

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

4th October, 2020

Preacher: **Ceri**
Leader (am): **Cath**
Leader (pm): *********
Welcome: **Marshal**
Duty Elder: **Council**
Reader: **Barrie**
Musician: **Heather**
Stewards: **Council**
Manager: **Council**
Crèche: **Vacation**
Kidz Connect: **Vacation**
Morning Tea: *********
Audio Desk: **Rykhardt**
Camera Operator: **James**
Computer: **Ruan**
Overflow Overseer: **Tim**
Cleaning: **Council**

Next Week's Roster

11th October, 2020

Preacher: **Reverend Ross Honey**
Leader (am): **Neil**
Leader (pm): **Reverend Ross Honey**
Welcome: **Marshal**
Duty Elder: **Council**
Reader: **Coral**
Musician: **Pat**
Stewards: **Council**
Manager: **Council**
Crèche: **Vacation**
Kidz Connect: **Vacation**
Morning Tea: *********
Audio Desk: **Ruan & Ralph**
Camera Operator: **Ralph**
Computer: **Rykhardt & James**
Overflow Overseer: **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.

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Sunday, 4th October, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Preacher: Ceri

me: **Darkness and Light**

Gospel Reading: **John 1: 1-14**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

TO WHOM CAN WE TURN?

From time to time, everyone needs to find or give an ear. We have issues, concerns, problems, challenges to meet or decisions to make. Often, we just need a sounding board - someone who can give advice or suggestions - or simply someone to hear us in a non-judgemental way. Just talking about things can be reassuring, calming, and clarifying.

There may be times when a problem or an issue is so personal, sensitive, painful or embarrassing that we might not feel we can share it, even with those with whom we have the closest relationship.

Life's journey can be bumpy. There are turns and surprises, joys and disappointments, questions and struggles. It is a journey of growth, change and discernment. It is a journey in which we all need to recognise the benefit of sharing with and listening to others. But it's a journey in which we are not alone. There are caring people with an open ear.

And, of course, it is a journey we make with God. We can always go to God. His is an ear that's always available; an ear that's always nurturing; an ear that's always loving; and an ear that's always accepting. Accept the promise of Jesus: *Come to me all who toil and are burdened, and I will give you rest.*

(Reverend Gordon)

A Message from the Elders

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 list the nine Gifts of the Spirit as: word of wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, gift of healing, performing miracles, gift of prophecy, discernment of spirits, speaking in tongues and interpretation of tongues. How are these nine Gifts of the Spirit different compared to the nine Fruits of the Spirit, or are they the same?

Galatians 5:22-23 lists the nine Fruits of the Spirit as: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-control. Clearly the Fruits and Gifts are in different categories and it is important to note that both originate from the Holy Spirit.

The Gifts of the Spirit relate to a person's spiritual capabilities in the service of God and are given instantly, while the Fruits of the Spirit relate to a believer's spiritual character, which is developed over time by remaining within God's love and obeying Him. Both the Gifts and the Fruit exist in harmony: we can't have the one without the other.

All believers receive spiritual gifts from the Holy Spirit. In 1 Corinthians 12:7, Paul tells us that the gifts are given so that we can help each other. The gifts are not for our own personal benefit or spiritual bragging rights, but are given to build up the church, as the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-31).

God decides which gifts are given; and, through His Spirit, empowers our worship through the use of these gifts. Different gifts are given to different people, so that we all may fulfil different kinds of service to the same Lord.

In your prayer time this week, pray and ask God to show you how you could use your Gifts of the Spirit to build up His church. If you have not yet discovered what your Gifts are, why not ask God to show you through His Holy Spirit and to guide you towards becoming an instrument of His will and discover a way of life that is best of all.

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



SPRING HAS SPRUNG

- **Sunday Morning Worship: 4th October: 10.00 am**
- **Labour Day Public Holiday: Monday, 5th October**
- **Thursday Morning Prayer: 8th October: 10.00 am to 12.00 noon**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 11th October: 10.00 am**
- **Sunday Evening Café Church: 11th October: 6.00 pm**
- **Commencement of Term IV: Monday, 12th October**
- **Monday Morning KYB: 12th October: 10.00 am**
- **Friday Morning *mainly music*: 16th October: 9.30 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 18th October: 10.00 am**
- **Holy Communion: Sunday, 18th 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.



A Message from Oxford

Thank you for allowing me to share in your worship over the past several months. I arrived safely in Melbourne. I behaved beautifully at both airports and on the aeroplane. My velour rug on the floor of my cage was not even disturbed during the flight. All I needed on disembarking was a good shake.

