

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

8th March, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Welcome: **Katherine**
Duty Elder: **Andrew**
Reader: **Marlene**
Musician: **Pat**
Stewards: **Kevin & Myra**
Manager: **Jim**
Crèche: **Katherine**
Kidz Connect: **Kathryn**
Morning Tea: **Kerri & Lila**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **Alan**
Cleaning: *********

Next Week's Roster

15th March, 2020

Preacher: **Dominic Hopps**
Leader (am): **Cath**
Leader (pm): **David**
Welcome: **Julia**
Duty Elder: **Andrew**
Reader: **Mariska**
Musician: **Heather**
Stewards: **John & Richardt**
Manager: **Max**
Crèche: **Lucinda**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: **Eileen, Michelle & Ray**
Audio: **James**
Visual: **James**
Cleaning: **Barb & Patrick**

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, 8th March, 2020

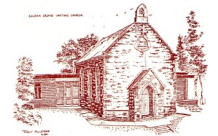
Second Sunday in Lent

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Justified Sinners**

New Testament Reading: **Romans 4: 1-5 and 12-17**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

Sin Happens

There's no denying it!...But actually, there's plenty of denying it; most people - including us - do it most of the time! Among non-Christians, and even plenty of Christians, the whole idea of "sin" has become either watered down to very little or rejected altogether. That is, the idea that people do things that are wrong, that they are held accountable for them by God, and that there are eternal consequences for them.

However, *sin happens* - it just is - within every member of the human race (Ro. 3:23; Is. 53:6). Whether we deny it or not, it doesn't matter; it's there, and we have to come to terms with it. Someone said, "Ultimately every person is subconsciously aware of things not being as they ought."....

David acknowledged this with himself in Psalm 32, and said that, when he refused to acknowledge his sin, it was like his bones wasting away within him and his becoming spiritually dead!... Are we ever spiritually dry?... or dead?... Where whole nations refuse to acknowledge their sin, it also has this wasting effect (Ro 1:18-32; Ps 75:7).

But David said that as soon as he acknowledged his sin to God, a flood-gate of forgiveness opened to him, and that God did not count one single sin against him! (Ps 32:5,1-2) *Imagine that?*.... This forgiveness and healing was accomplished by Christ when He was put to death on the cross for our sins (Ro 4:21), and it is available to all people who will acknowledge their sin to God.

Don't miss it!

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A Message from the Elders

So you've decided to take part in Lent. You've come before God in prayer, confessing your sins and asking for forgiveness. You've given it some consideration and also decided to take part in the 40-day fast, by perhaps temporarily giving up a certain luxury of life. How have things been going?

No matter if this is your first time, or umpteenth time, taking part in Lent, you will, at one time or another, be tempted to forgo your Lenten sacrifice and resume old habits. These temptations will prove especially hard to resist, if the thing you've decided to give up is right on the money - the very thing that you unknowingly place before God for comfort.

Read how Jesus was tempted in the wilderness in Luke 4: 1-13. Draw courage from the fact that our Saviour resisted the tests and ultimately defeated the evil one, by paying the full price for our sins on the cross.

Throughout this Lenten season, purposefully put on the full armour of God (Ephesians 6: 10-20), so that you can be strong in the power of the Lord and remain standing against temptation.

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



ANGORICHINA FAMILY CAMP – 2020

Friday 5th to Monday 8th June

The Golden Grove Church Family has been invited to join the Port Augusta Uniting Church for its annual Family Camp at Angorichina in the beautiful Flinders Ranges.

It's a bit of a drive to get there, but worth it a hundred times over!

Accommodation is available either in family sized dorm rooms, or your own caravan or tent. Cabin accommodation is also available.

It is important to register soon as you can, and especially if you want to enquire about available cabins.

***Please obtain the information sheet and registration form at the entrance to the church, or in the hall, or ask Cath.**

Dates for our Autumnal Diaries

- **The Dinner Table: Thursday, 12th March: 6.00 pm**
- **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**
- **Conclusion of Daylight Saving: Sunday, 5th April: 2.00 am**
- **Palm Sunday: Sunday, 5th April: 10.00 am**
- **Maundy Thursday: Thursday, 9th April: 7.00 pm**
- **Good Friday: Friday, 10th April: 9.00 am**
- **Holy Saturday: Saturday, 11th April**
- **Easter Day Dawn Service: 7.00 am**
- **Easter Day Morning Service: 10.00 am**
- **Easter Day Evening Service: There will not be one.**
- **Jonathan's Annual Leave: 14th April to 21st April**
- **Barbecue at Bunnings: Tuesday, 21st April**

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.

Philippines Child Education Scheme

Fellow sponsors: thank you for your continued support of this very worthwhile outreach.

This is a reminder that your March quarter donation is now due.

Thank you again to those who faithfully and generously continue to support two of our children by means of the "Philippines jars".

Gordon Cooksey

LENTEN BOXES

This year the period of Lent starts on Sunday, 1st March and concludes on Sunday, 29th March. The Lenten 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.