

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

28th June, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Ceri**  
Leader (pm): \*\*\*\*\*  
Welcome: \*\*\*\*\*  
Duty Elder: \*\*\*\*\*  
Reader: **David M.**  
Musician: **Pat**  
Stewards: \*\*\*\*\*  
Manager: \*\*\*\*\*  
Crèche: \*\*\*\*\*  
Kidz Connect: \*\*\*\*\*  
Morning Tea: \*\*\*\*\*  
Audio: **Alan**  
Visual: **Alan**  
Cleaning: \*\*\*\*\*

Next Week's Roster

5th July, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Jonathan**  
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.

# Golden Grove Gazette

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

[www.goldengroveuniting.org.au](http://www.goldengroveuniting.org.au)

Sunday, 28th June, 2020

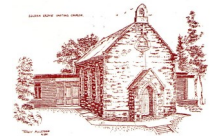
Third Sunday after Trinity

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **The sword that slays, and makes alive**

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 10: 32-42**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

The Good, The Bad & The Ugly

I won't ask you to nominate one!... The truth is, there is plenty of all three as we look around us in the world.

We certainly see and experience an enormous amount of good from human beings, whether Christian or not. This has been particularly highlighted through the dark times of the COVID-19 era so far; genuine care, selflessness, sacrifice and love have shone out. But we've also been appalled by instances of anarchic violence and rioting that have emerged alongside other peaceful protests against racism.

It's also true that where we do see goodness in people and society, it will never be completely free of the influence of the evil one and human sinfulness. This is as true for believers as it is for unbelievers; John says to the church, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." (1Jn 1:8) Likewise, even in the baddest and ugliest of human situations, you will still always be able to detect the presence of good somewhere. The image of God in humanity can become very messed up, but it can never be erased!

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This simply goes to show that there are not “good guys, and bad guys”. Every human being desperately needs to be redeemed by the grace of a Saviour. Just as well that’s exactly who Jesus is, and that He freely offers this grace to all who will receive it by faith and repentance!

In the light of His truth, we let Him show us the good and the evil in every situation, and, trusting in Him, reject the evil and chose the good.

*Grace and goodness, Jonathan.*

### Special Thanks

- David B., John, Max, Neil and Ray have been doing a fantastic job of maintaining the grounds in a neat and attractive state, while most of us have been spirited away by the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you, guys, for your herculean efforts.
- Thank you so much to our church family for its continuing generosity and magnanimity in making regular donations of food to assist more families in need as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Your care and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated.
- Thank you, too, to ‘Steptoe and Son’, who, with a good deal of success, have been continuing to comb the streets of the north east for hidden, and not so hidden, metallic treasures.

### Ring Pulls Enjoy A New Lease of Life

Do you remember how we used to save the ring pulls from drink cans? Well, we have now learned that we should start saving every last one of them again, as there is a fresh demand for them. Therefore, could you please get into the new habit of placing these valuable items, in the container at the back of the hall, on a regular basis? Thank you very much for your participation.



### A Message from the Elders

Human hope and Biblical hope are two very different things.

We might say: “I hope we’ll meet again some day...” or “I hope that it will rain tomorrow.”

Human hope contains an element of uncertainty, chance or luck. It is a desire towards events that might or might not unfold in the future.

Biblical hope is different. It is waiting patiently and confidently for God, in eager expectation of the fulfilment of His good will and promise of redemption.

Read Romans 8:18-39. In this passage there are a few examples indicating the differences between human hope and Biblical hope.

In verse 25 it says, “We hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.” Biblical hope is faith based. It is having faith “that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose”. (verse 28)

In verse 26 we read that we are not abandoned to wait by ourselves, but that “the Spirit helps us in our weakness” through prayer. Biblical hope is fuelled by prayer.

The confidence and certainty, that Biblical hope provides, comes from verse 32: “He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all - how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?” God lovingly gave His Son so that the world could have certain hope in redemption, through faith in Christ.

Can we lose all hope? Can hopelessness and frustration separate us from the love of God the Father?

Read verses 35 to 39 again, and, this week, in your personal prayers, thank God for calling out to you. Thank Him for choosing you and providing you with the hope that is in our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

