

**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**

**19th July, 2020**

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

**Next Week's Roster**

**26th July, 2020**

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Ceri**  
Leader (pm): **\*\*\*\*\***  
Welcome: **Council**  
Duty Elder: **Council**  
Reader: **Chris H.**  
Musician: **Pat**  
Stewards: **Council**  
Manager: **Council**  
Crèche: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Kidz Connect: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Morning Tea: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Audio: **Alan**  
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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.**

# Golden Grove Gazette

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

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Sunday, 19th July, 2020

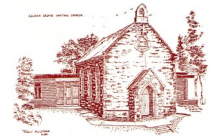
Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Stairway from Heaven**

Scripture Readings: **Genesis 28: 10-19a & Romans 8: 12-17**

**Mission Statement: To draw people**



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

**Live & Sweaty!**

COVID-19 has deprived us of the physical presence of the church family for some months now. There may have been some mild enjoyment of the novelty when it first happened. We may have even felt some slight relief at not having to put up with 'so and so', whose 'peculiarities' may tend to rub on us 'a little'! But very soon that novelty and slight relief wore off!

For good or ill, *we plain miss the physical presence of other human beings!* There's something about looking into another's eyes, speaking and hearing words of what is in our minds and hearts, combined with the facial expressions and gesturing, eating and drinking together, the 'skin-on-skin', hand-shake, back-slap, embrace and kiss, *that is crucial to being human, and experiencing the best of what life is within God's glorious creation.* That's why Psalm 133 says that one of the most beautiful and blessed things in the world is when brothers and sisters dwell together in unity – by which it assumes, *being physically together.*

And God intends for us to enjoy this blessedness forever. That's why He created us as physical beings, with bodies, and why He's promised us a physical life forever, with bodies raised from the dead to eternal life and made glorious, within an eternal physical world – a new heaven and a new earth.

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What the social restrictions have done is to show us how vital and important physical contact is to us. Young and old have reported the sense of loss and longing as both an emotional and physical ache! This should make us truly thankful for the gift of being able to start meeting together again now, whatever the limitations we still face. And, of course, we don't know whether we may be deprived of this gift again before COVID-19 is over.

Well, we're not quite back to the eating and drinking together and the 'skin-on-skin' part of it yet, but just being in the same place and communicating and worshipping face-to-face is a huge bonus! We thank God our good Father for this gift, and take hold of it with 'both hands'.

*Grace and cheers, Jonathan.*

#### A Message from the Elders

Each one of us is fortunate to be free to choose our own actions and reactions, to our circumstances, in choosing the directions of our lives, in what we do and in what we put in our hearts and minds. Read Galatians 5:13-21.

Verse 13 warns us against using our freedom to follow our own desires. No matter how good our initial intentions might be, our sinful nature corrupts our desires to be, at its core, all about what we want, about what we desire for ourselves and about what matters only to us, motivated by our own self-love, self-importance and self-justification. Verse 19 lists the results of such a choice. Clearly this is not a good choice. Choosing our own selfish desire is choosing eternal death.

Additionally verse 13 offers an alternate and exceedingly superior choice - serving one another in love. Verse 16 tells us where this type of love comes from - it comes from the Holy Spirit. By allowing the Holy Spirit to guide our lives, our hearts will be changed to follow the will of God, instead of our sinful nature. Read Galatians 5:22-26.

The kind of fruit the Spirit grows in us will allow us to produce a life that is pleasing to God, and we will experience love that is greater than what the human heart could ever dream of producing by itself. Read John 15:1-17 as well.

In your prayer time this week, read the words of Psalm 19 as a prayer of confession to God. Acknowledge His greatness and ask Him to help you make the best choice of your life, by asking for the Holy Spirit to be the guide within your heart.

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

#### DATES FOR OUR DIARIES

- **Sunday Morning Worship: 19th July: 10.00 am (Church Hall)**
- **Tuesday Evening Church Council: 21st July: 7.00 pm (possibly by Zoom)**
- **Friday Morning *mainly music*: 24th July: 9.30 am**
- **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 (Holy Communion)**
- **Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 6th August: 1.00 pm**

#### *mainly music*

**Our *mainly music* programme will commence on Friday, .24th July, at 9.30 am. If you would like to volunteer, could you please contact Katherine McDonald on 0434 950 931 for further information? All volunteers must have their DHS Working with Children Check.**



**Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.**