

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.

Church Telephone Number: 8251 4298

This Week's Roster

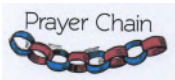
13th June, 2021

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **James**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Marshal (Church): **Tim**
Marshal (Hall): **Cath**
Reader: **Barrie**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Stewards: *********
Manager: *********
Kidz Connect: **Tina & Chris DeB.**
Morning Tea: **Trevor, Sandy & Barrie**
Audio Desk: **Ralph & Lucinda**
Camera Operator: **Tim**
Computer: **James & Rykhardt**
Overflow Overseer: **Lucinda**
Cleaning: **Cleaner**

Next Week's Roster

20th June, 2021

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leader (pm): *********
Marshal (Church): **Andrew**
Marshal (Hall): **Cath**
Reader: **Brunetta**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Stewards: *********
Manager: *********
Kidz Connect: **Tina & Katherine**
Morning Tea: **Peter, Yvonne & Ken**
Audio Desk: **Ralph**
Camera Operator: **Ruan**
Computer: **Rykhardt**
Overflow Overseer: **Lucinda**
Cleaning: *********



Prayer Chain

If you require prayers to be put on the Prayer Chain, can you please contact Ray Holroyd on his mobile only, at 0468 681 497. Please do not leave messages on the land line until further notice.

Bible Readers: If you wish your name to be added to the roster of Sunday Bible readers, could you please let Jim know? Thanks very much.



Golden Grove Gazette

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

www.goldengroveuniting.org.au

Sunday, 13th June, 2021

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Crazy for Jesus**

Gospel Reading: **Mark 3: 20-35**



Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church



So, Who's Crazy Then?

Have you had moments in this COVID-19 era when you've felt a little crazy?.... If you have, you've got plenty of company. The Bible, and Jesus, tell us that a certain kind of craziness is actually a sign of the greatest well-being!

Jesus is accused by people, and even His own family(!), of being insane, and needing locking up, *because He is devoted first, above all, to doing the will of God His Father* (Mk 3:20-35). But Jesus says that, only if we do likewise, will we truly belong to God's people, and have salvation and fullness of life!

It might seem 'sane', 'common sense', or 'reasonable', to be devoted to preserving the existence of our church, and be conservative with our resources. We can be tempted to 'keep our heads low' in these days of negativity towards the Bible and the truth of God, not expect too much, just focus on 'looking after our own', and 'keep things going as long as we can'.

By contrast, it might seem utterly crazy to believe and act as though God is going to renew and grow our church, and enable us to love and connect with all ages, kinds and ethnicities of people in our community outside the church. It may strike us as over-the-top optimism to change how we do things at church in order to be hospitable and welcoming to outsiders, to freely use our resources aimed at evangelism and growth, and to pray for and expect it.

God our Father's will is for us to hold out the Gospel of Christ to our lost world, and make disciples (Mt 28:16-20). Let's get a little crazy about that!

Grace and cheers, Jonathan

A Message from the Elders

"Don't judge a book by its cover" - meaning that one should not base one's opinion of something (or someone) on the way it (or the person) appears to you. This is a well-known idiom and most people are aware of its meaning; yet most of us have done exactly what it cautions us not to do!

In 1 Samuel 16:1-13, we read about how the Lord guided the prophet Samuel to anoint the next king of Israel, to be selected from the sons of Jesse. Samuel (with human eyes) looked at the outward appearance of Jesse's oldest son Eliab (verse 6) and thought that he must be the Lord's chosen one, based on Eliab's impressive physical stature - but the Lord had another in mind.

God looks deeper at the heart and true character of a person (verse 7) and guided Samuel to anoint Jesse's youngest son - David. The Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David (verse 13), empowering him to be of service to the Lord, and he eventually replaced Saul as the king of Israel (2 Samuel 5).

Is it not comforting to know that God does not judge our value and usefulness to serve Him, based on our outward appearance (as people might) but rather on the innermost, secret parts of our hearts (Psalm 139)? God is the ultimate example for us never to judge someone by their outward appearance.

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

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).

Morning Tea

Firstly, thank you to the members of the congregation who have volunteered to be on the morning tea roster. To make things a little easier, we are looking for possibly three other people to come on board. This will help reduce even further the number of repeats for the people who are already on this roster.

Please speak with Rykhardt, if you can help. Thank you.

OUR JUNE DIARY DATES

- **Sunday Morning Worship: 13th June: 10.00 am**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 13th June: 6.00 pm**
- **Public Holiday for Queen's Birthday: Monday, 14th June**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 17th June: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **mainly music: Friday, 18th June: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 20th June: 10.00 am**
- **KYB: Monday, 21st June: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
- **Estia Worship Service: Monday, 21st June: 2.00 pm**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 24th June: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **mainly music: Friday, 25th June: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 27th June: 10.00 am**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 27th June: 6.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 28th June: 10.30 am to 11.30 am**

Philippines Sponsorship

Belated, yet nevertheless grateful, thanks to the anonymous person who recently gave a considerable donation to the sponsorship scheme, and, of course, to the many others who enable us, through the jars, to make the future very much brighter for Phoebe and Jonave.

Thank you, too, to our regular sponsors, who have already submitted their June quarter payment.

(Gordon Cooksey)

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.