

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 April, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan Kathryn**  
Leader (am): \*\*\*\*\*  
Leader (pm): \*\*\*\*\*  
Welcome: \*\*\*\*\*  
Duty Elder: \*\*\*\*\*  
Reader: **Kathryn Brunetta**  
Musician: \*\*\*\*\*  
Stewards: \*\*\*\*\*  
Manager: \*\*\*\*\*  
Crèche: \*\*\*\*\*  
Kidz Connect: \*\*\*\*\*  
Morning Tea: \*\*\*\*\*  
Audio: **Alan**  
Visual: **Alan**  
Cleaning: \*\*\*\*\*

Next Week's Roster

19th April, 2020

Preacher: **Reverend Ross Honey**  
Leader (am): **Cath**  
Leader (pm): \*\*\*\*\*  
Welcome: \*\*\*\*\*  
Duty Elder: \*\*\*\*\*  
Reader: **Barrie Brunetta**  
Musician: \*\*\*\*\*  
Stewards: \*\*\*\*\*  
Manager: \*\*\*\*\*  
Crèche: \*\*\*\*\*  
Kidz Connect: \*\*\*\*\*  
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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.

# Golden Grove Gazette

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Sunday, 12th April, 2020

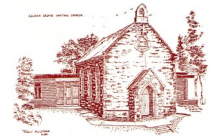
Easter Day

Preacher: **Jomathan**

Theme: **He is risen!**

Scripture: **John 20:1-18**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

Psalm 11

Timothy Keller

**READ Psalm 11. 1.** In the LORD I take refuge. How then can you say to me: "Flee like a bird to your mountain. **2.** For look, the wicked bend their bows; they set their arrows against the strings to shoot from the shadows at the upright in heart. **3.** When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?" **4.** The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD is on his heavenly throne. He observes everyone on earth; his eyes examine them. **5.** The LORD examines the righteous, but the wicked, those who love violence, he hates with a passion. **6.** On the wicked he will rain fiery coals and burning sulphur; a scorching wind will be their lot. **7.** For the LORD is righteous, he loves justice; the upright will see his face.

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**DON'T DESPAIR.** When life crumbles, the desire to run away and hide in despair is strong. David counters this impulse with three insights: theological – God is still on his throne and will execute justice in his wise time (verse 4); practical – crises are really tests, opportunities to evaluate what is true and solid and what is flimsy and should be discarded (verses 4-5); and spiritual – what we really need is the knowledge of God's presence and *face* (verse 7). Only love makes you interested in gazing on someone's face. Pray until God and his love become more real to you. Then you won't run scared.

**Prayer:** Lord, people are saying, "It's over; just give up." But I won't panic – or should I say, "Lord, help me to not panic?" I know you are on your throne – but my heart doesn't feel that – so speak to my heart. Let me love you enough not to be scared. Amen.

### **Hot Cross Buns**

*(from Wikipedia)*

A hot cross bun is a spiced sweet bun usually made with fruit, marked with a cross on the top, and traditionally eaten on Good Friday in the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, India, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, the United States and some parts of the Americas.

The bun marks the end of Lent, and different parts of the hot cross bun have a certain meaning, including the cross representing the crucifixion of Jesus, and the spices inside signifying the spices used to embalm him at his burial.

They are now available all year round in some places. Hot cross buns may go on sale in the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand even as early as New Year's Day or after Christmas!!!

### **A Message from the Elders**

Yesterday marked the end of the season of Lent, and, starting today, is followed by Eastertide, a liturgical season which lasts seven weeks and concludes on Pentecost Sunday.

Easter Sunday marks one of the most significant events in Christendom. Three days prior, Jesus died on the cross at Calvary and His body was buried in an empty tomb. The tomb was sealed to His followers; it seemed as if all hope was lost.

Read what happens next in John 20:1-18.

Easter eggs have become part of the traditions we associate with celebrating Easter, and, in the traditional sense, eggs represent new life and rebirth. As delicious as hollow chocolate eggs are, one might think that it's all about the chocolate, but in fact it's all about the emptiness... Just like when, early that Sunday morning, Jesus' followers arrived at the tomb and discovered that it was empty!

The empty tomb and Jesus' resurrection establish Him as the Son of God and not simply a human prophet who died on the cross. To all of us who choose to follow Him, it means that we died with Him on the cross and were raised with Him, when He was raised from the dead. Jesus paid the full price for our salvation, and, through Him, by having faith in Him, we receive the greatest gift ever given: a place in the eternal Kingdom of Heaven.

Read Ephesians 2: 1-22, and in your prayers this week, make a point of it to thank our Father for sending His Son to save all of us.

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

