#### 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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<u>This Week's Roster</u> <u>6th September, 2020</u>		<u>Next Week's Roster</u> <u>13th September, 2020</u>	
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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:

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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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Theme: It's not always easy

Sunday, 6th September, 2020

Father's Day

Preacher: Dominic Hopps

Scripture Readings: Exodus 12: 1-14 and Matthew 18: 15-20

# Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

### **AFTER WINTER COMES SPRING**

September is here. In a familiar seasonal change, winter will slowly and gently pass in order to herald spring.

God created the four seasons and, in many ways, we see the signature of the same artist in our lives. Our lives will change, and we will enter and exit many seasons, but the Son remains constant, yesterday, today and forever.

Ecclesiastes said that to everything there is a season. Every aspect of our lives is as to a season. And there is a purpose for the process. There is a reason for the season.

There are seasons you didn't want to go through. But through those seasons you learned some things. These are quite common experiences in the long-term life of discipleship, triggered by a range of different human responses to grief, loss, tragedy, hurt, burnout, disillusionment, and so on.

But the deepest valleys of human experience contain the necessary seeds of healing, deliverance, and maturation for new stages of life and discipleship. That assurance should give you a spring to your step.

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May God guide your comings and goings: May the Father fill you with his Spirit, and make you fruitful; May Jesus Christ be your companion on life's journey, and bring you encouragement; And may the Holy Spirit bring you help and healing at each point of need. May God give you joy and strength in all the seasons of the soul, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Reverend Gordon)

## 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 discuss Faithfulness, coming from the Greek word "pistis".

We might wrongly think of biblical faith as taking a leap in the dark or hoping that something good might happen to us, based on our good behaviour or positive visualisation skills. We might also think of faith in the context of a faithful person, someone we might think of as reliable, diligent and trustworthy. We could also wrongly describe faith as something we obtain by simply belonging to a church or being associated with a Bible study group.

Biblical faith is quite different from what we first imagine; it is confident action in response to what God has made known. In Hebrews 11 we read of multiple examples of faith into action, as portrayed by many faith-filled heroes over the ages, occurring in a variety of circumstances and resulting in a mixture of outcomes. This passage also shows us that faith is rewarded in God's own perfect time.

Deuteronomy 7:6-10 says that God has chosen us to be His special treasure (verse 6) and that He is a faithful God who keeps His promises of love for a thousand generations of those who love and keep His commandments (verse 9). Verse 10 warns that He does not hesitate to punish and destroy those who reject Him.

Hebrews 12:1-4 contains our response to the examples of faith we've read about in Hebrews 11. We must keep our eyes on Jesus, the originator and perfector of our faith!

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

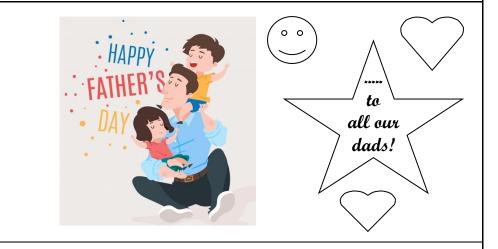
## DATES FOR OUR DIARIES

- Sunday Morning Worship: 6th September: 10.00 am
- Monday Morning KYB: 7th September: 10.00 am
- Friday Morning *mainly music*: 11th September: 9.30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: 13th September: 10.00 am
- Sunday Evening Café Church: 13th September: 6.00 pm
- Monday Morning KYB: 14th September: 10.00 am
- Friday Morning *mainly music*: 18th September: 9.30 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.

(Gordon Cooksey)



## No Coward Soul Is Mine

No coward soul is mine, No trembler in the world's storm-troubled sphere. I see Heaven's glories shine And Faith shines equal, arming me from fear.

(the first verse of Emily Brontë's most famous poem)