

**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**

**2nd August, 2020**

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Jonathan**  
Leader (pm): **\*\*\*\*\***  
Welcome: **Council**  
Duty Elder: **Council**  
Reader: **Barbara**  
Musician: **Heather**  
Stewards: **Council**  
Manager: **Council**  
Crèche: **Chris H.**  
Kidz Connect: **Tina**  
Morning Tea: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Audio: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Visual: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Cleaning: **Council**

**Next Week's Roster**

**9th August, 2020**

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Kathryn**  
Leader (pm): **\*\*\*\*\***  
Welcome: **Council**  
Duty Elder: **Council**  
Reader: **Kathryn**  
Musician: **TBA**  
Stewards: **Council**  
Manager: **Council**  
Crèche: **Coral**  
Kidz Connect: **Tina**  
Morning Tea: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Audio: **Alan**  
Visual: **Alan**  
Cleaning: **Council**

# Golden Grove Gazette

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

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Sunday, 2nd August, 2020

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **How to wrestle with God**

Old Testament Reading: **Genesis 32: 22-32**

**Mission Statement: To draw people**



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

**God's Gratuitous Grace**

Ecclesiastes says "Cast your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will find it again" (Eccles. 11:1) This is an exhortation for God's people to freely put to use and spend what God has provided them with. Not flippantly, nor without due care and proportion. Rather on the basis that God has provided for His people with 'over-the-top' generosity; *gratuitous grace!*

We have seen wonderful testimony to this within our church family so far through the COVID-19 crisis. We see God's gratuitous grace *par excellence* in the giving of His Son's life in love for the world's salvation. As a part of His great grace, God has promised to always be our practical provider (Mt 6:26). It's on this basis that we are to be confident to give away and use what God has given to us.

Numbers of us will have lived through times of severity and lack. At the moment we are all experiencing some of that through the pandemic. This understandably teaches us great care and caution with spending what we have. However, if we are always calculating and waiting for there to be no risk at all in us doing so, then nothing will ever happen! – "Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap." (Eccles 1:4)

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God's grace to us does not cease - it is a 'river' – a ceaseless flow. It is designed to always be on the move, given away, and replenished. We can't 'dam up' grace; if we do, it turns lifeless, stagnant. When we live in the good of God's grace, that always frees us in faith to still be free to wisely use our resources in His purposes.

*Grace upon grace, Jonathan.*

#### A Message from the Elders

In Galatians 5:22-23, we read about the kinds of fruit the Holy Spirit produces in our lives. This week we take a closer look at joy, coming from the Greek word "chara", which translates as "gladness" or "delight".

This kind of joy the Spirit grows in us does not depend on our circumstances. Joy is not happiness; it is much deeper than a passing good feeling with which we wake up in the morning. Joy comes from God, and, since it comes from Him, joy is more deeply anchored and much more serene than happiness.

In Psalm 16:11 we read that joy comes from the presence of God, as He shows us how to live our lives. In 2 Corinthians 6:3-10, Paul explains to the people of Corinth that, even in hardship, we can have much joy, as our joy is the eternal promise of God.

In your prayer time this week, read the words of Romans 15:13 as a prayer to God, both for yourself and also for those around you.

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

#### Philippines Sponsorship

Very many thanks to those who have continued to contribute to the "Philippines jars" during the church closure.

I was really surprised and delighted to learn that a little over \$100 was donated during this time towards the two children who are supported by the jars.

Until the jars again make their physical reappearance, you may wish to place your donations in the offertory bags, marked "Philippines".

I would also like to express my thanks to our donors, who made their donations so promptly in what was a difficult time.

*(Gordon Cooksey)*

#### DATES FOR OUR DIARIES

- Monday Morning KYB: 3rd August: 10.00 am
- Thursday Afternoon Women's Fellowship: 6th August: 1.00 pm
- Sunday Morning Worship: 9th August: 10.00 am (Church Hall)
- Monday Morning KYB: 10th August: 10.00 am
- Thursday Morning Prayer: 13th August: 10.00 am to 12.00 noon
- Sunday Morning Worship: 16th August: 10.00 am
- Tuesday Night Church Council: 18th August: 7.00 pm

#### Women's Fellowship

**A joyous time of fun, frivolity and fellowship awaits all ladies in the Church Hall at 1.00 pm this Thursday, 6th August.**

#### PLEASE FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH THIS MANDATORY DOCUMENT



Sign in Register – Golden Grove Uniting Church

I, the undersigned declare that:

- I have not returned from international or interstate travel in the last 14 days.
- I have not been exposed to a person with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- I am not currently required to self-isolate for any other reason.
- I am well, and not displaying any symptoms of COVID-19.
- I will practise good hand hygiene and utilise the hand washing and sanitiser facilities made available for this purpose.
- I will follow all reasonable steps requested by the Golden Grove Uniting Church to ensure the health and safety of all other personnel and visitors.
- Visitors' Phone Numbers are required.

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