

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

14th June, 2020

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

Next Week's Roster

21st June, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): *****
Welcome: *****
Duty Elder: *****
Reader: **Barbara**
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.

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Sunday, 14th June, 2020

First Sunday after Trinity

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **The Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, and us**

Scripture Readings: **2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 and Matthew 28: 16-20**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

Yes, They Matter

In one of Jesus' best-known parables a shepherd gives particular attention to one sheep, rather than to 99 others. The reason that He gives particular attention to the one sheep is because *it is the one that's in trouble*; it is 'lost', and its wellbeing and existence are precarious and threatened. At that time the 99 other sheep don't need the shepherd's particular attention, because they are safe and sound within the sheepfold.

This parable is of course about God's saving grace toward all people. All people are by nature lost and need saving. To emphasise this truth, God's grace always gravitates first to the obviously most lost, needy and broken (the spiritually, physically and socially broken). That "He executes justice for the orphan and the widows, loves the foreigner, and gives them food and clothing" (Deut 10:18) is the emphasis of the Bible.

Is there within our societies prejudice or racism, however subtle or overt, which may contradict the truth that all people are made in God's image? From what I know of situations in other countries, and from the experience of Aboriginal Australians, I have to say, yes, there is.

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Of course, just as the lives of each of the other 99 sheep are as important to the shepherd as the one who is lost, so too the life of every person is just as much the object of God's love and grace as those who are in trouble. However, where the obviously needy, broken and lost are seen, it is at times important to stipulate, "Yes, *the life of that one in particular, matters.*"

Emphasise grace to the ones who are most in trouble. Black lives matter.

Grace and peace, Jonathan.

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.

Philippines Child Education Scheme

Good news! We have a new sponsor. David Bickerton is now supporting Jacob Gabatilla.

We are now supporting 27 children in the Hope Ministry, Davao City, The Philippines.

Thank you very much, David and, of course, thank you to our other sponsors who have faithfully maintained their support, some for many years, giving these children a better start to life than they would otherwise have.

(Gordon)

A Message from the Elders

The word 'prejudice' is defined by the Cambridge dictionary as: "an unfair and unreasonable opinion or feeling, especially when formed without enough thought or knowledge". Prejudice can lead to all sorts of prejudgement and discrimination between people, based on aspects of ethnicity, culture, sex, religion and financial and social standing, to name but a few.

In the early days of the Christian church, after Jesus' ascent into heaven, there was prejudice between Jews and Gentiles and clashes, in terms of religious conviction, between the followers of Jesus and the Jewish high council.

Read Acts 10. In verse 28 Peter gives an example of prejudice that existed between Jews and Gentiles, based on Jewish laws of the time, and he explains the meaning of his earlier vision from God, that he (as a Jew) should no longer think of anyone as impure or unclean.

In verses 34 and 35 Peter continues to explain that God shows no favouritism and that God accepts people from every nation who fear Him and do what is right. If God shows no favouritism and accepts everyone, aren't we called to do the same?

In verse 44 we read that God poured out His Spirit on the Gentiles present at that meeting, just as He did upon the Jews on the day of Pentecost, which led to the Gentiles being baptised. This clearly shows that God had accepted them, as His people.

In your prayers this week, thank God for accepting you into His kingdom, not because of your skin colour, your nationality or your social standing, but because you believe and have faith in Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and Lord. Thank Him for the work Jesus did to ensure that there is forgiveness for our sins and pray for the prejudice in the world around us to be replaced with love and compassion.

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.