

**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](mailto: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.**

**Church Telephone Number: 8251 4298**

**This Week's Roster**

**20th December, 2020**

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

**Next Week's Roster**

**27th December, 2020**

Preacher: **James**  
Leader (am): **Ceri**  
Leader (pm): **\*\*\*\*\***  
Marshal (Church): **Cath**  
Marshal (Hall): **Andrew**  
Reader: **Chris H.**  
Musician: **Pat**  
Stewards: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Manager: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Crèche: **Vacation**  
Kidz Connect: **Vacation**  
Morning Tea: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Audio Desk: **Rykhardt**  
Camera Operator: **Tim**  
Computer: **Ralph**  
Overflow Overseer: **Ruan**  
Cleaning: **Coral & Neil**

**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.**

# Golden Grove Gazette

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

[www.goldengroveuniting.org.au](http://www.goldengroveuniting.org.au)

Sunday, 20th December, 2020

Fourth Sunday in Advent (Love)

Preacher: **Jonathan**

**A Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols**

**Mission Statement: To draw people**

**to our Lord Jesus Christ**

**and nurture them through our church**



**From the Grandparents-to-be**

They say it's the most wonderful time of the year, and in so many ways it is. We have family, gifts, food, carols and way too much shopping. And of course there is the Baby. It's all about a celebration of His amazing birth.

Kathryn and I want to wish you all the blessings of this Christmas season as you celebrate Jesus' birth and the good news this is for us and for the world. On a personal note, we are about to celebrate the birth of another baby; our first grandchild is due on 29 December. Thank you for all your prayers and good wishes for this little boy. We are very excited about his impending arrival.

May 2021 bring more of God's gifts to you and to those you love. May we continue to seek to serve Christ as His church and to bless our community.

'Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.' (Jude 1: 2)

Jonathan and Kathryn



### 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.

### **The Christmas Spirit**

Christmas is undoubtedly a time of goodwill and a generosity of spirit to most people.

This being so, I am happy to present a great opportunity to give a practical expression to your fine feelings!

Unfortunately, one of our sponsors is unable to continue sponsorship from the end of this year.

I am therefore seeking sponsorship for 5 year old Jacob Gabatilla. I have his photo and details and would be delighted to share them with you. Payment has been given for this term, and so no payment is needed until March 2021.

Please see me if you are just considering this step, so that I can give you the details of the scheme.

Incidentally, if more than one person/couple/group expresses an interest, this will not be a problem as Luciano has many more children who would benefit greatly from your support.

Thanks and blessings,

Gordon Cooksey



### OUR DECEMBER AND 2021 DIARY DATES

- **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: from 26th December**
- **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

Our church's Advent wreath is circular, symbolising God's unending love. It is constructed of evergreen leaves, which represent the hope of eternal life brought by Jesus Christ. Distributed around the outside are the four Advent candles (three purple and one pink), which do not only represent the four Sundays in Advent, but also the four stages of human history: Creation, the Incarnation, the Redemption of Sins, and the Last Judgement.

On this final Sunday in Advent, we light the Angel's Candle. It is a purple candle, which symbolises Love; and we light it in remembrance of the angel's message of love and peace to the shepherds: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." - Luke 2:14 [KJV]

As we spend this final week in Advent in penance and prayer, waiting for the birth of our Saviour, read and pray about the following passages:

John 1:1-18, Matthew 1:18-25, Matthew 2:13-23, Luke 2:25-38  
and Mark 1:9-11.

The best way to prepare our hearts and minds for the true meaning of Christmas is: celebrating the season of Advent by embracing and encouraging all around us — Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

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

