

### 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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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.

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#### This Week's Roster

7th March, 2021

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Kathryn**  
Leader (pm): **\*\*\*\*\***  
Marshal (Church): **Chris H.**  
Marshal (Hall): **Rykhardt**  
Reader: **Chris H.**  
Musician: **Heather**  
Stewards: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Manager: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Kidz Connect: **Michelle & Tina**  
Morning Tea: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Audio Desk: **Ruan**  
Camera Operator: **Ralph**  
Computer: **Lucinda**  
Overflow Overseer: **Rykhardt**  
Cleaning: **\*\*\*\*\***

#### Next Week's Roster

14th March, 2021

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Kathryn**  
Leader (pm): **David M.**  
Marshal (Church): **Tim**  
Marshal (Hall): **Chris H.**  
Reader: **Brunetta**  
Musician: **Brunetta**  
Stewards: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Manager: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Kidz Connect: **Coral & Tina**  
Morning Tea: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Audio Desk: **Ralph & Ralph**  
Camera Operator: **Tim**  
Computer: **Rykhardt & James**  
Overflow Overseer: **Lucinda**  
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.

## Golden Grove Gazette

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

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

Sunday, 7th March, 2021

Third Sunday in Lent

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Loving the Father**

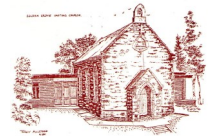
Gospel Reading: **John 2: 13-22**

### Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church



### Up Close and Personal

#### **Psalm 19:1,4,8,11**

*"The heavens declare the glory of God;.... Their voice goes out into all the earth,...."*  
*"The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.... By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward."*

Every part of creation speaks of the glory of God. Like a work of art, the creation cannot help but point to the artist - the Creator. Yet it is possible for us to acknowledge the truth that God is behind the created world, but still *not have anything to do with Him personally*. We can think, "that's great that God has made this amazing creation, as long as He doesn't 'mess' with my life too much, nor expect me to get too involved with Him!

As Christians we can do that!...

But this is never enough, because salvation and fullness of life are *in God*, and so only become ours *by having a real, personal relationship with God* (Ps 3:8); only by Him being "up close and personal" with us, and we with Him.

For that to happen we need more than just the truth of God's presence and work reflected in the creation. For that we need the clear, penetrating *Word of God* (the whole truth of God taught in the Bible) to speak to us, and into our lives. Only this truly shows us our sins, declares the forgiving grace of God, and gives and leads us in a new life as God's dear children.

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So, *let's get into our Bibles!*... everyone of us, every day, soak in God's Word. It's the only way to be truly, fully alive as human beings. (\*and if we need help with how to go about that, speak to the Minister or one of the Elders)

*Grace and cheers, Jonathan.*

#### A Message from the Elders

The Lenten season is the perfect time to take a good, hard, inward look at ourselves. It's an opportunity, not for personal improvement or character development in the everyday sense, but rather an opportunity for spiritual cleansing and a time to realign our purposes with God's purposes.

In John 2:13-22 we read how Jesus went to the temple in Jerusalem during the preparations for the Jewish Passover festival and found the temple to be filled with merchants selling animals and exchanging foreign currency. The house of God, an institution of worship, prayer, sacrifice and instruction, had been reduced to a common marketplace.

Our hearts can be like this temple. If we are not careful, we can allow a place reserved for the Holy Spirit to become a place filled with all kinds of everyday, ordinary things. We think that we shall end up filling ourselves with what seems practical and logical, but in fact we end up filling ourselves with what satisfies us here and now - on demand, just the way we want it. Does this ever last? Do these things actually end up bringing joy to our lives?

In verse 15 we read how Jesus cleansed the temple by driving out the merchants, and so too we must continually examine ourselves; and ask our Lord Jesus to step into our lives in order to drive out the things that have taken His place in our hearts.

Whom do you worship in your temple? Take care of your heart.

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

#### Philippines Child Education Scheme

**Your March quarter sponsorship is now due.**  
**Thank you for your continuing support of this important outreach.**  
**Gordon Cooksey.**

### OUR AUTUMNAL DIARY DATES

- **Sunday Morning Worship: 7th March: 10.00 am**
- **Public Holiday: Monday, 8th March**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 11th March: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **mainly music: Friday, 12th March: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 14th March: 10.00 am**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 14th March: 6.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 15th March: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
- **Estia Worship Service: Monday, 15th March: 2.00 pm**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 18th March: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **mainly music: Friday, 19th March: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 21st March: 10.00 am**
- **KYB: Monday, 22nd March: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 25th March: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **mainly music: Friday, 26th March: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**

#### The Power of Prayer

- Pre-service Prayer Time - Sunday mornings before worship, from 9.00 am, in the meeting room,
- Post-service Prayer Time - In the church directly after the service each Sunday morning,
- Café Church - 6.00 pm each second Sunday of the month,
- Thursday Prayers - In the meeting room each Thursday between 8.00 am and 9.00 am,
- Prayer Chain - Contact Ray Holroyd to find out more,
- Prayer Request Cards - Available in the church and also on the back hall table - complete and lodge in the offering bag or the mail box on the back hall table .

