

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.

Church Telephone Number: 8251 4298

This Week's Roster

3rd January, 2021

Preacher: Reverend Ross Honey
Leader (am): Neil
Leader (pm): *****
Marshal (Church): Andrew
Marshal (Hall): Cath
Reader: Coral
Musician: Heather
Stewards: *****
Manager: *****
Crèche: Vacation
Kidz Connect: Vacation
Morning Tea: *****
Audio Desk: Ruan
Camera Operator: Rykhardt
Computer: Lucinda
Overflow Overseer: Renée
Cleaning: *****

Next Week's Roster

10th January, 2021

Preacher: Ross
Leader (am): James
Leader (pm): *****
Marshal (Church): Cath
Marshal (Hall): Rykhardt
Reader: Brunetta
Musician: Brunetta
Stewards: *****
Manager: *****
Crèche: Vacation
Kidz Connect: Vacation
Morning Tea: *****
Audio Desk: Ralph
Camera Operator: Tim
Computer: Ruan
Overflow Overseer: Rykhardt
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, 3rd January, 2021

Second Sunday after Christmas

Preacher: Reverend Ross Honey

Theme: Rest in Jesus

New Testament Reading: John 1: 1-14

Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church



Gratissimum, Ross!

Today we extend a warm welcome to the Reverend Ross Honey and his lovely wife, Lorraine. Ross will be ministering to us throughout January and February, while Jonathan is on leave.

The New Year, 2021

Francis Brienen, a British minister and author in the Reformed Church, has written the following inspirational prayer for the New Year. Make it your earnest prayer for 2021.

God of all time,
who makes all things new,
we bring before you the year now ending.
For life full and good,
for opportunities recognised and taken,
for love known and shared,
we thank you.

Where we have fallen short,
forgive us.
When we worry over what is past,

(PTO)

When we worry over what is past,
free us.

As we begin again
and take our first steps into the future,
where nothing is safe and certain,
except you,
we ask for the courage of the wise men
who simply went and following a star.
We ask for their wisdom,
in choosing to pursue the deepest truth,
not knowing where they would be led.
In the year to come, God of all time,
be our help and company.
Hold our hands as we journey onwards
and may your dreams of shalom,
where all will be at peace,
be our guiding star.

The prayer can be found at:

<https://prayerandverse.com/2017/01/02/as-we-begin-again/>

or in 'The Complete Book of Christian Prayer'.

(submitted by Reverend Gordon)

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 2021 DIARY DATES

- **Epiphany: Wednesday, 6th January**
- **First Working Bee: Saturday, 9th January: 8.00 am**
- **2021 Church Council Commissioning: Sunday, 10th January**
- **First Café Church: Sunday, 10th January: 6.00 pm**
- **First Estia Worship Service: Monday, 18th January**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 24th January: 6.00 pm**

A Message from the Elders

Ever had an epiphany? The Collins dictionary defines epiphany as "a moment of sudden insight or understanding". In Christianity, the term Epiphany has a different meaning.

Christian Epiphany is the liturgical season we celebrate after Advent, leading up to the season of Lent. Epiphany begins on Wednesday 06 January - exactly 12 days after Christmas. During this liturgical season we celebrate the appearance of God, in the flesh to the gentile world, when He was born as the baby Jesus, and we commemorate the manifestation of His divinity, which occurred at His baptism in the Jordan river.

The twelve days represent the amount of time it took after the birth of Jesus for the three wise men, representing the gentile world, to follow the Natal star all the way to Bethlehem for the epiphany. There they worshipped Him, recognising Him as the Son of God, bringing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Read what happened in Matthew 2 and of the many Old Testament prophecies that were fulfilled during the unfolding of these events.

Our church elders are: Ross, Cath, Ceri, Ray and Rykhardt.

Have you collected your 2021 offering envelopes yet?