

**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**

**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**  
Morning Tea: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Audio: **Ralph**  
Visual: **James**  
Cleaning: **Council**

**Next Week's Roster**

**27th September, 2020**

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Kathryn**  
Leader (pm): **\*\*\*\*\***  
Welcome: **Council**  
Duty Elder: **Council**  
Reader: **Barbara**  
Musician: **Pat**  
Stewards: **Council**  
Manager: **Council**  
Crèche: **Vacation**  
Kidz Connect: **Vacation**  
Morning Tea: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Audio: **Ruan (am) & Rykhardt (pm)**  
Visual: **Ralph (am) & James (pm)**  
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, 20th September, 2020

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **God's Megaphone**

Old Testament Reading: **Exodus 16: 2-15**

**Mission Statement: To draw people**

**to our Lord Jesus Christ**

**and nurture them through our church**



**The Hope of Forgiveness**

***(Martin B. Copenhaver)***

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of God." [Mt 5:43-45]

C.S. Lewis, one of the most influential Christian authors in the last century, recounted his continual attempts to forgive someone who had been cruel to him. He prayed for the man, at first for no other reason than because Jesus told him to. But then, he writes to a friend:

Last week, while at prayer, I suddenly discovered - or felt as if I did - that I had really forgiven someone I have been trying to forgive for over thirty years. Trying and praying that I might. When the thing actually happened - sudden as the longed-for cessation of one's neighbour's radio - my feeling was, "But it's so easy. Why didn't you do it ages ago?" So many things are done easily the moment you can do them at all. But till then, simply impossible, like learning to swim. There are months during which no efforts will keep you up; then comes the day and hour and minute after which, and ever after, it becomes impossible to sink.

Lewis then makes it clear that his ability to forgive was quite unlike learning to swim in this respect: it was not of his own doing. He reflected, "a discord has been resolved and it is certainly the great Resolver who has done it."

**Martin B. Copenhaver**

### 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 conclude our discussion on the Fruits of the Spirit by looking at Self-control, coming from the Greek word "egkrateia".

Self-control is defined as a measure of restraint that one poses over one's impulses, emotions and actions in order to achieve a more desirable outcome. By exercising self-control we avoid doing the things that we'll regret later and we delay acting on every impulse or desire, by making a point to properly think things through.

We live in a state of tension between the desires of the flesh and the desires of the Holy Spirit. It is a constant and conscious choice we need to make to either pursue the desires of our sinful impulses, or to follow the spiritual desires that come from the choice to accept Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Saviour.

In Romans 6, Paul teaches us that through our Baptism we are joined to Jesus Christ in His death, resurrection and triumph over sin. It is through Christ that we gain self-control and cease to be slaves to our sinful desires (verses 11 and 12) and it is through the freedom offered by God's grace that we gain the freedom to choose to obey God, resulting in righteous living (verse 16) and eternal life (verse 22).

If we choose to reject the free gift offered by God, we are choosing to embrace eternal death (verse 23)

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

### Change to Women's Fellowship

Please meet at Garden Grove for 12.30 pm. Could you please advise Eileen today if you will be attending, so that a booking can be made? The change of venue is necessary because of the school holidays. Thank you, Eileen.



**Women's Fellowship**

### DATES FOR OUR SPRING DIARIES

- **Sunday Morning Worship: 20th September: 10.00 am**
- **Monday Morning KYB: 21st September: 10.00 am**
- **Friday Morning *mainly music*: 25th September: 9.30 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 27th September: 10.00 am**
- **Sunday Evening Café Church: 27th September: 6.00 pm**
- **Women's Fellowship at Garden Grove: Thursday, 1st October: 12.30 pm**
- **Commencement of Daylight Saving: Sunday, 4th October**
- **Labour Day Public Holiday: Monday, 5th October**

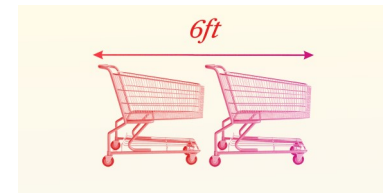
### Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes Reminder

As October rushes towards us, it seems timely to remind those generous persons, who have promised to fill shoeboxes, that Coral will be expecting to collect them by the middle of October. Thank you so much to those who are helping to make Christmas a happier time for needy children.



Yes; this is our Presbytery.

### Ode to Social Distancing



**Lest this thing worsen,  
Let's agree to be separated  
by the length of a tall person.  
No touch.**

**We'll communicate via  
voice and eyes and heart.  
Stick together -  
six feet apart.**

*(James Parker)*