

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

13th December, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Marshal (Church): **Coral**
Marshal (Hall): **Ray**
Reader: **Sandy**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Stewards: *********
Manager: *********
Crèche: **Vacation**
Kidz Connect: **Vacation**
Morning Tea: *********
Audio Desk: **Ruan (am & pm)**
Camera Operator: **Rykhardt**
Computer: **James (am & pm)**
Overflow Overseer: **Lucinda**
Cleaning: *********

Next Week's Roster

20th December, 2020

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leader (pm): *********
Marshal (Church): **Andrew**
Marshal (Hall): **Coral**
Reader: **Barrie**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Stewards: *********
Manager: *********
Crèche: **Vacation**
Kidz Connect: **Vacation**
Morning Tea: *********
Audio Desk: **Ruan**
Camera Operator: **Rykhardt**
Computer: **Ralph**
Overflow Overseer: **Lucinda**
Cleaning: *********

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, 13th December, 2020

Third Sunday in Advent (Joy)

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Making God Bigger**

New Testament Reading: **Luke 1: 39-56**



Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church



Be Careful What We Hear... & Say

[James 3:3-6, 9-10, 17-18]

When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell....

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be....

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

Grace and peace, Jonathan.

Church Council: 2021

The new church council comes into existence on 1st January, 2021 AD.

It comprises:

Reverend Jonathan Button (ex officio)

Councillors: Tim Checkley, Chris Holroyd, Coral Larcombe and Neil Larcombe

Elders: Jonathan Button, Ray Holroyd, Ceri Jones, Cath McKechnie and Rykhardt Wilkinson.

Philippines Child Education Scheme

A reminder to our sponsors that your December quarter donations are now due.

To our anonymous sponsors: In the absence of the "Philippines jars", please put your donations in an envelope marked "Philippines" and place it in the offertory bag at Sunday worship.

If anyone would like an explanation of what the scheme is about, I'd be delighted to talk to you about it.

Thank you all again for your generous support of the children at Hope Ministry, Davao City.

Gordon Cooksey

Missing in Action, or Inaction

Someone has borrowed the brush from the upright vacuum cleaner. Could the person who has please let Cath know as soon as possible, as the cleaner will not operate at all without its brush? Thank you.

Christmas Hampers

Thank you so much to everyone who generously donated towards the Christmas hampers. We were able to distribute them, not only to Banksia Park Primary School, but to those in want, as well as others in need of help in our community. Please glue your eyes to the wall projections today, in order to see the fruitful evidence of your kindness and Christian charity. God bless you all.

OUR DECEMBER AND 2021 DIARY DATES

- **Sunday Morning Worship: 13th December: 10.00 am**
- **Third Sunday in Advent (Joy): Sunday, 13th December**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 13th December: 6.00 pm**
- **Fourth Sunday in Advent (Love): Sunday, 20th December**
- **Blue Christmas Service: Sunday, 20th December: 6.00 pm**
- **Christmas Day Service: Friday, 25th December: 9.00 am**
- **Jonathan on Leave: 26th December to 7th January**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 27th December: 10.00 am**
- **January Working Bee: (No Honey Available)**
- **First 2021 Working Bee: Saturday, 6th February: 8.00 am**

A Message from the Elders

Violet is the liturgical colour used for the first two Sundays in Advent, signifying a time of prayer, penance and sacrifice. This is contrasted with the liturgical colour pink, used specifically on this third Sunday in Advent, which is the colour of joy.

Today, in our church, we light the Shepherds' Candle in remembrance of the Angel's appearance to the shepherds and the joy the world experienced when Jesus was born. During this week read, think and pray about the message of joy contained within: Luke 1, Matthew 2:1-12 and Luke 2:1-20.

The theologian Henri Nouwen differentiates between happiness and joy as follows: "Whilst happiness is dependent on external conditions, joy is something deeper, It is the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing - sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death - can take that love away. Joy does not simply happen to us; we have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day."

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

