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.

Reverend Jonathan Button can be contacted at j.button@bigpond.com.

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

30th May, 2021

Dominic Hopps Preacher: Leader (am): James ***** Leader (pm): Marshal (Church): Ray Neil Marshal (Hall): Barrie Reader: Musician: Brunetta ****** Stewards: ****** Manager:

Tina & Chris H. Kidz Connect: Peter, Yvonne, Ailsa Morning Tea:

& Ken Rykhardt Audio Desk: Tim Camera Operator: Lucinda Computer: Ruan

Cleaning:

Overflow Overseer:

Next Week's Roster

6th June, 2021

Jonathan Preacher: Jonathan Leader (am): ****** Leader (pm): Marshal (Church): Andrew Rykhardt Marshal (Hall): Barbara Reader: Musician: Heather ****** Stewards: ***** Manager: Ailsa & Jov

Kidz Connect: David, Linda, Tina & Morning Tea:

Kathryn Ruan Audio Desk: Lucinda Camera Operator: Ralph Computer: Rykhardt Overflow Overseer: 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, 30th May, 2021

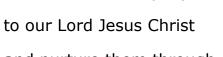
Trinity and Reconciliation Sunday

Preacher: **Dominic Hopps**

Theme: For God so Loved the World

Bible Readings: Isaiah 6: 1-8 and John 3: 1-17

Mission Statement: To draw people



and nurture them through our church

On the Inside of God

A grandmother nurses her baby granddaughter. She is overwhelmed by the love that she feels for her. Delight and tenderness radiate from her face, as she hopes and dreams for the best for this child that is so precious to her. Her tiny granddaughter, however infantile, senses, soaks up, and responds to the adoring attention.

Does all of this have its origin in the heart of that grandmother? Is this love a mere human event?... No. There is only one circle and source of unbridled, adoring love and affection in the universe. Aware of it or not, this grandmother and granddaughter find themselves on the inside of God, a part of, and sharing in, the love and joy of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Holy Trinity are not three frozen stone statues in heaven. They live, move, act, speak and listen to one another, love each other to perfection, praise and delight in one another. They created and redeemed us and the universe to reveal their love to us, and to share their life and love with us. The Son, Jesus Christ, made sure of this by dying for us on the cross, to remove all of our sins that separate, and reconcile us eternally to God.

Revel in this!

Grace, you're soaking in it, Jonathan

A Message from the Elders

Today is Trinity Sunday, which occurs on the first Sunday after Pentecost and celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity - one true God who exists eternally in three distinct persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

"We now know that we have to see the unity of the Triune God. To do this, we must know that God is love, and that His love is expressed and actuated in the work which He does. We must know the Father, and His work in creation, providence, redemption and glorification, including that for man and the creation. Likewise we must see the Son as Mediator of this same work, and the Spirit as Agent. We must see that the Three Persons work together in the one Godhead, each not being a god, but in Triune relationship being the One (Godhead).

Even so, this is knowledge of God to which we do not come unaided. Because of our sinfulness, we cannot know God in a personal way, and we do not really know Him. However, the Word and the Spirit are one and they bring us to the revelation which God has prepared for man, so that by it He may reveal Himself. Full revelation (or a larger knowledge of the revelation) comes when we relate to God as Father, as Son, and as the Holy Spirit. We can say that at once the knowledge of God is relational and experiential. God, of course, is not dependent upon our experience of Him, but our knowledge is related to our personal experiences of Him - both as persons knowing Him personally, and as the people of God, the church, coming to know Him corporately."

Excerpt from the book "The Things We Firmly Believe" by Reverend Geoffrey Bingham - helping us to better understand the concept of the Holy Trinity.

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

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.

OUR WINTER DIARY DATES

Sunday Morning Worship: 31st May: 10.00 am
 KYB: Monday, 31st May: 10.00 am to 11.30 am

• Thursday Morning Prayers: 3rd June: 8.00 am to 9.00 am

Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 3rd June: 1.30 pm
 mainly music: Friday, 4th June: 9.30 am to 11.30 am

Working Bee: Saturday, 5th June: 8.00 am
Sunday Morning Worship: 6th June: 10.00 am

Holy Communion: Sunday, 6th June

Communion Sunday: Sunday, 6th June

Would we all please remember to bring our donations for the needy next Sunday and place them in the large plastic receptacles in the hall? Thank you very much for your generosity.

<u>Plastic Bottle Tops</u>: Special thanks to Pedare Christian College for its weeks of hard work, spearheaded by our quiet achiever, Ailsa, in collecting a gargantuan array of plastic bottle tops and two large boxes of ring pulls, which are being recycled for the benefit of the disabled and disadvantaged in our community.

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. (In Gordon's absence, please see Chris H., or Cath.)

(Gordon Cooksey)