

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

14th February, 2021

Preacher: **Rev. Ross**  
Leader (am): **James**  
Leader (pm): **David M.**  
Marshal (Church): **Ray**  
Marshal (Hall): **Tim**  
Reader: **Sandy**  
Musician: **Brunetta**  
Stewards: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Manager: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Kidz Connect: **Tina**  
Morning Tea: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Audio Desk: **Ruan & Lucinda**  
Camera Operator: **Lucinda**  
Computer: **Rykhardt & James**  
Overflow Overseer: **Tim**  
Cleaning: **Cleaner**  
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Next Week's Roster

21st February, 2021

Preacher: **Rev. Gordon**  
Leader (am): **Neil**  
Leader (pm): **\*\*\*\*\***  
Marshal (Church): **Coral**  
Marshal (Hall): **Cath**  
Reader: **Coral**  
Musician: **Brunetta**  
Stewards: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Manager: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Kidz Connect: **Tina & Katherine**  
Morning Tea: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Audio Desk: **Ryhardt**  
Camera Operator: **Ruan**  
Computer: **Lucinda**  
Overflow Overseer: **Ralph**  
Cleaning: **\*\*\*\*\***  
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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, 14th February, 2021

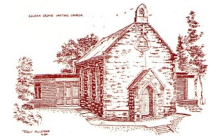
Transfiguration of Jesus

Preacher: Reverend Ross

Theme: Glorious Humanity

Gospel Reading: Mark 9: 2-9

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

The Affair of the Sausages

The year is 1522 and the location is Zurich, Switzerland. A Pastor, Ulrich Zwingli, has contracted a printer, Christoph Froschauer, to publish a collection of his sermons on the epistles of St. Paul. Printing in the sixteenth century was an arduous affair and Froschauer had his workers busily engaged well beyond their normal working hours in an effort to get the pages out. When they finally finished for the night, the workers were hungry, and Froschauer invited them, along with Zwingli and other church leaders, to a feast of sausages.

"Well, what of it?", you might ask. A perfectly natural and gracious thing to do for hungry workers! The problem rested in the fact that the feast of sausages occurred during the season of Lent, when eating meat was **prohibited** by the church. Not only that, but this prohibition was enshrined in Zurich's civil law.

Froschauer was duly arrested for breaking the law. Zwingli, though present at the feast, had not actually partaken of the sausages, but he quickly came to Froschauer's defence, and, in the process, confronted the church's traditions and edicts. He preached a sermon "Regarding the Choice and Freedom of Foods" in which he argued that, since fasting was not commanded by Scripture, fasting was a matter of personal conscience, not a law of God to be enforced.

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Thus, the Reformation had begun in Switzerland. The European Reformations were protests against the elevation of religious practices above the Scriptures and spawned Protestant denominations across the globe, including our own.

The Christian Season of Lent begins on Wednesday (Ash Wednesday). At the end of this season, we celebrate the Easter story. One of the church's traditions is that we give up something for the 40 days of Lent. You may choose to do something along these lines, which may be important to you and your relationship with Jesus. But just remember the Affair of the Sausages and St. Paul's witness to the Roman church: "*For the kingdom of God is not a matter of **eating and drinking**, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit...*" (Romans 14:17)

*(Rev. Ross)*

#### Today's Hymns and Songs

Be still, for the presence of the Lord (Praise and Worship 527)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty (Together in Song 132)

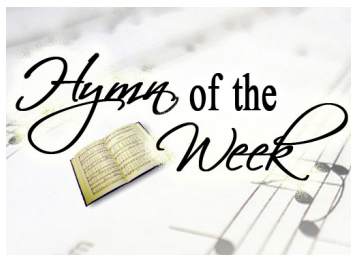
These are the days of Elijah (Praise and Worship 912)

O, for a thousand tongues to sing (Together in Song 210)

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You (Getty Hymn Book)

How great is our God (Praise and Worship 1020)

Now unto Him who is able to keep (Praise and Worship 470)



#### OUR FEBRUARY DIARY DATES

- **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)**
- **Shrove Tuesday: 16th February**
- **Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, 16th February: 7.00 pm (Church)**
- **Ash Wednesday: 17th February**
- **mainly music: Friday, 19th February: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **First Sunday in Lent: 21st February**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 21st February: 10.00 am**
- **KYB: Monday, 22nd February: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (Meeting Room)**
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#### The Visit of Gideons Australia

Last Sunday we enjoyed a most informative and uplifting talk about the enormous role Gideons Australia plays in disseminating God's Word around the world.

The speaker, Evan Reece, was delighted with the response of our generous congregation.

A sum of \$287.55 was raised by the retiring offering.

Thank you so much to our wonderful church family.

*"For whom the Lord loveth He correcteth:*

*even as a father the son in whom he delighteth."*

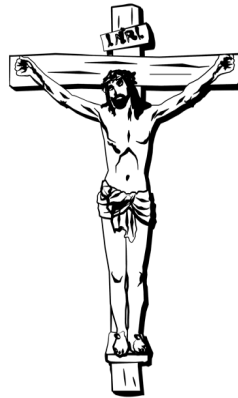
*Proverbs 3:12*

#### A Bargain for Free

- **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.**

“No man is an island,  
Entire of itself.  
Each is a piece of the continent,  
A part of the main.  
If a clod be washed away by the sea,  
Europe is the less.  
As well as if a promontory were,  
As well as if a manor of thine own,  
Or of thy friend’s were.  
Each man’s death diminishes me,  
For I am involved in mankind.  
Therefore, send not to know  
For whom the bell tolls.  
It tolls for thee.”

John Donne (1572-1631)



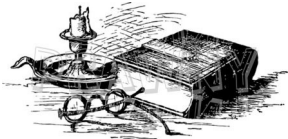
### The Season of Lent

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.



*“Where there is no vision,  
the people perish.”*

*Proverbs 29: 18*

### A Message from the Elders

In our December and January gazette messages, we learned about the liturgical seasons of Advent and Epiphany. One key difference between these two seasons is that Advent is a season of anticipation for the comings of Christ from three different perspectives (past, present and future), whereas the season of Epiphany is focussed on the manifestation of Christ to all people. The next liturgical season that we shall soon enter is Lent.

Lent focusses on the life and ministry of Jesus, as well as the renewal of our commitment to Him in Christian discipleship. It is a season of self-examination, a time of drawing oneself nearer to God and an opportunity to open our hearts a little more and to allow ourselves to understand the Lord a little more deeply.

Lent is a time to fully realise the great and awesome love Jesus has for us and why He had to die on the cross. The focus of Lent is not on sadness or despair, but in the hope of the resurrection and the day that every tear will be dried (Revelation 21:4).

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday (17 February) and concludes at sundown on Holy Saturday (03 April). Lent lasts for forty weekdays and six Sundays. Think and pray about how you can take part in the practices associated with Lent.

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



*“Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life,  
and few there be that find it.” Matthew 7: 14*

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.

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

