

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

1st November, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leader (pm): *********
Marshal (Church): **Ray**
Marshal (Hall): **Coral**
Reader: **Kathryn**
Musician: **Heather**
Stewards: **Council**
Manager: **Council**
Crèche: **Trevor**
Kidz Connect: **Sandy**
Morning Tea: *********
Audio Desk: **Ruan**
Camera Operator: **Ralph**
Computer: **James**
Overflow Overseer: **Rykhardt**
Cleaning: **Council**

Next Week's Roster

8th November, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Marshal (Church): **Rykhardt**
Marshal (Hall): **Cath**
Reader: **Brunetta**
Musician: **Heather**
Stewards: **Council**
Manager: **Council**
Crèche: **Michelle**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: *********
Audio Desk: **Ruan & Rykhardt**
Camera Operator: **Tim**
Computer: **Rykhardt & James**
Overflow Overseer: **Ralph**
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, 1st November, 2020

All Saints Day

Preacher: **Jonathan**

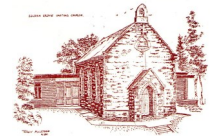
Theme: **Saints of Grace**

New Testament Reading: **Revelation 7: 9-17**

Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church



REFORMATION DAY

31st October

In the Protestant Reformation of 1517, the Christian church, under the leadership of Martin Luther, rediscovered the truth that *grace is the pulsing heart of Christian life*. It had been discovered and rediscovered many times before that, as it has been rediscovered many times since. However, the 16th century had seen a loss of it within the church to an astonishing and deplorable extent.

It may be that the Christian church has again fallen in our time (*including the Protestant churches and the Uniting Church*) into a similar deplorable state in a *loss of the truth of grace*, marked by:

- Rejecting the truth of the God of grace – Creator and Redeemer of the world - in His Holy Scriptures
- Rejecting His holiness that defines sin and evil, and pronounces the judgement of death and hell upon them
- Rejecting the truth of His grace in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as the only thing in time or eternity that can save us and give us fullness of life

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Our grasp of the truth of grace is a matter of the life or death of the Christian, and of the life or death of the Christian church.

What is certain is that a rediscovery of grace as the pulsing heart of Christian life is needed by the church today, by the Uniting Church, by the Golden Grove Uniting Church, by you, and by me! And it will be needed tomorrow, the day after that, and every day until the end of the current age. Every day must be Reformation Day!... *And why would we want it any other way?...*

Grace upon grace, Jonathan.

A Message from the Elders

In Acts 3 the apostle Peter, through the power of the name of Jesus Christ, was able to heal a man who had been known to be lame from birth. The Holy Spirit worked through Peter to perform the miracle, and the lame man's life was changed; he jumped and leaped as he joyfully praised God! (verse 8)

In 2 Kings 4:1-7 the prophet Elisha performs a miracle by helping a poor widow pay off a great debt. She had no means to pay off the debt to her deceased husband's creditors and her sons were at risk of being sold into slavery. God provided for the widow through Elisha and the widow was able to sell enough olive oil to provide for her family and cancel the debt.

The Holy Spirit gives different gifts to each believer, to empower us to serve God in different ways and to build up His church by sharing our gifts and helping others. There are nine Gifts of the Spirit listed in 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, of which the fourth and fifth are the gifts of Healing and the Power to Perform Miracles.

In your prayer time this week, pray the words from Psalm 66. Praise our miracle working God!

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



SPRING IS IN ITS THIRD MONTH

- **Sunday Morning Worship: 1st November: 10.00 am**
- **Monday Morning KYB: 2nd November: 10.00 am**
- **Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 5th November: 1.00 pm**
- **Friday Morning *mainly music*: 6th November: 9.30 am**
- **Working Bee: Saturday, 7th November: 8.00 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 8th November: 10.00 am**
- **Monday Morning KYB: 9th November: 10.00 am**
- **Pastoral Carers Meeting: Tuesday, 10th November: 7.00 pm (Church)**
- **Friday Morning: *mainly music*: 13th November: 9.30 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 15th November: 10.00 am**
- **Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, 24th November: 7.00 pm (Church)**

A Message from Joy: To the church family: I very much appreciated your prayers, cards and phone calls of enquiry, both during my 7 weeks in hospital and since my return home. Although I still have a way to go, I am much improved now. Praise the Lord. Many heartfelt thanks and may God bless you all. Joy Brown

Your Advent Friend

Yes; it's that time of year again, back by extremely popular demand, and what a year it has been. Particularly this year, when so many are struggling, it can be a time to get to know people and focus on Advent.

