

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

23rd February, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Eileen**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Welcome: **Cath**
Duty Elder: **Ray**
Reader: **David M.**
Musician: **Pat**
Stewards: **Cath & John**
Manager: **Max**
Crèche: **Joy**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: **Bob & Faye**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **James**
Cleaning: **Åsa, Lucinda & Tim**

Next Week's Roster

1st March, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leader (pm): **David**
Welcome: **Marlene**
Duty Elder: **Andrew**
Reader: **Barrie**
Musician: **Heather**
Stewards: **John & Richardt**
Manager: **Jim**
Crèche: **Cath**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: **Joy & Katherine**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **James**
Cleaning: *********

The Prayer Chain

If you would like any prayers for your family or friends on the Prayer Chain, could you please contact Ray Holroyd? Ray will then pass this on to a member who is on the Prayer Chain. When the prayer request comes to you, if that person is not available, please continue on down the list until you speak with someone. This ensures that the prayer request reaches as many people as possible. If you would like to be on the Prayer Chain list, please contact Ray.



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

<http://goldengroveuniting.org.au>

Sunday, 23rd February, 2020

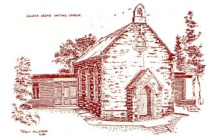
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Cast your bread upon the waters**

Scripture Reading: **Ecclesiastes 11: 1-16**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church



Infectious Love

In 2014, Kent Brantley, doctor and Christian missionary with *Samaritan's Purse*, contracted the Ebola virus while treating sick patients in the midst of the epidemic outbreak in Liberia. Amazingly, using highly experimental treatment, he recovered.

He writes, "...I was isolated for three days before my diagnosis came back, and so during that time, I was able to get to a state of mind with a perspective on what we were doing there. And I think that was a gift from God that totally transformed the way that I responded to the situation so that when I did get my diagnosis I said, 'God, I just came here to serve you; I just want you to be glorified.' And I think He answered that prayer."

Kent Brantley wrote of his experience in a book titled *Called for Life: How Loving Our Neighbour Led Us Into the Heart of the Ebola Epidemic*. He and his family have now returned to Africa to work as medical missionaries.

When we know that God the Father has loved us so undeservedly and limitlessly through the death of His dear Son Jesus Christ, it transforms and liberates us to love others above all concern for ourselves. Jesus' resurrection from the dead to eternal life also gives us that same gift, so that we do not have to fear death.

Love, like there is forever!

Grace in Christ, Jonathan

A Message from the Elders

The period of Lenten fasting starts on Ash Wednesday (26th February) and traditionally lasts for forty days, concluding on Holy Saturday (11th April).

On Ash Wednesday, some churches hold a solemn worship service, based on the theme of silent reflection, self-examination and a prayerful confession of sins. During these services, in some congregations, ash would be used to make the shape of a cross on the foreheads of those taking part.

The 40-day period is modelled after the time Jesus fasted in the wilderness, whilst being tempted by the devil. This happened after His baptism in the Jordan, prior to the start of His ministry. Read the full account in Luke 4: 1-13.

In the coming weeks, we'll take a closer look at how we can take part actively in the season of Lent and grow spiritually as a result.

To start off, take some time to closely examine your own life. Think of the things that you do repeatedly and keep you from having a closer relationship with the Father. Do this through prayer. Read the words of Psalm 139 as if they are your own words. Read them as a prayer of confession to God.

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



Sunday Morning Prayers

Every Sunday morning the Prayer meeting room door will be opened from 9.00am to 10.00am. Members of the congregation who would like prayers before Morning Worship are welcome and can stay for as long as they require.

Thank You, Barbara

Thank you to Barbara Wheatcroft, who has very kindly taken over the most important role of sending cards to members of the congregation, who are sick, bereaved or just need a card of encouragement.

Dates for our Summer into Autumn Diaries

- Shrove Tuesday: Tuesday, 25th February
- Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, 26th February
- First Day of Lent: Sunday, 1st March
- Tea Tree Gully History Tour: Monday, 2nd March
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 2nd March: 2.00 pm
- Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 5th March
- Working Bee: Saturday, 7th March: 8.00 am
- Public Holiday: Monday, 9th March
- Generate Presbytery Meeting: Saturday, 14th March
- Church Council & Elders Retreat: Saturday, 21st March: 8.00 am
- Commissioning of Elders & Councillors: Sunday, 22nd March
- M&WW Pot Luck Lunch: Sunday, 29th March: After Worship
- Palm Sunday: Sunday, 5th April: 10.00 am
- Jonathan's Annual Leave: 14th April to 21st April
- Barbecue at Bunnings: Tuesday, 21st April

What's on This Week

- Monday Morning – KYB
- Monday Morning – Sewing Group
- Monday Night – Scottish Dancing
- Tuesday Morning – Men's Breakfast
- Tuesday Morning – Men's Bible Study
- Wednesday Night – Salisbury East Bible Study
- Thursday Night – Golden Grove Bible Study
- Thursday Night – Women's Bible Study
- Thursday Night – Men's Bible Study
- Friday Morning – *mainly music*



LENTEN BOXES

This year the period of Lent starts on Sunday, 1st March and concludes on Sunday, 29th March. The Lent boxes will be on the back table in the hall. If any members of the congregation would like to take a box home and bring it back for Sunday, 29th March, that would be very much appreciated. Thank you.