

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

7th June, 2020

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

Next Week's Roster

14th June, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Jonathan**  
Leader (pm): \*\*\*\*\*  
Welcome: \*\*\*\*\*  
Duty Elder: \*\*\*\*\*  
Reader: **Chris H.**  
Musicians: **Alan, Ken & Tim**  
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

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Sunday, 7th June, 2020

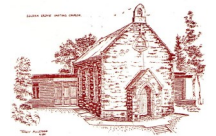
Trinity Sunday

Preacher: **Dominic Hopps**

Theme: **Jesus is...**

Scripture Readings: **Exodus 3: 1-14 and John 1: 1-5**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

HAND WASHING

Over the last few months during the COVID -19 pandemic, the number one piece of advice has been 'wash your hands' – and to do it for at least 20 seconds. There has been a host of recommended songs we can sing while washing our hands that help us keep track of time.

The ancient Jews were serious about clean hands – they had all kinds of baths and washing rituals. These are set out in the book of Leviticus. Sometimes washing was necessary: if someone had a potentially infectious disease, they would be considered unclean and were forced to live in isolation. The Israelites were practising 'social distancing' long before that phrase even existed!

Pontius Pilate found no reason to execute Jesus. As he didn't want to share in the guilt of the angry mob, he washed his hands in front of them, as if to say, 'His blood is on your hands.'

Often throughout the Bible, washing hands was symbolic of purifying the heart and mind. The ritual of washing was an important step in preparing the priests for service in the tabernacle. David picks up on this in Psalm 24:3-4, where he writes 'Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart.' (Psalm 24:3-4NIV).

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Sin is a far more serious epidemic than COVID-19, because it separates us from a holy God. The song, 'What can wash away my sin?' is answered by the next line, 'Nothing but the blood of Jesus.'

The best soap that I know of to get us right before God is 1 John 1:9 – 'If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.'

*(Reverend Gordon Crabb)*

### **Volunteers for Church Cleaning**

We are looking for some extra volunteers to consider going on the cleaning roster once regular worship activities resume.

In the meantime, David B., John, Max, Neil and Ray have been doing a fantastic job of maintaining the grounds in a neat and attractive state, for which we thank them very much.

The idea that has been mooted is that, when our church is ready to open for business again, the various cleaning groups combine for a once only opportunity to have a whale of a time cleaning our place of worship and fellowship from top to bottom in a vigorous winter clean.

Thereafter the individual groups would return to the roster on a monthly rotation basis.

If you are able to assist with this programme, would you please speak to Cath as soon as possible? After all, cleanliness is next to godliness. Thank you very much.

### **Practice Makes Perfect**

Are you tired of seeing notices that refer to the need to "practice" social distancing? It seems that the whoever designed these notices did not realise that "practice" is a noun and "practise" is a verb. Therefore, we should practise social distancing, or else adopt the practice of social distancing.

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

Today is Trinity Sunday, which occurs on the first Sunday after Pentecost and celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity - one true God who exists eternally in three distinct persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In the first book of the Bible, God is introduced as the Creator of all things. Read Genesis 1:26-27. God the Trinity creates human beings in His image, to be like Him and to be caretakers of creation.

Read John 1:1-18. Jesus Christ is described as "the Word", who was with God at the beginning and is the One who gives life to everything. Jesus is God and became human to reveal the Father's unfailing love and faithfulness for all of humanity. Through this unfailing love, Jesus willingly paid the full price for our sins, by dying in our place on the cross, to set right our relationship with the Father. Read John 3:1-21.

In Matthew 28:19 Jesus said to make disciples of all the nations and to baptise them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. To be baptised means to surrender to Jesus and the work He has done for salvation and to enter into a loving relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It means dying to one's old self and embracing a new life in spiritual union with Christ. Through baptism we receive forgiveness of our sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit joins us together as a Christian community to have a living relationship with God. Read 1 John:5-21 and, in your prayers this week, make a point of it to thank and praise God for His love, mercy and grace. Praise and thank Him that He sought you out so that you may have fellowship with Him.

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

### **A Message from Gordon Cooksey**

Dear fellow sponsors,

Thank you so much for your continued support of this important work.

This is just a reminder that your June quarter donation is now due.

If you wish me to collect it from your home, I would be happy to do so.