

**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**

**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: **\*\*\*\*\***

**Next Week's Roster**

**23rd May, 2021**

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Jonathan**  
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**  
Marshal (Church): **Chris H.**  
Marshal (Hall): **Andrew**  
Reader: **Chris H.**  
Musician: **Pat**  
Stewards: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Manager: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Kidz Connect: **Tina & Coral**  
Morning Tea: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Audio Desk: **Ralph**  
Camera Operator: **Lucinda**  
Computer: **Ruan & James**  
Overflow Overseer: **Renée**  
Cleaning: **Coral & Neil**

**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, 16th May, 2021

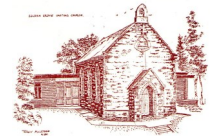
Ascension Sunday

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **The Ascension of Jesus Christ**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 24: 44-53**

**Mission Statement: To draw people**



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

**Upward, & Onward**

The Tudor period in England was of course dominated by the colourful figure of King Henry the Eighth. This was when the concept and practice of the "the divine right of kings" was at its height, where the king determined the workings of government, society, and the courses of individual lives, absolutely. There's no doubt that Henry's rule was efficient at accomplishing His goals, the only problem was that they were breathtakingly and obsessively narcissistic and cruel! If possible, what would be best is an absolute ruler, but one who is good, in fact, the best.

*That is what we have in Jesus Christ.* He was utterly selfless, humble, loving, merciful and gracious. He died to pay the price for all sins, to win forgiveness, salvation and fullness of life for all who will look to Him in faith and repentance, and to bring about the eternal renewal of heaven and earth. Following Christ's bodily resurrection from the dead to eternal life, He ascended to God the Father's right hand in heaven, which means *the throne of heaven*. This means that *He exercises absolute rule over all things in heaven and on earth* - our good, good King!

And while Jesus rules over all things from heaven, He is also with us in all things by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is working powerfully in the world bringing all things to fulfilment in His saving purposes. He is ministering to our need, forgiving, strengthening, equipping, inspiring and leading us to live our daily lives as His followers, call others to come to faith in Him, and to mould and shape our world according to His good will.

Trust Him and go with Him, in great hope and joy, into the world without end that He is leading us into!

*Grace and cheers, Jonathan.*

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### A Message from the Elders

The past Thursday was Ascension Day, a day on which we commemorate the resurrected Jesus being taken up into heaven and being elevated to a position of ultimate authority over all of creation. There He remains until the appointed time comes for Him to return as Judge and Ruler over all peoples of the earth (Luke 24:44-53 and Acts 1:6-11). This day also marks Jesus' final appearance to His disciples following His resurrection.

Just before ascending to heaven, Jesus instructed the disciples to wait to receive empowerment from the Holy Spirit in order to become His faithful witnesses and to spread the Good News of the Gospel to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). This outpouring of the Holy Spirit is commemorated on Pentecost Sunday.

Jesus' Ascension reminds us of His words in John 14, where He says that He must return to the Father to prepare a place for us; and that He will return to come and get us when everything is ready (verses 2-3). This points to our future dwelling place with Him as citizens of Heaven.

Note Jesus' words in John 14:6. Jesus is the only way to the Father and to ultimately becoming a citizen of Heaven.

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.

### Morning Tea Team for 16th May

**Thank You to David and Linda, Tina and Kathryn.**

### SOMEWHAT WINTRY DIARY DATES

- **Ascension Sunday: 16th May**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 16th May: 10.00 am**
- **Estia Worship Service: Monday, 17th May: 2.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 17th May: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 18th May: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **mainly music: Friday, 21st May: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 23rd May: 10.00 am**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 23rd May: 6.00 pm**
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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.**

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