

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

15th March, 2020

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

Next Week's Roster

22nd March, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Welcome: **Janet**
Duty Elder: **Andrew**
Reader: **Mariska**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Stewards: **Kevin & Sheila**
Manager: **Jim**
Crèche: **Eileen**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: **Lucinda, Richardt & Ruan**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **Alan**
Cleaning: *********

Mission and Wider Work

The Mission & Wider Work's Pot Luck Lunch will be held on Sunday 29th March after worship, if you have not already put your name down on the sheet in the hall, it's still not too late.

Some of the delicious meals that will be served up include: Apricot Chicken & Rice, Lasagne, Beef Pie, Tuna Mornay, Casserole, Sausage Rolls, Mild Chicken Curry, Spinach & Ricotta Rolls and, of course, some wonderful sweets to choose from.

The cost is \$10.00 with all monies raised going to four charities. So, please come and join us for a wonderful time of fellowship.

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

<http://goldengroveuniting.org.au>

Sunday, 15th March, 2020

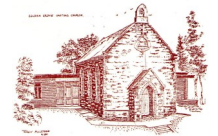
Third Sunday in Lent

Preacher: **Dominic Hopps**

Theme: **God's Priority for You**

Scripture Readings: **Isaiah 42: 1-9 and Mark 2: 1-12**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

Cutting Your Losses

This synonym is often used in business. For instance, an enterprising person takes on a new opportunity after a thorough evaluation. A business plan is drawn up, finance obtained and new prospective customers have been visited. Everything starts off on a good note. The first six months are positive and profitable. Then, for a number of reasons, including the loss of clientele, the business turns sour: customers have turned to competing businesses. The businessman knows he is going down a dead end road and he is advised to cut his losses and close the business.

Jesus told the story of the man who had one hundred sheep and loses one of them (Luke 15:1-4). Good asset management would be to take a careful count of the rest and provide better protection for them. You don't leave them to go off hunting for the lost one; it's a poor allocation of resources.

Jesus is not in the numbers game. Every single life is precious to Him, worthy of crazy searching that is not about management but about passion. As usual, Jesus turns conventional wisdom on its head. God's priorities are a radical reorientation of what we might expect. God prioritises you! Imagine!

(Rev. Gordon)

A Message from the Elders

Last week we discussed how the Armour of God (Ephesians 6:10-20) enables us to make a stand against temptation. What happens if we are not fully armoured and we give in to temptation? What are the results of our sins? Take time, each day this week, to read and pray about the following in your alone time with God.

Read in Mark 7:1-23 where Jesus explains how sin defiles a person from within and how our self-made religious traditions can keep us from truly worshipping God with our hearts.

Read in John 8:31-47 where Jesus explains that sin enslaves us and keeps us from a loving relationship with God.

Read in Isaiah 59:1-21 how sin separates us from God. Read about God's judgement of sin and offer of redemption to those who acknowledge their sins and repent thereof.

Read in 1 Peter 2:11-25 how Jesus paid the full price for all our sins on the cross and how our sinful-selves died with Him. When He was raised, we were raised with Him to live new righteous lives in Christ.

Read in Romans 6:1-23 how we have become dead to sin, alive in Christ and slaves to righteousness; and no longer slaves to our sins!

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

- **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**
- **Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 2nd April: Monarto Zoo**
- **Working Bee: Saturday, 4th April: 8.00 am**
- **Clocks back an Hour before Bed on Saturday Night, 4th April**
- **Palm Sunday: Sunday, 5th April: 10.00 am**
- **Estia Worship Service: Monday, 6th April: 2.00 pm**
- **Day of Prayer: Thursday, 9th April: 8.00 am to 6.00 pm**
- **The Dinner Table: Thursday, 9th April: 6.00 pm**
- **Maundy Thursday: Thursday, 9th April: 7.30 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**

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.

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