

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

4th April, 2021

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): *********
Marshal (Church): **Neil**
Marshal (Hall): **Rykhardt**
Reader: **Kathryn**
Musician: **Heather**
Stewards: *********
Manager: *********
Kidz Connect: **Easter**
Morning Tea: *********
Audio Desk: **Ralph**
Camera Operator: **Tim**
Computer: **James**
Overflow Overseer: **Rykhardt**
Cleaning: *********

Next Week's Roster

11th April, 2021

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Ceri**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Marshal (Church): **Chris H.**
Marshal (Hall): **Neil**
Reader: **Chris H.**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Stewards: *********
Manager: *********
Kidz Connect: **Vacation**
Morning Tea: *********
Audio Desk: **Rykhardt & Ralph**
Camera Operator: **Lucinda**
Computer: **Ruan & 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, 4th April, 2021

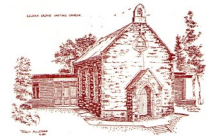
Easter Day

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **The Resurrection of Jesus Christ**

Gospel Reading: **John 20: 1-18**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

A Matter of Death, & Life

We can't have life without death. Obvious, I know! From one point of view, we would consider this a great curse (which it is - Gen 3:19), but, from another point of view, it is a great mercy; the fact that we die confronts us with our sin (Ro 6:23), which is because we have departed from the God of grace and His good law, which gives us no other option but to return to the God of grace seeking salvation and eternal life. So, you see, *death leads to life.*

This truth is concentrated in the Man, Jesus Christ.

We are all lost because we seek to rely on ourselves (our own abilities, goodness and cunning), and go our own way rather than God's. We also do this as Christians; we do the "right Christian things", yet our hearts can resist God's grace, and be cold and unloving towards Him (and, therefore, unloving towards others also). Yet, in great love for us, not wanting us to be lost, Jesus Christ:

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1. Stood in our place, and took from us our sins and carried them as though they were His,
2. Accepted the death due for our sin on His cross, which cancelled the sin, and therefore cancelled death too, and then
3. He was raised from the dead to eternal life by the power of God.

Death leads to life again... for Jesus Christ... but because He did this as our Lord, Saviour and Redeemer, He also did it for us; He did it so that, through faith and repentance, we can share in all the benefits of His death and resurrection - i.e., full forgiveness of our sins, blessing with all the gifts of His grace now, and resurrection from the dead to eternal life in the new heaven and earth.

His death leads to our life; therefore, our deaths will also lead to life!

Blessed Good Friday & Easter Day, Jonathan.

A Message from the Elders

Yesterday marked the end of the season of Lent, and starting today is the liturgical season of Easter, which lasts fifty days, covering eight Sundays, and concludes on Pentecost Sunday. Easter celebrates the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Easter Sunday marks one of the most significant events in Christendom. Three days prior, Jesus died on the cross at Calvary and His body was buried in the empty tomb.

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OUR APRIL DIARY DATES

- 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)
- Sunday Morning Worship: 11th April: 10.00 am
- Annual General Meeting: Sunday, 11th April: After Worship
- Café Church: Sunday, 11th April: 6.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: 15th April: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: 18th April: 10.00 am
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 19th April: 2.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: 22nd April: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Anzac Day: Sunday, 25th April
- Sunday Morning Worship: 25th April: 10.00 am

A Message from the Elders: Conclusion

The tomb was sealed and, to His followers, it seemed as if all hope was lost. Read what happened in John 20:1-18.

The empty tomb and Jesus' resurrection establishes Him as the Son of God and not just simply a human prophet who died a criminal's death on the cross. To all of us who choose to follow Jesus, it means that we died with Him on the cross and were raised with Him when He was raised from the dead. Jesus paid the full price for our salvation and, through Him, we receive the greatest gift ever given: a place in the eternal Kingdom of Heaven.

Read Corinthians 15:1-11, and, in your prayers this week, make a point of it to thank our Heavenly Father for sending His Son to save all of us.

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

