

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

12th January, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Kathryn**  
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**  
Welcome: **Janet**  
Duty Elder: **Richardt**  
Reader: **Kathryn**  
Musician: **Brunetta**  
Stewards: **Cath & John**  
Manager: **Jim**  
Crèche: **Vacation**  
Kidz Connect: **Vacation**  
Morning Tea: **Bob & Faye**  
Audio: **Jim**  
Visual: **Alan**  
Cleaning: **\*\*\*\*\***

Next Week's Roster

19th January, 2020

Preacher: **Dominic Hopps**  
Leader (am): **Neil**  
Leader (pm): **James**  
Welcome: **John**  
Duty Elder: **Richardt**  
Reader: **Barrie**  
Musicians: **Brunetta & the Boys**  
Stewards: **Cath & Sheila**  
Manager: **Jim**  
Crèche: **Vacation**  
Kidz Connect: **Vacation**  
Morning Tea: **Joy & Katherine**  
Audio: **Jim**  
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# Golden Grove Gazette

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

<http://goldengroveuniting.org.au>

Sunday, 12th January, 2020

First Sunday after Epiphany

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **TBA**

Scripture Reading: **TBA**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

Embrace your Saviour

Simeon (Luke 2:22-40) was an old man, described as being 'just and devout' and in tune with God.

Simeon had been assured by the Holy Spirit that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Christ. When the baby Jesus was presented by Mary and Joseph to the priests in the temple, according to custom, Simeon knew that God had kept his promise. In Jesus, the Saviour of the world had come. True, he was still only a small infant, but he was the fulfilment of countless Old Testament prophecies. Now there was no doubt about it: God's plan of salvation for the world was being worked out.

There was only one thing for Simeon to do: take the baby in his arms and say a prayer of deep thanksgiving and praise to God (in Latin the prayer is called *Nunc dimittis*). God had kept his word.

The New Year lies before you, but Jesus is there for you. He is your Saviour, as he is the Saviour of the whole world. Like Simeon you can take Jesus in your arms, love him, and put your trust in him. His life, death and resurrection are the clear proof that God keeps his promises and that in his hands you are safe, no matter what befalls you.

*(Reverend Gordon)*

'Eternity' News: A Prayer

*Gracious God, may all truly know that You are with us. That you care with us in the ash and the dust and the dirt and the smoke. That You will never leave us. That You will bring comfort and peace, and the redemption of all that You made will continue until creation groans no more. May it be so, our Lord and our God. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.* (based on Psalm 22)

A Message from Luciano

Dear Gordon and Sarah,

I am pleased to give you updates on the fellowship of the KYB ladies here.

Thank you to your KYB ladies for being an instrument in enabling Angelie to run the same ministry here in the Philippines.

God Bless, Luciano & Angelie, Angel A and Angel B.

Communion Sunday Donations

As today is Communion Sunday, please remember to bring your regular monthly donations for the needy and place them in the containers provided in the hall. Thank you , and God bless you all.

MISSION & WIDER WORK

Thank you, members of the congregation, for your wonderful support once again with either buying cards, or attending or donating to our four functions during 2019.

Dates for our January Diaries

- Australia Day: Sunday, 26th January
- Commencement of Term One: Tuesday, 28th January

PCES Updates

The annual updates of the children, who are supported by the 'Philippines jars', and of the child supported by the M&WW Committee, are now posted in the hall. Thank you, Gordon Cooksey.

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.

Steptoe and Son Takes a Well Earned Break

The celebrated firm of Steptoe and Son is going on holidays during February and March, taking Mrs Steptoe and Mrs Son with them. but leaving behind the horse and cart.

The two scrap metal dealers have worked jolly hard in their new business, making a killing, not on the stock market, but for our church. The amount of money raised so far will be revealed soon.

In the meantime, we all need to have a good summer clean and unearth metallic treasures from our abodes and sheds. Please save them for the father and his son. Please do not leave your pre-loved goods on the footpath for less deserving persons to purloin or appropriate them.

