

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 April, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Ceri**
Leader (pm): *****
Welcome: *****
Duty Elder: *****
Reader: **Chris H.**
Musician: **Pat**
Stewards: *****
Manager: *****
Crèche: *****
Kidz Connect: *****
Morning Tea: *****
Audio: **Alan**
Visual: **Alan**
Cleaning: *****

Next Week's Roster

3rd May, 2020

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

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.

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Sunday, 26th April, 2020

Third Sunday in Eastertide

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **The Infectious Mood of Easter Day**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 24: 13-35**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

ARE YOU STOCKPILING?

The media continue to reveal the many ways in which people have responded to COVID-19, a virus which the World Health Organisation has named a pandemic.

To generalise, people have acted either in a positive or negative manner. Virtues of generosity, kindness and love have come to the fore. In contrast, features of fear, rudeness, impatience and selfishness have been demonstrated. Perhaps one of the worst types of behaviour has been stockpiling, leaving shelves empty of some basic and essential products. Having an excess helps people to think that they are in charge and able to weather the storm.

It is in troubled times like this that we need to draw on our spiritual stockpile. When we doubt God's presence, we can depend on our reserve of faith and trust, remembering that He has faithfully seen us through in the past.

The chorus, *Hide God's Word in your Heart*, prepares us for recalling words of comfort and assurance from the Scriptures that we have read, and which have soaked into our innermost being.

Times are tough. But it's not too late to start stockpiling. Go to the Word of God and start building up your spiritual bank with an intimate knowledge of His Word, trust in His supreme sovereignty, and faith in His everlasting love.

Nothing delights God more than a heart that seeks to know Him better and depend on Him more. Start your spiritual stockpiling today!

(Reverend Gordon)

A Message from the Elders

Today is the third Sunday of Eastertide, a liturgical season of joyous celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and, continuing on from last week's prayerful request, we expectantly look towards God for making His presence known in our lives.

Our circumstances can cause us to become alienated from the true meaning of the Resurrection. We can lose hope and become blind to God's Caring Hand in our daily affairs and the many blessings He has already provided. We allow ourselves to become afraid and we feel alone. In our COVID-19 isolation we feel cut-off, forgotten, and we fear for our safety and the safety of our family members.

Take courage in the words of Psalm 16. Read it as if it's your own personal prayer to God. Reflect on the words of this Psalm and then read Acts 2:22-41.

Confidently know that God is always with you: as He promised, He raised Jesus from the dead and through this act also raised us with Him. Take hold of your salvation. Trust in the Lord.

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

Some Interesting Information

- **The chorus to which Gordon refers on the front page was written by Robert Harkness, a Bendigo born hymn writer and evangelist. He lived from 1880 to 1961 and is buried in the family plot in Birmingham, England. The chorus is based on verse 11 of Psalm 119: *"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."***
- **The Spanish flu pandemic lasted from January 1918 until December 1920. The virus infected 500 million people (a third of the world's population at the time) and resulted in the deaths of between 17 million and 50 million people. Some estimates suggest that there may have been up to 100 million deaths. This flu was the first of two pandemics caused by the H1N1 influenza virus. The second was the swine flu of 2009.**
- **The Black Death of 1347 to 1351 reduced the world's population from an estimated 475 million to 350 million.**

Today's Hymns and Songs

Stand up and bless the Lord (Together in Song 449)

Christ our hope in life and death (Getty Hymn Book)

Come, people of the risen King (Getty Hymn Book)

Fairest Lord Jesus (Together in Song 203)

Take my life and let it be (Together in Song 599)

See what a morning (Resurrection Hymn) (Getty Hymn Book)

A Tribute to Yesterday's Most Unusual Anzac Day

Some Verses from Laurence Binyon's "For the Fallen"

Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres.
There is music in the midst of desolation
And glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow,
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end they remain.

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