

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

28th March, 2021

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **James**  
Leader (pm): **David M.**  
Marshal (Church): **Neil**  
Marshal (Hall): **Ray**  
Reader: **Barrie**  
Musician: **Pat**  
Stewards: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Manager: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Kidz Connect: **Chris DeB. & Tina**  
Morning Tea: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Audio Desk: **Rykhardt & Lucinda**  
Camera Operator: **Ralph**  
Computer: **Ruan & James**  
Overflow Overseer: **Lucinda**  
Cleaning: **Chris & Graham**

Next Week's Roster

4th April, 2021

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Neil**  
Leader (pm): **\*\*\*\*\***  
Marshal (Church): **Neil**  
Marshal (Hall): **Rykhardt**  
Reader: **Coral**  
Musician: **Heather**  
Stewards: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Manager: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Kidz Connect: **Easter**  
Morning Tea: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Audio Desk: **Ralph**  
Camera Operator: **Tim**  
Computer: **James**  
Overflow Overseer: **Rykhardt**  
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, 28th March, 2021

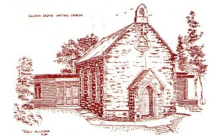
Palm Sunday

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Humility in Christian Life**

New Testament Readings: **Philippians 2: 1-11 and John 12: 12-16**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

*Humility = Salvation*

The Bible says, "blessed are the meek (*or humble*), for they shall inherit the earth" (Mt 5:1-5). And, as Monty Python said, "Oh, that's nice isn't it? I'm glad they're getting something, 'cause [the meek] have had a hell of a time."!!

But no, blessing has never been *the payment* for being humble, like compensation for doing something very distasteful. Rather, we discover that *humility is blessedness!*... Living in humility is *grace and salvation and fullness of life overflowing in us*; it is the effect of these things having first come to us.

When we know that we are utterly lost in life, and that we cannot "make it" by our goodness, cunning, or trying as hard as we can; that our only hope is if the grace of God gives us the gift of salvation and overflowing life; and that He has freely done this for us in Jesus Christ, *then we simply be truly humble!*

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However, *we shouldn't try to be humble*. As soon as we do that, we think about ourselves being humble, and how we deserve to be rewarded (i.e., we boast about being humble!), and instantly we have lost humility!

Rather the trick is *ceasing to think about ourselves!*... Real humility is *not being concerned with ourselves, and being concerned with someone else instead*. Firstly, *being concerned with God*, out of thanksgiving, love and joy for all that He gives us; and, secondly, *being concerned with all of our neighbours*, to love them in the same way that God has loved us.

Then, we won't resist God's will, but freely submit ourselves to Him; won't seek to get our own way, won't look down on others, nor "big-note" ourselves, but will be patient with others, lower ourselves to help others who are having difficulties, put the needs of others before our own.

*Grace upon grace, Jonathan.*

#### 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

#### OUR AUTUMNAL DIARY DATES

- 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
- Thursday Morning Prayers: 1st April: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Maundy Thursday Service: 1st April: 6.00 pm
- Good Friday Service: 2nd April: 9.00 am
- Holy Saturday: 3rd April
- End of Daylight Saving: Sunday, 4th April
- Easter Day Service: Sunday, 4th April: 10.00 am
- End of School Term One: Friday, 9th April
- Working Bee: Saturday, 10th April: 8.00 am (Date Change)
- Annual General Meeting: Sunday, 11th April: After Worship

#### Essential Information

**\*\*Easter Services:** Maundy Thursday - 1st April - 6.00 pm (Hall)  
Good Friday - 2nd April - 9.00 am  
Easter Day - 4th April - 10.00 am

**\*\*Women's Fellowship:** At our meeting on Thursday, 1st April, at 1.00 pm, we shall be having a fantastic and fun-filled Easter parade (Watch out, bunnies!), followed by some informative advice from Ralph.

**\*\*Church Council:** We are delighted to inform our congregation that the following persons have been endorsed as officers in the 2021 Church Council: Chairperson: (Neil Larcombe), Treasurer: (Chris Holroyd) and Minutes Taker: (Coral Larcombe).

**\*\*Working Bee:** The date for the next Working Bee has been changed from 3rd April, as a result of the intervention of Easter holidays.

## A Message from the Elders

Today is Palm Sunday and marks the start of Holy week, which is the final (and most important) week in Lent. On Palm Sunday we celebrate Jesus entering into Jerusalem, where He was welcomed and cheered on by the crowds: "blessed is the king of Israel!" (verse 13). Read the full account in John 12:12-19.

On the evening of Maundy Thursday (01 April) we commemorate the events of the Last Supper. Read how this night unfolded in John 13:1-38 and why Jesus washed His disciples' feet. This was also the night Jesus gave His disciples a new commandment: to love one another (verse 34).

On Good Friday (02 April) we remember the dramatic events that followed after Jesus was betrayed and arrested. Read John 18:1-27. We remember how that morning, our sinless Saviour was falsely accused, severely beaten, utterly humiliated and nailed to a cross beside two criminals at Calvary. Read John 18:28 to 19:27. We remember how He suffered for hours and, when it was accomplished, gave up His Spirit. Read John 19:28-30.

That same Friday night, Jesus' body was removed from the cross, wrapped in linen cloth, laid down in a tomb and the entrance sealed with a heavy stone. This was done that night as the next day was the Sabbath (Holy Saturday), Read John 19:31-42.

Spend time this week reading the abovementioned texts from the Bible so that so that you may fully grasp the great cost of your salvation. This is not a debt you can ever repay with good deeds, kind words or with an attempt at living a righteous life. It was a debt that was paid for you, willingly and lovingly, by the Lord Jesus Christ. He did this so that you may live a new life and be made right with God, in order to have a face to face relationship with our Heavenly Father.

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



## **Leigh & Tamara**

*with Mikayla, Jasmine and Cole.*



**We were blessed recently to have Leigh and Tamara Filmer join us, to talk about the Gospel of Jesus Christ, their work in South Asia, and encourage all of us in doing our mission with Christ.**

**Please support the work of their mission organisation with prayer, and, if you would like to offer ongoing financial support, you can do so via the link on our web page - [www.goldengroveuniting.org.au](http://www.goldengroveuniting.org.au).**

### Prayer Request Cards

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### Annual General Meeting

Do you remember when we last had one? That's right...2019! Well, after worship on 11th April is the date for the 2021 AGM. Members and non-members are welcome.