, it would be greatly appreciated.

On the back hall table there will be containers ready to accept your generous gifts. Thank you so very much.