

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.

Church Telephone Number: 8251 4298

This Week's Roster

10th May, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): *****
Welcome: *****
Duty Elder: *****
Reader: **Kathryn**
Musicians: **Brunetta, Ken & Tim**
Stewards: *****
Manager: *****
Crèche: *****
Kidz Connect: *****
Morning Tea: *****
Audio: **Alan**
Visual: **Alan**
Cleaning: *****

Next Week's Roster

17th May, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Eileen**
Leader (pm): *****
Welcome: *****
Duty Elder: *****
Reader: **Barrie**
Musician: **Brunetta**
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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Keeping in touch with the G.G.U.C. family

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Sunday, 10th May, 2020

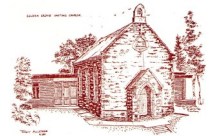
Mother's Day

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Intimacy**

Gospel Reading: **John 14: 1-14**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

Christ is Faithful!

I hope and pray that you are all well during the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. It's been many weeks now, and in some ways we are probably getting used to the strange environment of social separation, and at the same time feeling the strain of it. We may have been able to keep in touch with family and friends, but we still miss personal contact; nothing can replace that!

The messages from government authorities are definitely sounding more positive now, suggesting that we have turned a corner in battling the virus here in Australia. We are looking forward to the easing of the many restrictions at the right time. We don't know as yet how long until it becomes possible to meet physically as a church family for worship and other activities, but hopefully it will be in the very near future. How we will go about the process of re-gathering is not certain yet, but the Church Council continues to meet regularly to reassess developments, and how we can best respond as a church.

It's been great that many of us have been able to keep in contact via many means: telephone, video calls or "Skype", fellowship groups meeting via "Zoom", and worshipping together by watching the live streams of the worship service on Sunday mornings (or when you can catch it), or via DVD copies being delivered.

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It has also been very good that many of us have been able to pray with one another over the phone or by video conference.

Above all I want to continue to encourage you to seek and trust Jesus Christ every day with all of your life. He promises to be the faithful Good Shepherd to us, and to all who will trust Him, going with us every step of the way, surrounding and upholding us in His mighty grace.

Grace and cheers, Jonathan

A Message from the Elders

Today is the fifth Sunday of Eastertide and is known as Cantate Sunday in the Lutheran Church. "Cantate" is Latin for "Sing Ye", based on the words of Psalm 98. Let this Psalm be a joyous song in your heart and a prayerful praise to God, as we continue to celebrate the Resurrection Day this week.

This Sunday is also special in that it is Mother's Day. On this day we acknowledge all mothers and we celebrate the love, care and commitment they have towards their families and their community. A mother's love is truly a blessing from God.

Throughout the Bible there are many accounts of motherhood. The first account is right after sin is introduced into the world in Genesis 3:20, where Adam, the first man - "named his wife Eve, for she would be the mother of all who live."

Even though Eve was instrumental in the act of believing the serpent, eating the forbidden fruit and sharing it with her husband (Genesis 3:1-7), both Adam and Eve wilfully disobeyed God and, as a result, were banished from the garden of Eden. Through this act of disobedience they caused all their descendants (the entire human race) to be born into sin and to become separated from God.

Is it not wonderful how God, masterfully through the ages, corrects this situation through the death and resurrection of the second Adam - Jesus Christ - and how another woman, Mary the mother of Jesus, was instrumental in God's plan for salvation. Unlike Eve, Mary humbly submitted to the will of God and became the most blessed mother of all.

Read her song of praise in Luke 1:46-56.

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

A "CALL FOR HELP" IN THE FACE OF COVID-19

Uniting Care, the welfare agency of the UCA in SA, is setting up Emergency Relief Centres across the state to provide emergency relief for the many individuals and families across the community affected by the economic fall-out of the COVID-19 crisis.

One such centre is to be located at Modbury Uniting Church and, at this critical time, for those who would like to, an invitation has been received to participate.

So, if you wish to support this programme, you can do so by contributing a range of food items and other essential goods, as listed below.

In addition, if you would like to help out financially, a fund has been set up to acquire goods for the programme. (Bank details for EFT donations below.)

Also, if you are between the ages of 18 and 69, and in good health, you may like to volunteer to assist with running the programme. (Details of who to contact below.)

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Food and essential goods needed (* note: these are the *types of goods* needed—not an exhaustive list):

Cans/jars: soup, vegetables, baked beans, spaghetti, tomatoes, tuna, tinned fruit, pasta sauces

Packets: muesli bars, breakfast cereals, cheese & cracker snacks, 2 minute noodles, pasta

UHT milk (lots), baby nappies, bread (usually from bakers or supermarkets), apples, lemons, seasonally available fruit, green vegetables, carrots, eggs.

(*Food/essential goods contributions may be left at the Golden Grove church hall between 10am and 12noon on Thursdays)

Financial donations can be made to:

Modbury Uniting Church
BSB: 704-095
Account No.: 188344
Ref. Modbury ERC

Any enquiries about volunteering can be made to Shelia Roxby: 0439540660, Priscilla Anderson: 0402900481, or Lyn Leane: 0421130788.

Also, feel free to get in touch with Cath if you have any questions (8251 4298;

office@goldengroveuniting.org.au).