

**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**

**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**

**Next Week's Roster**

**18th April, 2021**

Preacher: **James**  
Leader (am): **Neil**  
Leader (pm): **\*\*\*\*\***  
Marshal (Church): **Coral**  
Marshal (Hall): **Chris H.**  
Reader: **Coral**  
Musician: **Brunetta**  
Stewards: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Manager: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Kidz Connect: **Vacation**  
Morning Tea: **\*\*\*\*\***  
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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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Keeping in touch with the G.G.U.C. family

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

Sunday, 11th April, 2021

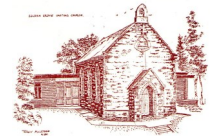
First Sunday after Easter

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **The Resurrection of the Body**

Gospel Reading: **John 20: 19-31**

**Mission Statement: To draw people**



to our Lord Jesus Christ

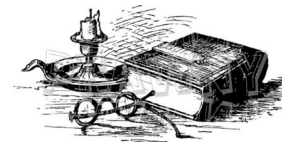
and nurture them through our church

**You Can Get Out of The Grave**

*How would life be different if we knew that we could get out of the grave?*

Think of that... that following our present life and death, that we could be raised to life again, with our recognisable body, yet transformed with strength and made glorious beyond our dreams, never to sicken or die, but to live forever; that we will share that life with those we love, God our Father and all of His people, in the best possible community; and in a physical world - the same creation we love so much now, yet healed, made eternal, and gloriously enriched by heaven itself - creation "*heavenised*"!

*That is what the Bible and Christian truth tell us that we are in for!*



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If God is leading us, humanity and the world to that goal, that has to fill our lives, relationships and work with the greatest meaning and purpose. That has to enable us to face and go through every hardship, suffering and loss with a hope and joy that can never be destroyed. That has to prompt us to work for a positive future for all of our neighbours and the world. That has to give us the assurance of full and eternal forgiveness, since Christ died and was raised to completely justify us by grace. That indeed has to enable us to face the deaths of others, and our own deaths, with the greatest hope!

The Word of God declares the truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead to eternal life, and the same kind of resurrection for all who believe in Him (just one example - (1Corinthians, chapter 15)). Hear that truth and believe it with all of your life!

*Blessed Easter, Jonathan.*

### A Message from the Elders

Our focus on our circumstances can cause us to become alienated from the true meaning of the Resurrection. When things become difficult we can lose hope and become blind to God's Caring Hand and the many blessings He has already provided. Eventually we allow ourselves to become fearful and we start to feel more and more isolated.

In John 20:19-23 we read that, after witnessing the arrest, trial and crucifixion, Jesus' disciples were afraid of being prosecuted by the Jewish leaders and were meeting behind locked doors. They, too, were focussing on their circumstances and had not yet realised that Jesus was alive again and what this incredible truth meant.

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### OUR APRIL DIARY DATES

- **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**
- **Queen Elizabeth's 95th Birthday: Wednesday, 21st April**
- **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**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 25th April: 6.00 pm**
- **Additional Public Holiday: Monday, 26th April**
- **Start Of Term Two: Tuesday, 27th April**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 29th April: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **mainly music: Friday, 30th April: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**

### A Message from the Elders: Conclusion

When Jesus appeared to them inside that locked room and they saw the wounds in His side and hands, they believed and were filled with joy (verse 20). Their focus had shifted from themselves and their circumstances back to Christ.

This is how our focus must be restored. All of us need to grab hold of the reality of Jesus Christ with both hands and never let go. Earnestly seek Him today.

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

