

**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.**

**Church Telephone Number: 8251 4298**

**This Week's Roster**

**17th May, 2020**

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

**Next Week's Roster**

**24th May, 2020**

Preacher: **James**  
Leader (am): **Ceri**  
Leader (pm): \*\*\*\*\*  
Welcome: \*\*\*\*\*  
Duty Elder: \*\*\*\*\*  
Reader: **Julia**  
Musician: **Pat**  
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.**

# Golden Grove Gazette

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

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Sunday, 17th May, 2020

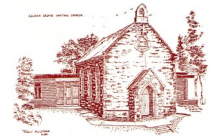
Sixth Sunday in Eastertide

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **The Spirit of Christ**

Gospel Reading: **John 14: 16-27**

**Mission Statement: To draw people**



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

**Hope for Everyone**

*Remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. (Eph. 2:12-13)*

Without God means to be without the knowledge of God, without revelation of His truth. For the main part the Nations had to live in the world, their lives limited by the things of the world, and had to face the trials and sorrows and perplexities of the world without the knowledge of God to interpret the whole.

They had no prospect for the future, no assurance of life beyond this. The Greeks, for example, looked back on a golden age in the past, rather than to a future glory. They took a cyclic view of history like a New Age approach. There was therefore no concept of a goal to which all things were moving, and this lack of hope was seen most notably in their dismal view of death.

Paul made it very clear that hope which is limited to the secular is a very weak and ineffective experience of hope, in fact is pitiful. *If Christ has not been raised ... then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. (1 Cor. 15:18-19)*

So we can and should look ahead to the reward which is ours for living day by day in obedience to our Lord and the laws He has written on our hearts. Perhaps like a long motor drive and the windscreen dirties with mud and insects but you keep your eyes, not on the dirt spots, though they are an annoyance, but on the road ahead.

*Reverend Ian Clarkson*

### A Message from the Elders

Today marks the sixth Sunday of the liturgical season of Eastertide, and this week believers all over the world look forward to this coming Thursday, the 40th day of Eastertide, as Ascension Day.

Similar to the date calculation performed for Easter Sunday, Ascension Day's date is calculated by means of lunar observations, and the exact date changes from year to year. Here in Australia, Thursday is not a public holiday and many churches across the world choose to celebrate Ascension Day next Sunday.

In Luke 24 we read of the various encounters the disciples and other believers had with the resurrected Christ as He continued to teach and prepare them as His witnesses, up to the day of His ascension into heaven from the Mount of Olives, just outside Jerusalem.

Prior to being taken up into heaven, to be seated at the place of honour at God's right hand, Jesus gave His disciples one last set of instructions. Read the encounter for yourself in Matthew 28:16-20.

Spend time this week thinking and praying about what Jesus said to His disciples before He ascended into heaven. How will they be able to accomplish such a mammoth task? Why did Jesus have to leave them?

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

### Requiescat in Pace, Lily



**David Bickerton's wife, Lily, passed away at 6.10 pm on Saturday, 2nd May. Her funeral service was conducted at 11.00 am on Tuesday, 12th May, followed by a graveside service at 1.00 pm at Salisbury Memorial Park Cemetery. As a result of the current restrictions, a memorial service for Lily will be held in our church on a date to be advised.**

### 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](mailto:office@goldengroveuniting.org.au)).