

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

12th July, 2020

Preacher: **James**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leader (pm): *****
Welcome: *****
Duty Elder: *****
Reader: **Barrie**
Musicians: **The Boys**
Stewards: *****
Manager: *****
Crèche: *****
Kidz Connect: *****
Morning Tea: *****
Audio: **Alan**
Visual: **Alan**
Cleaning: *****

Next Week's Roster

19th July, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Neil**
Leader (pm): *****
Welcome: **Council**
Duty Elder: **Council**
Reader: **Barrie**
Musicians: **The Boys**
Stewards: **Council**
Manager: **Council**
Crèche: *****
Kidz Connect: *****
Morning Tea: *****
Audio: **Alan**
Visual: **Alan**
Cleaning: **Council**

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, 12th July, 2020

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Preacher: James

Theme: Your Word is a Lamp to my Feet

Scripture Readings: Psalm 119: 105-112 and Matthew 13: 1-9

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

Tuning Out and Tuning In

Samuel was only a boy serving the Lord in the temple under Eli. This was at a time when the revelation of God was rarely heard or seen. One night Samuel was asleep when God called out, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Yes? I'm here." This happened a second and a third time. That's when it dawned on Eli that God was calling the boy. So, Eli directed Samuel, "Go back and lie down. If the voice calls again, say, 'Speak, Lord, God. I'm your servant, ready to listen.'" Samuel returned to his bed. Then God came and stood before him exactly as before, calling out, "Samuel! Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:1-10).

For us to be aware of God and spiritual things we need to learn how to listen. This essential art requires us to be able to tune out certain sounds and tune in to the various ways in which God might speak. Like young Samuel, we are in a learning process concerning distinguishing the voice of God from the many other sounds around us.

Most people these days can't bear to turn off their mobile phones. Consequently, a never-ending variety of ring tones sounds (even in church!). There is another epidemic troubling our world and that is 'ringanxiety'. With phones becoming like an extra limb sprouting from our ears, most people are in a constant state of telephone vigilance.

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Our ears become attuned to certain sounds like the crying of a baby and the ringing of a phone. The vital thing is that we practise the discipline of silencing the familiar sounds and conditioning our ears to listen to the still, small voice of God. Pray repeatedly and reflectively the prayer of Samuel: "Speak Lord, your servant is listening" and then jot down some of your reflections.

(Reverend Gordon)

A Message from the Elders

One of Jesus's most well-known teachings is the Sermon on the Mount, which is described in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. Read the teaching about the tree and its fruit, in Matthew 7:15-20.

In verse 20 of this teaching, we learn that, as a tree can be identified by its fruit, so too a person can be known by their actions. So, if a person is the tree being referred to; and the fruit is his/her actions, then what is good fruit and how are we able to produce it?

Read John 15:1-17.

In verse 2 of this passage we read about the importance of bearing good fruit and that we are constantly pruned by the Gardener (our Heavenly Father) in order to produce more good fruit.

Verses 4 and 5 tell us that we are only able to produce good fruit if we remain attached to the Vine (Jesus), and that on our own we can do nothing. Verse 10 explains that, if we obey God's commandments, we remain in His love and therefore remain attached to the true grapevine.

What indications in our actions show that we are living our lives attached to the true grapevine? Read Galatians 5:13-26.

In your prayer time this week, pray that Jesus will grow the fruits of His Spirit in you. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all that you do. Pray that your desires become what the Spirit desires. Pray also for these good things to happen in those around you.

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

DATES FOR OUR DIARIES

- **Pastoral Care Meeting: Monday, 13th July: 7.00 pm (by Zoom)**
- **Day of Prayer: Thursday, 16th July: 10.00 am to 12.00 noon**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 19th July: 10.00 am (Church Hall)**
- **Tuesday Evening Church Council: 21st July: 7.00 pm (possibly by Zoom)**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 26th July: 10.00 am (Church Hall)**
- **Sunday Evening Café Church: 26th July: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm**
- **Working Bee: Saturday, 1st August: 8.00 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 2nd August: 10.00 am**
- **Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 6th August: 1.00 pm**

A Roster Plea

Golden Grove Uniting Church will be back in business for worship on Sunday, 19th July. (Please look at the diary dates in this issue of the Gazette.) Therefore, Cath and Jim need to have the August and September roster firmly in place by the end of this week, Sunday, 26th July. Could you please let either one of them know, over the next day or two, if you wish to confirm your continuation on the Bible reading roster? Blessings and thanks.

Ring Pulls Enjoy A New Lease of Life



Do you remember how we used to save the aluminium 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.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Galatians 5: 22-23