

**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.

**Church Telephone Number: 8251 4298**

**This 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**

**Next Week's Roster**

**16th May, 2021**

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Jonathan**  
Leader (pm): **\*\*\*\*\***  
Marshal (Church): **Tim**  
Marshal (Hall): **Ray**  
Reader: **Chris DeB.**  
Musician: **Brunetta**  
Stewards: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Manager: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Kidz Connect: **Sandy & Trevor**  
Morning Tea: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Audio Desk: **Ruan**  
Camera Operator: **Ralph**  
Computer: **James**  
Overflow Overseer: **Tim**  
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, 9th May, 2021

**Mother's Day**

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **I Chose You**

Gospel Reading: **John 15: 9-17**

**Mission Statement: To draw people**



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

**Under The Knife**

We will all have those unpleasant experiences at one time or another in our lives when we have to "go under the knife". Thankfully, in most instances when we have appointments with a surgeon, we get to be asleep at the time. That helps... a bit!

Jesus said that God our Father is the Vinedresser, He is the vine, and we believers are the vine branches. The Vinedresser comes and cuts and prunes the branches, to get rid of dead or stunted bits so that the branch draws more goodness from the vine, sends out new growth, and produces more, healthy fruit (Jn 15:1-11).

Our lives are deeply engrafted into the life of Jesus by His grace. We are to draw all of our life directly from Jesus Himself, which produces many good things in our lives for Him. Yet sometimes we draw our life from other things instead of the grace of Christ - the world's values, pursuing our self-conceived goals, or from various schemes of self-salvation - *including trying to save ourselves by speaking and acting like Christians!*

Then our lives grow spiritually rank, shrivel, or die. God our Father needs to cut the stunted and dead bits out of our lives in order that we draw our life from the grace of Christ once again, send out new growth, and flourish. This makes our lives thrive, but also saves us from being cut off altogether- i.e., spiritual death! God's "pruning" of our lives is His saving love!

*Grace and secateurs, Jonathan.*



### A Message from the Elders

Mother's Day is a special day where we purposely make time to honour and appreciate the achievements and efforts of all mothers and mother figures who have enriched our lives. It is a time where we make room in our busy schedules to reflect on the kindness, love, care and affection we were shown by all those who have been mothers to us.

There is much commonality between the relationship of a mother as care giver: loving, providing and caring for her children, and the relationship we have with God as His children. In 1 John 4:10-12 we read that we are able to love, because God loved us first; and, in a similar way, a good mother loves her children from even before they are born and continues to nurture them after their birth, every day showing them how to love, as they continue to grow.

This is how we grow as Christians, only through love from and for the Father. 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 tells us that all our achievements, abilities, gifts, relationships and actions are worthless if they are not based on love - because God is love (1 John 4:8). How do we respond to the love we have received? How do we show God that we love Him?

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

### Attention: Ladies

Dressed for Success Fashion  
is bringing its collection to our church on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.**

The show will begin at **1.30 pm.**

The clothes are reasonably priced and are of good quality.

Sizes range from 10 to 24.

Please come along and bring a friend/s.

Our Women's Fellowship would love to see you on the day.

Please see Sandy Walker if you require more information.

**Recycling is becoming a way of life:** Please remember to bring your used stamps, your ring pulls, your bottle tops and your bread tags and place them in the receptacles provided on the table at the back of the hall. Please continue to notify Neil or Ray if you catch sight of any pre-loved refrigerators and etceteras on the footpaths near you.

### MEERY MONTH OF MAY DIARY DATES

- **Sunday Morning Worship: 9th May: 10.00 am**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 9th May: 6.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 10th May: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
- **Ascension Day: Thursday, 13th May**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 13th May: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **mainly music: Friday, 14th May: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 16th May: 10.00 am**
- **KYB: Monday, 17th May: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
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### 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".

