

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

7th February, 2021

Preacher: **Ross (& Gideons)**
Leader (am): **Ceri**
Leader (pm): *********
Marshal (Church): **Cath**
Marshal (Hall): **Rykhardt**
Reader: **Tina**
Musician: **Heather**
Stewards: *********
Manager: *********
Crèche: **Vacation**
Kidz Connect: **Vacation**
Morning Tea: *********
Audio Desk: **Ralph**
Camera Operator: **Tim**
Computer: **Lucinda**
Overflow Overseer: **Rykhardt**
Cleaning: *********

Next Week's Roster

14th February, 2021

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

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, 7th February, 2021

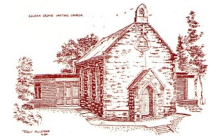
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Preacher: Reverend Ross

Theme: Not Deception, but the Open Truth

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 29-39

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

Hearing God's Word

I began my formal training to become a Minister of the Word at the beginning of year 2001. We became members of Hope Valley Uniting Church because we lived just down the road in Valley View. We joined a Bible Study group which kicked off with a study on the book of 2 Timothy, a personal letter to Paul's young protégé and fellow evangelist, Timothy.

I hope you also have experienced the joy of reading something in the Bible and knowing that God is speaking through a passage directly to your heart, addressing your life as it is at that time. God certainly did that for me as we worked our way through the second chapter. From verse 11, it reads —

Here is a trustworthy saying:

**If we died with him, we will also live with him;
If we endure, we will also reign with him.
If we disown him, he will also disown us;
If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.**

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Surely, these words express the heart of the Gospel and highlight God's utter faithfulness? The next couple of verses impacted on me with such force that they have become my constant prayer ever since—

Keep reminding God's people of these things. Warn them before God against quarrelling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed [of the Gospel] and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Given the training I had just embarked upon and the goal of that training, I felt God encouraging me in my endeavours and setting out what was to be the core of my life preaching. It could be a special word to your heart as well.

(Rev. Ross)

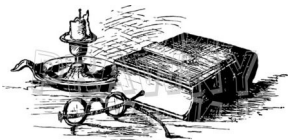
The Season of Lent

As precursor to the Season of Lent, Shrove Tuesday (16th February) and Ash Wednesday (17th February) are almost upon us.

The first Sunday in Lent is 21st February, with the sixth Sunday (Palm Sunday) being on 28th March.



Lenten boxes will be on the table at the back of the hall for anyone who would like to take one home and return it on 28th March. Thank you.



"The price of wisdom is above rubies."

Job 28: 18

A Message from the Elders

In Mark 1:29-34, we read of one of the many examples in which Jesus healed and cared for the people to whom He preached the Gospel. Mark 5:30-44, where Jesus miraculously fed the five thousand, is perhaps a more well-known example of His compassion and love for the crowds to whom He preached. Loving and caring for others is at the very core of the Gospel message and our Lord Jesus sets the example for "Love your neighbour as yourself" (Mark 12:31).

In our congregation, pastoral care happens informally in an unstructured, loving manner and also formally through a structured pastoral carers network. Our congregation is blessed to have so many who provide mutual care and support in an unofficial capacity, both inside and outside of our church environment.

If you would like to become more formally involved in providing pastoral care to your fellow congregation members, please speak to one of our elders about how you can join our church's pastoral carers network.

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



"A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger."

Proverbs 15: 1

*“Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church:
it is a good Christian weapon.”*

Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Some Sad News

Brian Curtis, a former member of our congregation, died on Friday, 22nd January. Those of us who volunteer to help at Estia's monthly services will all have fond memories of his beautiful singing and will remember, too, his duets with our ageless Joan.

A New Member

Three weeks ago, 10th January, we welcomed Owen Davis as a new member of our congregation. Owen, we are very pleased to have you as part of our church family.

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).

Mrs Catherine McKechnie CAM

Congratulations to our Cath on her well deserved award in the Australia Day honours.

OUR FEBRUARY DIARY DATES

- Sunday Morning Worship: 7th February: 10.00 am
- KYB: Monday, 8th February: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (Meeting Room)
- Pastoral Carers Meeting: Tuesday, 9th February: 7.00 pm (Church)
- Men's Evening Bible Study: Thursday, 11th February: 6.30 pm (Hall)
- *mainly music*: Friday, 12th February: 9.30 am to 11.30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: 14th February: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 14th February: 6.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 15th February: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (Meeting Room)
- Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, 16th February: 7.00 pm (Church)
- *mainly music*: Friday, 19th February: 9.30 am to 11.30 am

The Visit of Gideons Australia

Today we welcome a representative from Gideons Australia, who will be joining Ross at the lectern.

As is our custom when the Gideons visit us, there will be a retiring offering taken up for them. Thank you very much.

Communion Sunday Donations

Would you please place your donations for the needy in our locality in the large plastic containers in the hall? Thank you very much.

A new home is required.

- David (Bickerton) has a television set that he wishes to give away. It is a Panasonic 50 centimetres television set, in working order, and complete with the instruction book and the necessary cabling. Please see David if you are interested.
- Jim's sister-in-law has a potted fig tree (about four feet high), for which she has no room in her garden. If you are interested in a free fig tree, would you please speak to Jim? Thank you very much.

It has been suggested that I reprint this for the benefit of those who have joined our church family recently, and those who may wish to refresh their memory.

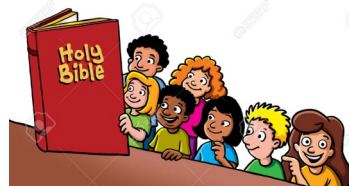
Philippines Child Education Sponsorship

Golden Grove U.C.A. continues to support our sister church in Davao City in the Philippines in their Hope Ministry, as it seeks to help poor families afford the extra costs of their children's education.

Although education is free, mandatory and State funded, the cost of education supplies, text books, uniforms, travel to secondary schools, etc., is beyond the reach of very many poor families and orphaned children.

Our sponsorship scheme, initiated by the late Rev. Robert Iles, began in 2006, and we currently support 27 children. As a result of our assistance over the years, a number have graduated from High School and even from University, while many more have found employment, and other children have taken their places in the scheme.

Our sponsors contribute \$90 per quarter, in March, June, September and December. This equates to about \$1 per day; a very small sum to us, but it buys a great deal more in the Philippines. This amount was established in 2006. Hence, some of our sponsors regard this as a minimum only, but this is an individual decision. and a further two are supported by the 'Philippines jars'".



At present (February, 2021) 16 of our church families are involved in the sponsorship scheme, together with 6 people/families who don't currently worship in our church. In addition, 1 child is sponsored by the Mission and Wider Work Committee and a further 2 are supported by the 'Philippines jars'".

Currently, a total of 27 children have a more hopeful future as a result of this scheme: a very laudable effort!

If you wish to know more about the scheme, please speak to me at any time; Luciano always has more children in his ministry who would welcome the opportunities that our sponsorship brings.

Gordon Cooksey