What does it mean?

For four weeks during Advent, if you participate, you will be given a name of a member of the congregation (you keep it a secret until the last Sunday in Advent). Each week it is suggested that you buy, make, or send a little note relating to the theme for the Sunday, e.g. HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE.

Someone will be given your name and they will do something for you.

When does Advent begin?

Sunday 29th November, then for a further three weeks **6th December**, **13th December**, **20th December**

How can I participate?

Write your name on the sheet in the hall or e-mail me at halesy45@hotmail.com, mobile 0417865543, and, on **Sunday 22nd November**, you will be given your secret Advent Friend's name.

What do we do at the end of Advent?

On **Sunday 20th**, when you give your final gift, note, etc., you will write your name on it so that the person knows from whom it has come.

Looking forward to many of you joining in, and please contact me, if you require more information.

Sandy Walker



An Update on Oxford & Others

Because of COVID restrictions preventing our Guide Dog trainer from re-entering South Australia, Oxford was flown to Melbourne to begin his training with her there. He travelled well and had a few days of training until, after three weeks, he was flown back home to Adelaide – the trainer finally being permitted to re-enter South Australia, recognised as an essential worker. She still had to quarantine in a hotel in Adelaide for two weeks. Meanwhile Oxford was boarded with his original puppy raiser in Norwood. He would have come back to us but we had Raven (the small black female) with us by then. Oxford will recommence his career in seven days' time.

Raven has her assessment on 13 November. This is a final test to see if she is capable of continuing in the Guide Dog programme. She lives at Aldinga Beach.

Wistow also lives at Aldinga Beach with Raven but is with us just now to let her puppy raiser concentrate on developing Raven. We shall have Wistow with us for a few more weeks. She is a 'work in progress'. Yeah, definitely a 'work in progress'.

Chevy, whom we had on two occasions, finally graduated to become an assistance dog to a young man in a wheelchair, picking up items for him, pressing pedestrian crossing buttons, lift buttons and even turning lights on and off for him.

Apollo, a black male whom we had a two years ago, graduated to work as a Facility Dog to Kidman Park Primary School. His role involves assisting students with emotional development, physical wellbeing and social development. Who would have thought that a dog could have such an impact?

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we help to train these dogs to become valuable members of our society. Please continue to resist the enormous temptation to pat or talk to them.

Blessings,
Barrie & Lesley.
1 November 2020



Church Council Elections for 2021

The election for Elders and Councillors for the year 2021 will be held immediately following morning worship on Sunday, 6th December, 2020.

Members who are thinking of nominating are asked to prayerfully consider their nomination and also to speak with Jonathan, who will outline expectations and responsibilities.

The meeting will be solely for the purpose of electing the Church Council for 2021. The AGM will be held early in 2021, when reports will be received.

The sequence of events will be as follows:

25/10/2020: Nomination forms available. These forms will list the names of Elders and Councillors who are willing to accept re-nomination, as well as make provision for new nominations.

08/ 11/2020: Nominations close at 12 noon.

15/ 11/2020: Names of nominees published in the Golden Grove Gazette.

06/ 12/2020: Election of Elders and Church Councillors.

In conformity with Uniting Church regulations, only full members and members in-association may nominate, be nominated and vote.

Proxy voting is not permitted. A member must be present in order to vote.

A list of those eligible to vote will be issued before the election.



Please inform me of any inaccuracies immediately. If you are not sure of your voting status, please speak to me so that we can make sure.

The new Church Council will take office on 1st January, 2021.

Neil Larcombe (Chairperson)

Women's Fellowship

After our meeting on Sunday 11th October, it was decided that Women's Fellowship would meet in the Church Hall to watch a movie on Thursday, 5th November at 1.00pm. Ladies, if you wish to eat when watching the movie, would you please bring your own nibbles? Ladies, please remember social distancing, and, if there are any questions, please contact Eileen.



Steptoe and His Son Are not Allowed to Retire



Yes; after a hiatus of several weeks, the famous pair (Ray and Neil) returned to their flourishing business. While they continue to roam the streets in pursuit of likely suspects, we are also able to help by surrendering our pre-loved metals. Much thanks to the workers and the contributors.