

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

26th January, 2020

Preacher: Jonathan
Leader (am): Eileen
Leader (pm): Jonathan
Welcome: David M.
Duty Elder: Richardt
Reader: Marlene
Musicians: Pat
Stewards: Cath & Kevin
Manager: Jim
Crèche: Vacation
Kidz Connect: Vacation
Morning Tea: Eileen, Michelle & Ray
Audio: Jim
Visual: James
Cleaning: Coral, Neil, Jill, Katherine & Lynne

Next Week's Roster

2nd February, 2020

Preacher: Jonathan
Leader (am): Ceri
Leader (pm): David
Welcome: Richardt
Duty Elder: Ray
Reader: Barbara
Musician: Heather
Stewards: John & Richardt
Manager: Max
Crèche: Chris H.
Kidz Connect: Tina
Morning Tea: Beverley, Kerri & Lila
Audio: Jim
Visual: Alan
Cleaning: *****

THE AGM

Our AGM will be coming up, once the budget has been finalised for 2020 and the Auditor has audited the books. Then a date will be advised. Therefore, could all conveners please start on your reports and e-mail them to me by 15th February? All reports will be displayed on the notice boards in the hall as soon as they are received.

**Thank you, Cath.
Cath**

Golden Grove Gazette

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

<http://goldengroveuniting.org.au>

Sunday, 26th January, 2020

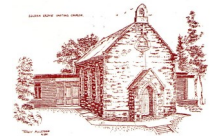
Australia Day

Preacher: Jonathan

Theme: The Cross: The Power of God

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

God's Own Country

Aboriginal Australians have an understanding that they are attached to the land and are a part of it. This is a Biblical truth. We are dust, dirt - *the land* - that God gathered together and formed into human beings, then breathed His life-giving Spirit into, and we became the living men, women and children that we are (Gen 2:7).

We are deeply connected to the earth and why it is here. Psalm 24 tells us that "the earth is the Lord's and everything in it", *in order that we will seek His face, His salvation, and His blessing.* (Ps 24:1,5,6). Australia is not just a playground for interminable long weekends! It is here so that all Australians would know Him, its Creator, and seek and receive His salvation and blessing.

The Bible tells us that God's ultimate purpose is to bring together those out of all the nations of the world, to know, love and worship Him in His eternal kingdom (Rev 21:22-27). We see a prefigurement of this in Australia, as we've become a mixture of peoples and cultures from all over the world. There are still plenty of difficulties to overcome for that ultimate goal to be realised, and only Christ our redeemer can lead us to that goal. *He will!*

Give thanks for, and celebrate, this great country of Australia – *God's own country.* Grace and cheers, Jonathan

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Philippines Child Education Scheme

Recently two new children have been added to the sponsorship scheme, replacing two who have left the scheme.

On reading their details, it occurred to me that you would be interested to hear of their circumstances. The girls, Maris and Christine Mae, sisters, aged nine and fifteen, are in a family of six children. Their mother, Marissa, is a battered wife whose husband left her for another woman eight years ago. Since then she has struggled to feed and clothe her family, finding work when she can.

Hence, educational assistance through our sponsorship scheme will be a tremendous blessing, and she is very thankful for our support.

Thank you, Gordon Cooksey

The New Look Offering Envelopes for 2020 are available on the table at the back of the hall, for those who have not yet collected them.

The Steptoe and Son Family Takes a Holiday Break

Yes; that is correct. Our beloved Steptoe family (alias Ray and Neil), including Mrs Ray and Mrs Neil, is having a long holiday break. Hence, the father and the son are looking for some kind gentlemen who are willing to take their place for a few weeks. If you are able to help baby sit this well established business, and prevent its going into temporary liquidation, would you please speak to Ray or Neil as a matter of urgency? Thank you very much.

THE DINNER TABLE

The Dinner Table will be starting again on Thursday night, 13th February. We thank you, members of the congregation, for your support in attending. This year, as this a community programme, we ask members of the congregation, if you could please consider, if you are having a meal, putting a gold coin donation in the Pink Pig, to assist with costs. Thank you.

Dates for our Hot and Dry Summer Diaries

- **Commencement of Term One: Tuesday, 28th January**
- **Men's Breakfast: Tuesday, 28th January: 9.00 am**
- **Men's Bible Study: Tuesday, 28th January: 10.30 am**
- **Men's Bible Study: Thursday, 30th January: 7.00 pm**
- **mainly music: Friday, 31st January: 9.30 am**
- **Working Bee: Saturday, 1st February: 8.00 am**
- **KYB: Monday, 3rd February: 10.00 am**
- **Estia Worship Service: Monday, 3rd February: 2.00 pm**
- **Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 6th February: 1.00 pm**
- **Day of Prayer: Thursday, 13th February: 8.00 am to 6.00 pm**
- **The Dinner Table: Thursday, 13th February: 6.00 pm**
- **Church Council Retreat: Saturday, 15th February**

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you to the members of the Golden Grove Uniting Church and also to members of the Community for supporting our call to help in some way to assist the Fire Service and the families who have been affected by the bushfires.

Your response for help was overwhelming.

We would just like to let you all know that the following items were sent to:-

Kangaroo Island: All male and female toiletries, all babies' needs, food and towels.

Lobethal BlazeAid: All male, female and children's clothing, bedding, towels, cash donations, gift vouchers, ladies' and gents' shoes

Animal Rescue: Towels, pillow slips, sheets and blankets.

CFS: Water.

Thank you once again for your most wonderful support.

Communion Sunday Donations: As next Sunday is Communion Sunday, would you please remember to bring your donations for the needy, and place them in the containers provided in the hall? Thank you very much.