

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

14th March, 2021

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leader (pm): **David M.**
Marshal (Church): **Tim**
Marshal (Hall): **Neil**
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**

Next Week's Roster

21st March, 2021

Preacher: **Leigh Filmer**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leader (pm): *********
Marshal (Church): **Andrew**
Marshal (Hall): **Tim**
Reader: **Barbara**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Stewards: *********
Manager: *********
Kidz Connect: **Joy & Ailsa**
Morning Tea: *********
Audio Desk: **Ruan**
Camera Operator: **Rykhardt**
Computer: **Ralph**
Overflow Overseer: **Tim**
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, 14th March, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Slytherin**

Scripture Readings: **Numbers 21: 4-9 and John 3: 14-21**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church



Losing Your Salvation

Is it possible to lose your salvation?... Some say yes, some say no.

If yes, it's a scary prospect! As well as having eternal ramifications, it's also an intensely practical matter. Being assured that our lives are ultimately loved, judged as "ok", approved and accepted by God, and eternally secure in that truth, affects our well-being, relationships and enjoyment of life, every day.

It is clear that, in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has done everything necessary to achieve and secure salvation and fullness of life for every person - i.e., so that "the world" might not perish, and be saved (Jn 3:16,17), and that this is achieved by His grace alone (Eph 2:4-9). Jesus declared this when He cried, "It is finished!" on the cross (Jn 19:30).

It is also clear that, for this gift of salvation to be known and effective in our lives, *we must receive it*. The greatest gift in the universe can't do us any good if we refuse to take hold of it, unwrap it, use it and enjoy it! We do this by believing that it is the truth, repenting, being baptised, and living in the good of it (Mt 28:19,20; Act 2:38).

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Our salvation has been established by the Creator and Redeemer Almighty. Nothing can ever undo that; nothing can ever destroy our salvation. However, if we refuse to truly receive it, *we can cut ourselves off from* it. So, Jesus taught, "Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already" (Jn 3:18). And, if we refuse to the end, this can lead to God's confirming our decision and cutting us off eternally (Mt 25:40-46).

We have all been given the gift of eternal salvation and fullness of life in Jesus Christ! Make sure we fully receive it and live it with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, every day of our lives!... *And why would we want to do anything less?!....*

Grace and cheers, Jonathan.

A Message from the Elders

Make some time this week to focus on your relationship with God. Look inward at the degree to which you to which you are allowing God into the different areas of your life and make yourself consciously aware of the things that you have allowed to become more important to you, rather than spending time with Him.

To help you along this journey, read the following passages from your Bible and prayerfully consider what God is saying to you.

* Read Mark 7:1-23. Here Jesus explains where the things that defile a person come from and how our self-made religious traditions can actually keep us from truly worshipping God wholeheartedly.

* Read John 8:31-59. Jesus explains that sin enslaves us and keeps us from having a loving relationship with God. Sin blinds us to seeing the truth and only Jesus can set us truly free.

* Read Isaiah 59:1-21. Learn how sin separates us from God. Take heed of God's judgement of sin and offer of redemption to those who acknowledge their sins and repent thereof.

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OUR AUTUMNAL DIARY DATES

- **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**
- **Palm Sunday: 28th March**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 28th March: 10.00 am**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 28th March: 6.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 29th March: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
- **Maundy Thursday: 1st April**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 1st April: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **Maundy Thursday**

* Read 1 John 1:5-10. Hear from the apostle John how we all have sinned and are called to live in the light, so that we can see our sins for what they are and realise that Jesus is the only one who can make us right in the sight of God.

* Read 1 Peter 2:4-25. Read how Jesus paid the full price for all our sins on the cross and how, as believers, we become God's chosen people: a community called to follow our Shepherd's example to live out our faith, whilst submitting to, and respecting, people in authority.

* Read Ephesians 2:1-10. Find out how our sins condemn us to eternal death and how, through God's great mercy, we have been given the gift of eternal life through our belief and trust in the resurrection of Christ. Salvation is a gift from God; it can't be earned with good deeds (verse 9) and therefore Jesus had to die for our sins to be forgiven,

In your prayer time, thank God for sending Jesus to bring hope into our world and praise Him for His greatness, His mercy and His never-ending love for us.

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