

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

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**
Camera Operator: **Rykhardt**
Computer: **Ralph**
Overflow Overseer: **Lucinda**
Cleaning: **Council**

Next Week's Roster

22nd November, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Neil**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Marshal (Church): **Andrew**
Marshal (Hall): **Tim**
Reader: **Coral**
Musician: **Pat**
Stewards: **Council**
Manager: **Council**
Crèche: **Katherine**
Kidz Connect: **Kathryn**
Morning Tea: *********
Audio Desk: **Rykhardt & Ralph**
Camera Operator: **Ralph**
Computer: **Ruan & 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, 15th November, 2020

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Advent

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Bet Everything**

New Testament Reading: **Matthew 25: 14-30**



Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church



The Left, the Right,... or the Heights?

There's been a lot of discussion of politics recently, and the different positions that people hold to. These differences are taken by some with grace and good humour, but by others with passion verging on violence. In some contexts we can be hesitant even to admit to our political views. The truth is, there are sincere Christians on all sides of politics.

In the book of Revelation Jesus Christ strongly exhorts believers to "*come back to their first love*" (i.e. their number 1. priority) from which they have wandered away. He doesn't say "you should be more left-wing".... or "right-wing"; instead He says, "Consider *the heights* from which you have fallen" (Rev 2:5). We get our understanding of what is most important and essential in life, not from the left, nor from the right, *but from the heights!*

"The heights" referred to here is God's wisdom and truth (Is 55:8-9) - *i.e. the Gospel of His saving grace in Jesus Christ* (Eph 1:7-10) - *in the whole teaching of the Bible*. This is where we get our wisdom and direction from as Christians; *this* will tell us what is good and right that we should support and do, and what is not, in the political sphere. It will also show us that, as we hold to the truth and grace of Christ, we are reconciled into one family of God the Father, and can enjoy living life together.

Grace and cheers, Jonathan.

A Message from the Elders

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 eighth and ninth are the gifts of Tongues and the Interpretation of Tongues.

In 1 Corinthians 14, Paul gives advice to the church in Corinth by contrasting the Gift of Tongues with the Gift of Prophecy. Paul explains that the Gifts of the Spirit are meant to strengthen the faith of the whole church, and, when these two gifts are used, it is especially important that there is given an interpretation of what was said or prophesied about (verse 26).

Over the past few weeks we took a closer look at each of the Spiritual Gifts and examined how they empower believers and strengthen God's church. Did you know that these nine gifts aren't the only Gifts of the Spirit? Refer to Romans 12:3-8 and Ephesians 4:7-16.

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. We are part of one Body and need to work together in harmony. See 1 Corinthians 12:12-31.

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. Read the words from 1 Corinthians 13 as inspiration before you pray.

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



SPRING SLIDES TOWARDS THE END OF ITS THIRD MONTH

- **Sunday Morning Worship: 15th November: 10.00 am**
- **Friday Morning: *mainly music*: 20th November: 9.30 am**
- **Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, 24th November: 7.00 pm (Church)**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 22nd November: 10.00 am**
- **Sunday Evening Café Church: 22nd November: 6.00 pm**
- **Friday Morning: *mainly music*: 27th November: 9.30 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 29th November: 10.00 am**
- **First Sunday in Advent (Hope): Sunday, 29th November**
- **Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 3rd December: 12.00 noon**
- **Friday Morning: *mainly music*: 4th December: 9.30 am**
- **Working Bee: Saturday, 5th December: 8.00 am**

Steptoe and His Son Refuse to Retire

Yes; Mr Steptoe and Master Steptoe have stated firmly that they are far too young to retire. Hence, the famous pair (Ray and Neil) 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.



PLEASE PRACTISE SOCIAL DISTANCING



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:

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.

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.

Conveners should have these reports ready by the middle of January, 2021.

Nominations closed on Sunday 8th December at 12.00 noon.

The following nominations were received for Church Council and Elders :

CHURCH COUNCIL

Tim Checkley

Coral Larcombe

Neil Larcombe

ELDERS

Ceri Jones

Ray Holroyd

Cath McKechnie

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

Neil Larcombe (Chairperson)



Some Essential Information

- **NAME TAGS:** Have you remembered "Saint" Kathryn's recent talk? If you need a new name tag, or just need a name tag, please see Jim. He will be only too happy to make you one.
- **USED STAMPS:** A big thank you to Lila for continuing to collect used stamps from her village and to the congregation for its regular contributions. Jim still passes them on to Joyce, who is more than pleased to sort them during her "internment" in the Helping Hand Home. In doing this we are all helping Frontier Services.
- **THE PINK PIG:** The Pink Pig is also a victim of the pandemic, having lost nearly all his body weight. On 25th October, he received some food at the trial morning tea run. Meanwhile, Piggy is still paying for things such as the disposable gloves, the long life (until it is opened) grape juice for Holy Communion, the long life milk, more tea bags and extra bin liners and garbage bags.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

As from Sunday 22nd November, until Sunday 6th December, we are once again asking if you could please support us in helping with perishable food to make Christmas hampers again this year for families in need in the community. Could you please put your donations in the plastic containers that will be left at the tables in the hall, if you are able to help? Thank you very much.



"It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)