

### 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

13th September, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Kathryn**  
Leader (pm): **\*\*\*\*\***  
Welcome: **Council**  
Duty Elder: **Council**  
Reader: **Kathryn**  
Musician: **Brunetta**  
Stewards: **Council**  
Manager: **Council**  
Crèche: **Lucinda**  
Kidz Connect: **Tina**  
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Morning Tea: **Ruan & Rykhardt**  
Audio: **Ralph**  
Visual: **Ralph**  
Cleaning: **Council**

#### Next Week's Roster

20th September, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Jonathan**  
Leader (pm): **\*\*\*\*\***  
Welcome: **Council**  
Duty Elder: **Council**  
Reader: **Brunetta**  
Musician: **Brunetta**  
Stewards: **Council**  
Manager: **Council**  
Crèche: **Michelle**  
Kidz Connect: **Tina**  
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Morning Tea: **Ralph**  
Audio: **James**  
VisualAudio: **James**  
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

[www.goldengroveuniting.org.au](http://www.goldengroveuniting.org.au)

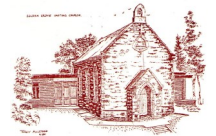
Sunday, 13th September, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **TBA**

Scripture Reading: **TBA**



Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

### Forgive... As The Flood

- Mt 18:21-35

In the days of large sailing ships it was said that vessels travelling 100 miles off the coast of Brazil, as they passed the point of the mouth of the Amazon River, could lower a bucket overboard and draw up fresh water. Imagine the enormous volume and force of the water flowing down that river!

Christ says that the forgiveness of God that flows from His death on the cross is like that! It is a 'torrential flood' that nothing can stop. So, He said that we must believe and practise forgiveness even 70 x 7 times (Mt 18:22) – i.e., *too many times to count*...I failed maths!

There are no dams on the Amazon (although some of its tributaries have dams); it is too great a flood of water to dam up. As we receive forgiveness, so we are to *give it away as freely to all others*. If we were to try to keep it to ourselves, deny it to others, 'dam it up', we would be attempting the impossible, resisting and living against the flow of this great 'flood'.

This is what happens to the unforgiving servant in Jesus' parable, forgiven so abundantly and freely by his master, yet turning around and denying that same forgiveness to someone who had wronged him. We can all do this!....To do this emotionally and spiritually crushes us, and will eventually smash us to pieces!

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We are to accept, embrace and 'go with the flow' of the 'torrential flood' of God's forgiveness; freely acknowledging our need of it, deeply receiving its cleansing and healing, freely giving it to all.

*Grace and peace, 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 focussing on Gentleness, coming from the Greek word "prautes", which translates as meekness.

Gentleness and meekness should not be confused with weakness or timidity. Gentleness requires great strength, humility and restraint. Ephesians 4:1-6 calls us to be humble and patient with one another and to remain united in the Spirit, as we are one body in Christ. When we stumble because of sin, we are to gently and humbly set right each other on the correct path (Galatians 6:1-3).

Titus 3:1-7 reminds us to be gentle and to show humility, because God was gentle and merciful towards us. Through God's kindness and love, He saved us by His grace. He washed away our sins through the blood of Jesus Christ, instead of reckoning to us what we deserve. Come to Jesus and find true peace (Matthew 11:28-30).

Read Paul's charge to Timothy in Timothy 6:11-16 as our own charge of faith and as an example of how to live until the Lord comes again.

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

### Grounds Transformation

Over two consecutive Saturdays a dozen willing helpers, both male and female, with an age range of seventy years, spread two truckloads of bark/mulch in order to enhance the grounds and reduce the church's water bill. Thank you so much to all of you.



### DATES FOR OUR DIARIES

- Sunday Morning Worship: 13th September: 10.00 am (Holy Communion)
- Sunday Evening Café Church: 13th September: 6.00 pm
- Monday Morning KYB: 14th September: 10.00 am
- Tuesday Evening Church Council: 15th September: 7.00 pm (Zoom)
- Friday Morning *mainly music*: 18th September: 9.30 am

### A Reminder of our Obligations during the Pandemic



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.

DATE :

NAME:	TIME IN:	TIME OUT:	PHONE NUMBER:

*“And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.  
And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.” Genesis 1: 10-11*