

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

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: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Audio Desk: **Ruan**  
Camera Operator: **Rykhardt**  
Computer: **Lucinda**  
Overflow Overseer: **Ralph**  
Cleaning: **\*\*\*\*\***

Next Week's Roster

25th April, 2021

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

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, 18th April, 2021

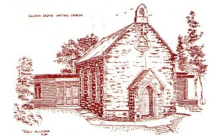
Second Sunday after Easter

Preacher: James

Theme: Trust and Obey

Gospel Reading: Luke 24: 36-49

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

**Who's To Blame?**

*The Times* of London once invited readers to write into the newspaper on the theme, "What's Wrong with the World?". A brave invitation to a general population of human beings! Amongst the *many* contributors was one from Christian novelist, G.K. Chesterton. In answer to the question his letter read, "Dear Sir, I am!"

Basically, we are responsible for the state that the world is in, and we have all contributed to this state of affairs to a greater or lesser degree. We like to blame politicians, of course, but we live in a *representative democracy*. Rightly or wrongly, our politicians are *representing us*, doing *what we want them to*. Politicians hold up a mirror to our society, and to ourselves.

What we are all to blame for is rejecting the grace of the God of grace. God created the universe and us out of grace. He forgave and redeemed us, giving us the gift of abundant life now, and eternal life, again all from His grace. Yet we try to live our lives relying on our own resources - our self-perceived goodness, and/or our devious scheming, rather than relying on God's grace. We believe that we owe nothing to God, but everything to ourselves, and therefore go our own way in life (sin) rather than God's (thankful obedience). The rejection of grace is the source of all evil!

*Grace upon grace, Jonathan.*

## A Message from the Elders

During Easter it is important that we reflect on the events of Jesus' death and resurrection, not only to strengthen and grow our own faith, but also to enable us to give a truthful account thereof when we share the Gospel with others. Here are how these events unfolded from Scripture:

When Jesus died on the cross, His death was accompanied by many miraculous events (Matthew 27:45-56) and that same day He was buried in an empty tomb by Joseph of Arimathea (Matthew 27:57-61).

The next day, the chief priests and Pharisees petitioned Pilate to post guards at the tomb, as they were concerned that the disciples might remove Jesus' body from the tomb during the night and falsely claim that He had risen from the dead (Matthew 27:62-66). After His resurrection and before ascending to Heaven, Jesus appeared to many people:

- Matthew 28:1-15 - Early the next morning the guards witness the angel of the Lord rolling back the stone of the tomb and Jesus appears to the women at the empty tomb.
- Luke 24:13-35 - Later that day Jesus appears to the two travellers on the Emmaus road, teaching them about all that had been said about Him in the Scriptures (verse 27).
- Luke 24: 36-49 - Jesus appears to most of His disciples for the first time and shows that He has a physical body. He ate with them and opened their minds, granting understanding regarding the Scriptures (verse 45).



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## OUR APRIL DIARY DATES

- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 19th April: 2.00 pm
- Church Council: Tuesday, 20th April: 7.00 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

- John 20:24-31 - A week later Jesus proves to Thomas that He is alive, causing Thomas to exclaim: "My Lord and my God!" (verse 28).
- John 21:1-25 - At the Sea of Galilee, Jesus appears to the disciples for a third time (verse 14). He shares in their miraculous catch of fish and restores Peter by allowing Peter to reaffirm everything he had denied.

Just like the disciples, we are to be the reliable witnesses of Jesus Christ, growing and strengthening His Church by making new disciples of the people of the world.

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

**Women's Fellowship**: Our next meeting is at home (i.e. the hall) on 6th May. Details about a guest speaker are yet to be finalised. (Eileen)