

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.

Reverend Jonathan Button can be contacted at j.button@bigpond.com.

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

23rd August, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Ceri**
Leader (pm): *********
Welcome: **Council**
Duty Elder: **Council**
Reader: **Barrie**
Musician: **Pat**
Stewards: **Council**
Manager: **Council**
Crèche: **Ailsa**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**

Morning Tea: **The Three Rs**
Visual: **Ralph, Ruan & Rykhardt**
Audio: **Council**
Cleaning:

Next Week's Roster

30th August, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): *********
Welcome: **Council**
Duty Elder: **Council**
Reader: **Brunetta**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Stewards: **Council**
Manager: **Council**
Crèche: **Chris DeB.**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**

Morning Tea: **The Three Rs**
Visual: **Ralph, Ruan & Rykhardt**
Audio: **Council**
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.

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

www.goldengroveuniting.org.au

Sunday, 23rd August, 2020

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **TBA**

New Testament Readings: **Romans 12: 1-8 and Matthew 16: 13-20**



Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church



"Do Not Neglect Meeting Together" - Heb 10:25

This Biblical injunction has been easier said than done in the months of the COVID-19 pandemic! But, as we've said, we have still been able to 'meet together' in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by keeping in touch by every possible electronic means, and by continuing to worship via the online video stream or DVD recordings of the services, which continues for those still not attending church. This is not perfect, but it has been a great blessing and encouragement to us.

The reason for the Biblical exhortation to not neglect meeting together is because God has made us as social beings – i.e. we can only experience life in its fullness in relationship with other people (Father, Son, Holy Spirit, spouse, family, friends, neighbours, enemies). That's why that Psalmist said that *where people meet together in unity, there God bestows His blessing* (Ps 133). It's in having fellowship with other people that our grace-created relationship with God *becomes real and fully alive in us!* When we *practise grace* with each other, *the grace of God takes root in our lives much more deeply.*

Now that we are meeting together again for worship - *following COVID-safe guidelines* - I hope that as many of us as possible will join us physically on Sunday mornings (and for Café Church at 6pm, 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month). If you are not attending for health or other reasons, that is fine of course, and you are still fully part of our worshipping church family. But do 'meet together' in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit by diligently joining in the worship via internet streaming or request a DVD recording. Also keep in contact with each other by every possible means, and look out and pray for one another.

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'll look at kindness, which is derived from the Greek word "chrestotes", which means to show kindness.

Kindness is goodness in action and implies generosity and gentleness towards others. It is the ability to act for the welfare of others, without expecting anything in return. Our Heavenly Father is our prime example to follow when it comes to incomprehensible kindness. Read Ephesians 2:1-10.

God showed kindness towards us, even before we knew Him. He saved us by His grace (verse 8) when we believed. His grace was a gift we did not deserve or earn (verse 9) through any number of good deeds. His grace transforms our hearts, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to take part in the many good things He has planned for us.

Read Romans 2:1-16. Verse 4 states that God is kind, tolerant and patient with us and He wants us to turn away from sin and back to Him, before it is too late.

In your time alone with God this week, read and think about what is written in Romans 11:16-24. Trust in God's kindness and mercy. Remain attached to the True Grapevine (John 15:1-17) so that you may bear much good fruit.

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

Our Grateful Thanks to the Tea Tree Gully Council

We are delighted that the Council agreed to assist Golden Grove Uniting Church's grounds beautification project, spearheaded by David Bickerton, whose acts of transformation can already be witnessed in the new memorial rose garden. The TTGC delivered two truckloads of bark chips (about 11 cubic yards) to our church during the past week. These chips will be used to enhance areas of the church grounds that have not yet been fully established.

Much man and woman power will be required to spread these offerings. Would you please contact David if you (and your garden tools) are able to assist with this process? The immediate reward is a sumptuous *al fresco* morning or afternoon tea for all our gardeners and their young helpers,

*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: 23rd August: 10.00 am**
- **Sunday Evening Café Church: 23rd August: 6.00 pm**
- **Monday Morning KYB: 24th August: 10.00 am**
- **Friday Morning *mainly music*: 28th August: 9.30 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 30th August: 10.00 am**
- **Monday Morning KYB: 31st August: 10.00 am**
- **Thursday Morning Women's Fellowship: 3rd September: 12.30 pm**
- **Friday Morning *mainly music*: 9.30 am**
- **Saturday Morning Working Bee: 5th September: 8.00 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 6th September: 10.00 am**

Philippines Child Education Scheme

- A reminder to our sponsors that your September quarter subscription is now due. Thank you for participating in this important out-reach.
- A reminder also to those who contribute generously by means of the "Philippines jars". In the absence of the actual jars, please place your contribution in an envelope marked "Philippines", and put it in the offertory bag. Your continued support is very much appreciated.
- 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 Cooksey)

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.