

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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This Week's Roster

24th January, 2021

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

Next Week's Roster

31st January, 2021

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

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Sunday, 24th January, 2021

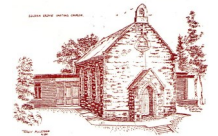
Third Sunday after Epiphany

Preacher: Reverend Ross

Theme: Follow

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 14-20

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

ULURU

(from Reverend Gordon)

The massive sandstone monolith in central Australia, known as Uluru or Ayers Rock, is sacred to the Aboriginal people and is one of the nation's most recognisable natural landmarks. One of its amazing features is the way in which it appears to change colour at different times of the day and year, most notably at dawn and sunset. Sunrise at Uluru sees the terracotta-coloured surface gradually bathed in flaming red. During the afternoon, it turns a brilliant yellow. Late afternoon and at dusk, with tourists gazing and cameras clicking, the sun sets it ablaze in a deep orange glow. At night, Uluru stands as a black mound in the stillness of the desert. When rain falls, the rock acquires a silver-grey appearance, streaked with black algae. The rock is alive! With variations in light and the changing moods of Uluru, the rock is a magnet to tourists and HAS tantalised people for centuries.

The Gospels present Jesus in a variety of different lights. He makes bold statements and adopts different images to reveal new facets of his character and his calling. Jesus is like a beautiful rock that is continually changing. We turn and take another look and he has changed.

God calls us to enjoy a friendship with him that is vibrant and changing, a relationship of growth and challenge. Express your yearning to God that you might discover yet another facet of his Son, the Saviour who loves you.

A Message from our Elders

As Christian believers it is important that we constantly remind ourselves that Jesus Christ has to be the main focus of our lives. We become so easily distracted with everyday things and the troubles all around us that we forget who we are and Whom we serve.

We are "foreigners" (1 Peter 1:17) in this world and we must be holy in everything we do (1 Peter 1:15), just as God, who chose us, is holy. This means that, even though we currently live in this world, we are not to become part of this world's desires. We are called to free ourselves of all malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander (1 Peter 2:1) and to be as newborn babies (1 Peter 2:2) craving "pure spiritual milk" so that we may grow up in our faith.

In 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Paul urges the people of Corinth not to become overly attached to worldly things. The end of this age is coming soon and we should rather focus on Christ and eternity. Being holy to God is to be set apart for Him. We must imitate Jesus in all that we do, living as citizens of the Kingdom of God.

A prayer to refocus your life: "Our Heavenly Father, I'm sorry for going my own way and not placing my complete trust in you. Lord, I'm sorry that I let the cares of the world distract me from your Kingdom and your Gospel Truth. Lord Jesus, thank you for dying for my sins. Thank you for paying the full price with your precious blood, ensuring my salvation. Holy Spirit, I invite you into my life to renew my heart and to purify it, so that I may obey and place my complete faith and hope in my Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen."

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



OUR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY DIARY DATES

- **Sunday Morning Worship: 24th January: 10.00 am**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 24th January: 6.00 pm**
- **Australia Day: Tuesday, 26th January**
- **Men's Evening Bible Study: Thursday, 28th January: 6.30 pm (Hall)**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 31st January: 10.00 am**
- **KYB: Monday, 1st February: 9.30 am to 11.30 am (Meeting Room)**
- **Kinder Ballet: Thursday, 4th February: 9.15 am to 11.15 am**
- **mainly music: Friday, 5th February: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**

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.



Philippines Sponsorship Scheme

I wish to express my thanks for another very generous donation to the Philippines sponsorship scheme. On behalf of Luciano and the 27 children supported by the scheme, thank you very much. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Gordon Cooksey

Today's Hymns and Songs

Come, let us to the lord our God (Together in Song 577)
Lord, the light of your love is shining (Together in Song 675)
My heart is filled with thankfulness (Getty Hymn Book)
How deep the Father's love for us (Songs of Fellowship 780)
I heard the voice of Jesus say (Together in Song 585)
O, breath of life come (Together in Song 409)



Bible Study Groups

If you're not already part of a Bible Study group, consider joining one of the Bible study groups at our church:

- Women's Bible Study (KYB) - Mondays at 10.00 am - Contact Joan Checkley or Chris Holroyd,
- Women's Evening Bible Study - Thursdays at 7.00 pm - Contact Kathryn Button,
- Men's Morning Bible Study - Tuesdays at 10.30 am - Contact Andrew MacTier,
- Men's Evening Bible Study - Thursdays at 6.30 pm - Contact Jonathan Button or Rykhardt Wilkinson,
- Salisbury East Bible Study - Wednesdays at 7.00 pm - Contact Ted Jones or Trevor Walker,
- Golden Grove Bible Study - Every Second Wednesday at 7.00 pm - Contact David Mapp.

It is surprising what is able to be recycled.

Please place your plastic bottle tops, aluminium ring pulls and used postage stamps in the appropriate boxes on the table in the hall. For further information about their destiny, please speak to David Bickerton (bottle tops), Neil Larcombe (ring pulls) or Joyce Ellicott (used stamps).

To My Church Family

I would like to say thank you for your telephone calls, e-mails, cards and, most importantly, your prayers on the passing of my dear brother, Frankie.

A special thank you to Jonathan for his visits, Bible readings and prayers for Frankie and the family.

Frankie's funeral will be held on Thursday, 28th January, at 10.00 am, at Harrison's, Ridgehaven.

Blessings, Cath



Valete, Pastor Allan George

It has come to the editor's attention that some of us were unaware of the passing of the much loved pastor, Reverend Allan Cyril George.

As we "old timers" fondly remember, Allan was our relieving minister for six months during the dark days between the departure of Robert and the arrival of David.

*I AM THE Resurrection
AND THE Life,
HE THAT
Believeth
IN ME, THOUGH HE WERE DEAD,
YET SHALL HE
Live.*
~JOHN 11:25

Allan died in the Royal Adelaide Hospital on 19th November, 2020, a week or so after suffering a severe stroke. He was aged eighty-five.

He is now safe in the arms of Jesus with his beloved wife, Dorothy.

We thank Allan for his wonderful ministry as a true and faithful servant of our Lord.