

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

16th August, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Neil**
Leader (pm): *********
Welcome: **Council**
Duty Elder: **Council**
Reader: **Coral**
Musicians: **Brunetta & the Boys**
Stewards: **Council**
Manager: **Council**
Crèche: **Trevor**
Kidz Connect: **Sandy**
Morning Tea: *********
Visual: **The Three Rs**
Audio: **Ralph, Ruan & Rykhardt**
Cleaning: **Council**

Next Week's Roster

23rd August, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Ceri**
Leader (pm): *********
Welcome: **Council**
Duty Elder: **Council**
Reader: **Chris H.**
Musician: **Pat**
Stewards: **Council**
Manager: **Council**
Crèche: **Ailsa**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: *********
Visual: **The Three Rs**
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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.

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

www.goldengroveuniting.org.au

Sunday, 16th August, 2020

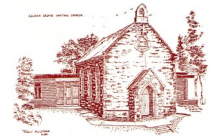
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **On always clinging to the Word of Christ**

New Testament Readings: **Romans 11: 1-2a & 29-33 and Matthew 15: 21-28**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

Who Do You Think You Are?....

Australian social commentator, Hugh Mackay, this week on a Radio National interview, said that "*most Australians do not know who they are*". He explained that the focus of the mind and energies of the majority of Australians is taken up with *an endless string of tasks*. Consequently, few give time or reflection to understanding *who they really are as a person* – i.e., what is personally meaningful and valuable to them, why and how those things should shape and direct their lives.

COVID-19 social restrictions and isolation have confronted many with this reality. As their tasks have disappeared, and they've been left 'looking at themselves in a mirror' – so to speak, they've discovered that *there's nothing there*. Much anecdotal evidence suggests that this is translating into devastating and widespread depression. Beyond all tasks, people need to know who they are as a person, and gain their sense of meaning, satisfaction and joy from that. *We and our lives are not just the sum of our tasks!*

The Christian Gospel has very good and liberating news about this. It tells us that *who we are is a gift*. In one place in the Bible, astonishingly, Paul says "Christ... *is your life*" (Col 3:4). This means that, through the salvation that Christ has won for us, *who we are is identical with who Christ is*; we too are dear sons and daughters of God the Father! That is enough to fill us with an eternity's-full of meaning, hope, satisfaction and joy.

This will also motivate us to all the action we could ever desire, not out of frantically filling our lives with busyness to try and block out the meaninglessness, but rather in a relaxed manner based upon the great grace and hope that God has given to all of His children.

Grace and cheers, 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 are taking a closer look at patience, which is derived from two Greek words, "makrothumia", which means long-suffering, and "hupomone", which means endurance.

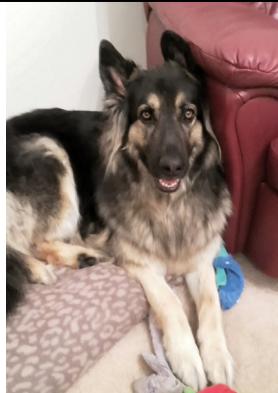
It is not easy to remain patient and to endure when our circumstances are not ideal. Read James 1:2-18. When our faith is tested, it is an opportunity for spiritual growth, and we are called to faithfully endure our circumstances and to rely on God alone. This means placing our troubles before the Lord and waiting patiently for Him to show us the way.

God is merciful. He loves us and is patient with us for a reason. Read 2 Peter 3:1-18. God wants us to repent of our sins and turn to Him for salvation, through faith in Jesus Christ, before it's too late.

Our Lord's patience is an example for us to follow. We are called to be patient with each other and to pray for one another. Read James 5:7-19.

In your prayer time with the Lord this week, read Psalm 103. Praise the Lord for being merciful and patient with you. Praise Him for His mercy towards our community, and, this week, make a point of it to live your life, so that all you are will be praising the Lord.

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



SAD NEWS

Kyle had to be put to sleep this week.

Thank you for all your prayers and phone calls.

Sheila and Andrew

A Reminder: There are labelled boxes in the hall to accommodate your used stamps and your aluminium ring pulls. Thank you very much.

DATES FOR OUR DIARIES

- **Sunday Morning Worship: 16th August: 10.00 am**
- **Monday Morning KYB: 17th August: 10.00 am**
- **Tuesday Night Church Council: 18th August: 7.00 pm**
- **mainly music: 21st August: 9.30 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 23rd August": 10.00 am**



The New Memorial Rose Garden

David B. has found the perfect form of therapy for recovering from knee replacement surgery. Our grateful thanks to David and John W. for their wonderful work.

News from the Philippines

I recently e-mailed Luciano to find out how he was coping with the COVID19 pandemic. I've seen occasional reports from Manila (mostly not good), but Davao City is about 1500 kilometres from Manila, and I had no idea of the situation there.

I've now received a reply, and the situation in Davao at present seems very similar to ours in South Australia. They must maintain physical distancing, wear face masks outside and practise constant handwashing. So, things could be a lot worse!

They're still continuing their children's ministry, and Luciano would welcome your continued prayers for their outreach. Good news!

Gordon

Recycling is a Jolly Good Practice for Musical Instruments

EGG CARTONS AND ICE CREAM CONTAINERS: If you could please save your egg cartons and ice cream containers for *mainly music*, that would be wonderful. Just bring them along and leave them in the hall. Thanks in advance.