

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

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: **Trevor, Sandy, Barrie & Chris DeB.**

Audio Desk: **Ralph**
Camera Operator: **Lucinda**
Computer: **Ruan & James**
Overflow Overseer: **Renée**
Cleaning: **Coral & Neil**

Next Week's Roster

30th May, 2021

Preacher: **Dominic Hopps**
Leader (am): **James**
Leader (pm): *********
Marshal (Church): **Ray**
Marshal (Hall): **Neil**
Reader: **Chris H.**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Stewards: *********
Manager: *********
Kidz Connect: **Tina & Chris H.**
Morning Tea: **Peter, Yvonne, Ailsa & Ken**

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

Attention: Ladies

Dressed for Success Fashion is bringing its collection to our church on **Thursday 3rd 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.

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Sunday, 23rd May, 2021

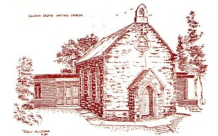
Pentecost Sunday

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **On All Flesh**

Scripture Reading: **Acts 2:: 1-21**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

God on the Inside

We can grow up learning about the good news of Jesus Christ in the Bible and have read and heard it many times. Yet it can still seem distant from us, as if it's out of reach, "floating above our heads", or somehow unreal and separate from our experience. Or it may once have been very real in our lives, but has since drifted away from us, or we have made decisions to distance ourselves from it - "hold it at arm's length"!

Then it can happen one day that the Christian message touches us like an electric shock! We know in our gut that its message of forgiveness, a changed life now, and eternal life in a new heaven and earth is the best, most wonderful thing we could ever have, and at the very same moment know that it is the most terrifying thing to ever lose this. With fear and great joy together, we take hold of that message, and what it gives us, with all our strength and will never let it go. This truth surges through us like an electric current, and makes us twitch with excitement, wariness and joy in turn.

This is when the Holy Spirit fills us; God Himself leaps inside our skin. Which is scary (it will turn our lives upside down!), but at the same time is the best thing that can happen, since He is our good, good Father, revealed in His Son, Jesus Christ, our merciful Redeemer. Then, what had seemed above our heads and unreal is all of a sudden coursing through our veins, inside our bones, affecting how we think, what we say, and how we live our lives.

All we have to do is pray, trust Him, *and stop resisting Him*; He will do all the rest.

Grace and peace, Jonathan.

A Message from the Elders

The liturgical season of Easter spans fifty days and included eight Sundays, of which today is the final Sunday. Throughout this season we focussed on the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ; and on this final Sunday we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Jesus' disciples on the Day of Pentecost.

Prior to Jesus' Ascension to Heaven, He instructed the disciples to wait in Jerusalem to receive empowerment from the Holy Spirit for the task of spreading the Gospel (Acts 1:4-9); and, in Acts 2:1-14, we read that the Spirit did indeed come upon them, just as Jesus had promised.

The disciples were empowered with special gifts (verse 4). They spread the Gospel by telling people of the wonders of God (verses 5-12), the Resurrection of Jesus Christ (verses 31-33) and about the forgiveness of sins (verses 38-41). Upon hearing the Gospel message, the people responded and many accepted the message, became believers and were baptised (verse 41). These people received new life.

It is the mission of the church to spread the Gospel, and, as disciples of the Lord Jesus, we share in this task. God does not leave it up to us to do it all by ourselves. Like the original disciples, we too need empowerment from the Holy Spirit to enable and equip us for the purpose that God has in mind for us. Seek the Holy Spirit and let Him make His home in your heart. Trust Him to guide you into all the truth (John 16:13).

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

Attention: Key Holders

When leaving the church can you please make sure you follow the Instructions that you must put your alarm code back in; please do not just press *on*. The reason is that the code number for the person, who has locked up, does not register at the command centre. If this is not done, it could cause problems, if we have a break in, with our insurance. Each key holder has a code number which registers when you go in and put the alarm off, and, when you leave, that code number must be put back in again so that it registers the code number at the command centre.

Thank you, Cath.

A Note from David Bickerton: Thank you so much to all you kind people who have been bringing along your plastic bottle tops. The organisation, that requested them, now has a more than ample supply and is most impressed with our enthusiastic response.

SOMEWHAT WINTRY DIARY DATES

- Pentecost Sunday: 23rd May
- Sunday Morning Worship: 23rd May: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 23rd May: 6.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 24th May: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: 27th May: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- *mainly music*: Friday, 28th May: 9.30 am to 11.30 am
- Trinity and Reconciliation Sunday: 30th May
- Sunday Morning Worship: 30th May: 10.00 am
- KYB: Monday, 31st May: 10.00 am to 11.30 am

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).

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Shoeboxes

It is time once again to begin prayerfully thinking of items to be included in a shoebox which will be delivered to a needy child by Samaritan's Purse workers. You may choose to fill a box yourself or to donate items to enable boxes to be filled. The coloured boxes are 50 cents each and a \$10 donation per box is very much appreciated, as this enables the transport of the boxes, a booklet in the local language and training for the local churches who host Operation Christmas Child at the receiving end.

If you have any questions, Coral Larcombe and Chris Holroyd would be only too happy to answer them.

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Philippines Sponsorship: To our sponsors, this is a reminder that your June quarter payment is now due. Thank you for your generosity and thanks also to those who support Febie and Jonave by way of the Philippines jars.

(Gordon Cooksey)