

**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**

**2nd May, 2021**

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Ceri**  
Leader (pm): **\*\*\*\*\***  
Marshal (Church): **Andrew**  
Marshal (Hall): **Rykhardt**  
Reader: **Barrie**  
Musician: **Heather**  
Stewards: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Manager: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Kidz Connect: **Tina & Katherine**  
Morning Tea: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Audio Desk: **Ruan**  
Camera Operator: **Tim**  
Computer: **James**  
Overflow Overseer: **Rykhardt**  
Cleaning: **\*\*\*\*\***

**Next Week's Roster**

**9th May, 2021**

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Kathryn**  
Leader (pm): **David M.**  
Marshal (Church): **Ray**  
Marshal (Hall): **Coral**  
Reader: **Tina**  
Musician: **Brunetta**  
Stewards: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Manager: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Kidz Connect: **Tina & Michelle**  
Morning Tea: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Audio Desk: **Rykhardt & Lucinda**  
Camera Operator: **Lucinda**  
Computer: **Ralph & Rykhardt**  
Overflow Overseer: **Ruan**  
Cleaning: **Cleaner**

**Women's Fellowship**

Everyone is welcome to our time of fellowship, at 1.00 pm this Thursday, 6th May. We have a guest speaker, who will talk to us on lots of issues of vital importance to all of us who have passed our use by date, according to our community leaders. I look forward to seeing you there. (Eileen)

**Communion Sunday Donations:** Would you please place these in the plastic containers in the hall? Thank you very much.

**Golden Grove Gazette**

Keeping in touch with the G.G.U.C. family

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

Sunday, 2nd May, 2021

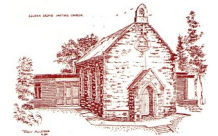
Fourth Sunday after Easter

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **The Resurrection of Creation**

Bible Readings: **Revelation 21: 1-5 and Matthew 19: 27-30**

**Mission Statement:** To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

**All Things Bright & Beautiful... Forever!**

Louis Armstrong sang, "It's a beautiful world". It's true, *it is*. Even in face of all the horror, injustice, pollution, disaster, evil and death! There is an irrepressible beauty that can still be seen following, and even in the midst of, all of these things.

God originally declared of His whole creation, "It is very good." (Gen 1:31) God bound Himself in love to His creation, so that ultimately He would cleanse, heal, renew and make it glorious, forever (Ro 8:21-25) - "a new heaven and a new earth" (Rev 21:1; Is 66:22-23).

In the resurrection, in the new heaven and earth, we will have bodies, the same recognisable "us", but much, much better, greater and more glorious than our present bodies, in particular free of pain and sickness, and deathless. And we will walk on dirt and grass, in forests and mountains, sky above us, rain and sunshine falling on us, birds and beasts around us.

*That is a kind of eternity that I can look forward to!* It kicks the idea of eternity as a spirit in a non-physical heaven out of the park! This hope also makes us positive about our world and its future, and motivates us to happily look after it as best as we can.

*Grace upon grace, Jonathan.*

### A Message from the Elders

*"One of our key values as a Presbytery is that we are in this together. Ministers, congregations, chaplains, pastors, leaders...we are all in this together. We are the presbytery. I have been reflecting on this as we prepare to gather again at our upcoming Generate Conference. I love when we gather. There is something powerful that happens in our hearts, our perspectives and our vision when we move against the trend of isolation, doing it on our own and being so focused locally that we don't see the bigger picture of what God is doing. We are the presbytery...in this together."*

Rev. Steph Tai (Generate Secretary)

#### **The Generate Conference will include:**

\*\*Building a culture of evangelism in your church, with Melinda Dwight,  
\*\*Preaching in today's context, with Kynan Brookes,  
\*\*How to build a kids or youth ministry from scratch, with Elissa Inglis & Nathan Pullman,  
\*\*Building healthy teams, with Craig Bailey,  
\*\*Digital Media: Where do I start and how do I use it to grow my church? (with Jenny Wardrop).

If you would like to attend this amazing time of worship, resourcing, networking as a Presbytery and hear stories from other churches, encouragement for leadership, mission and more, register your intention to attend via the registration link on the Generate Presbytery website before 16th May.

When? Fri 21 and Sat 22 May 2021 (exact times are indicated on the registration website)

Where? Hope Valley Uniting Church

How? Register via the registration link:

<https://generate.ucasa.org.au/contact-us/#meetings>

**If you have any questions regarding the event, please approach any of our church elders.**

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

### EARLY MAY DIARY DATES

- Sunday Morning Worship: 2nd May: 10.00 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: 6th May: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 6th May: 1.00 pm
- *mainly music*: Friday, 7th May: 9.30 am to 11.30 am
- Church Council Retreat: Saturday, 8th May: 9.00 am to 1.00 pm (Church)
- Mother's Day: Sunday, 9th May
- Sunday Morning Worship: 9th May: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 9th May: 6.00 pm

#### Audio-Visual Team Helpers

Our church Audio-Visual Team is looking for additional helpers in the roles of Computer Operator, Audio Desk Operator, Camera Operator and Video Editor.

If you would like to serve our church in this exciting new ministry or if you would like to know more, please contact Rykhardt Wilkinson (AV-Team Leader).

Generate Conference 21  
because people need, Jesus

**ALL INVITED!**

Hope Valley Uniting Church  
Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 7pm  
Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9am - 4pm



An exciting opportunity to be encouraged in faith, and inspired and equipped for carrying out the mission of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our communities.

There is no cost to attend.

Please register online via the Generate Presbytery website ([www.generate.ucasa.org.au](http://www.generate.ucasa.org.au)), the CONNECT dropdown menu, and follow the link to "Presbytery Meetings".

