

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

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**

Next Week's Roster

15th November, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Ceri**
Leader (pm): *********
Marshal (Church): **Tim**
Marshal (Hall): **Andrew**
Reader: **Chris DeB.**
Musicians: **Brunetta & the Boys**
Stewards: **Council**
Manager: **Council**
Crèche: **Coral**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: *********
Audio Desk: **Ruan**
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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:

BSB 805-007 Account Number: 00702729 Credit Union SA

Please speak to Chris Holroyd if you require more information.

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Keeping in touch with the G.G.U.C. family

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Sunday, 8th November, 2020

Twenty-Third Sunday after Advent

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Oils ain't oils**

New Testament Reading: **Matthew 25: 1-13**

Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church



Bigger Than Politics

In a well known passage in Romans chapter 13, Paul says that we are submit to the governing authorities, since they are "appointed by God", and are His "servants" (Ro 13:1-7). This is the case because, being raised from the dead to eternal life, Jesus Christ (God's 'right-hand man') has overcome all powers, and rules in and over them as Lord.

Where this could create a problem for us is when a governing authority opposes the clear truth and law of God, and in such a way that our submitting to them could involve us in opposing the truth and law of God. How could we know this has happened?... from reading the clear truth and law of God - i.e. the Bible, and testing it in discussion with our Christian brothers and sisters (Tm 3:14-17; 1Jn 4:1-6).

How would we respond in such a situation?... We would have to work that out, in ways that are consistent with the clear truth and law of God, and with prayer.

Above all of this we can know, trust and pray that God will provide for, protect, direct and bless our governing authorities, and correct them, so that His good will and purpose will be done for our community, nation and the nations of the world. However, note, Paul does not say that we trust our lives into the hands of the authorities - they are not our saviours!; rather we submit to the governing authorities, *because we trust our lives utterly to God and His saving grace.*

In this way we can have positive faith, hope and joy in the face of all the "ups and downs" of our political world.

Grace and cheers, Jonathan.

A Message from the Elders

Throughout the Bible we encounter many prophets who act as messengers, conveying God's Word to His people. These prophetic words, spoken by the prophets, help to guide God's people and encourage them to do His will, thereby shaping their lives for the better.

In the Old Testament God chose specific people to act as His prophets. God gave them His Holy Spirit, which empowered them to carry His message to His people. In Joel 2:28-32 the prophet Joel looked beyond His own time to the Day of Pentecost and the outpouring of God's Spirit on all people (see Acts 2).

The Holy Spirit gives different spiritual 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 sixth and seventh are the gifts of Prophecy and the Discerning of Spirits.

Not everything spoken by a person, who thinks themselves to be a prophet, is necessarily God's Word. The Bible contains many warnings of false prophets and guides us in how to discern if words of prophecy are from God, or another source. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22, 1 John 4:1-21 and Deuteronomy 18:15-22.

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



SPRING HAS SLITHERED INTO ITS THIRD MONTH

- **Sunday Morning Worship: 8th November: 10.00 am**
- **Sunday Evening Café Church: 8th November: 6.00 pm**
- **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**
- **Worship Team Workshop: Saturday, 14th Nov.: 9.30 am to 12.00 noon**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 15th November: 10.00 am**
- **Monday Morning KYB: 16th November: 10.00 am**
- **Friday Morning: *mainly music*: 20th November: 9.30 am**
- **Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, 24th November: 7.00 pm (Church)**

“Onward in faith - and leave the rest to heaven.”

Robert Southey (1774-1843)



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)

Samaritan's Purse Boxes

We would like to thank those ladies who, in their characteristically wonderfully generous manner, filled up Samaritan's Purse boxes for children in need.

We were able to send off thirteen boxes, each of which will bring a most appreciative smile to the face of an unhappy child at Christmas.

God bless you all.



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.