

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

31st May, 2020

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

Next Week's Roster

7th June, 2020

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

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Sunday, 31st May, 2020

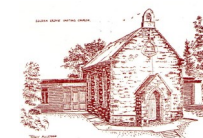
Pentecost Sunday

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **The Spirit upon All Flesh**

Scripture Reading: **Acts 2: 1-21**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

The Reconciling Spirit

This week is recognised across Australia as Reconciliation Week: a week dedicated to acknowledging the oldest Australians – the Aboriginal people, and the relationship which those of us who are more recent Australians have with them; and we acknowledge the things that have not been good, and wrong, in that relationship, and the things that can and need to be better.

Today is also the Christian Feast of Pentecost: the event recorded in Acts 2, when God poured out His Holy Spirit upon all flesh. The Australian Aboriginal people are mentioned there, as well as all the more recent Australians – i.e. those from "every nation under heaven" (Acts 2:5).

By the miracle of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit created reconciliation. The Biblical account says that *all the nations gathered that day* heard the believers speaking of the one message, that they could all understand: the mighty act of God's grace, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, to pay for and forgive all sins. Through faith, this act of God reconciles all people with God our Father, and reconciles us with all people. This makes it possible to forgive wrongs, put wrong things to rights, and create new friendships.

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That sounds easy, but is much harder to do! Living out reconciliation includes many failures and successes, and stops and starts. Actually, it will take the whole of history to live out reconciliation, and we won't know the fulfilment of it until we are God's one family in the new heaven and earth.

But, in the present, just as we have to commit ourselves to the Christian Gospel with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength, so we have to commit ourselves to reconciliation with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength. This is essential to being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Grace and peace in Christ, Jonathan

Reconciliation



A united Australia which respects this land of ours; values the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage; and provides justice and equity for all.



Pentecost and Prayer

While the traditional Pentecost Sunday service, in support of Schools Ministry, cannot be held this year, there is still an opportunity to pray with local churches and congregations.

We invite you to participate in united and intentional prayer for an extraordinary outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our local government, our state, our nation, and all nations.

Mike Hey has set up a special Zoom link, of which you can take advantage, **starting at 7.00 pm tonight**. It will provide an opportunity to join with Christians from across all the churches to pray as one for our nation.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89305890883>

Meeting ID: 893 0589 0883

A Message from the Elders

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, which occurs 50 Sundays after Easter Sunday and commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and the other followers of Jesus, who were waiting in Jerusalem, as He had instructed them to do, prior to His ascension to heaven.

The word Pentecost is derived from a Greek word meaning "fiftieth", relating to the harvest feast (Feast of Weeks) celebrated 50 days after the Passover. During this time many people, from throughout the region, would have been gathered in Jerusalem for this pilgrimage festival.

Read Acts 2: 1-41. In this passage we read how the Holy Spirit came, just as Jesus had promised, and filled the believers who were gathered in that place. People from all over the region, and who spoke different languages, were able to hear what God had done in their own native tongue, as the Spirit gave the believers extraordinary linguistic abilities.

These events made it possible for the early church to expand rapidly, not only in the number of believers, as indicated in verse 41, but also to expand geographically in a very short time, as the people who had witnessed the events returned to their homelands, telling of the incredible events that they had seen and heard.

The Gospel of the Good News is meant for everyone. In your personal prayer time this week, thank God for keeping His promises and for sending the gift of the Holy Spirit to all who respond to the Good News.

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

