

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

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: *****

Next Week's Roster

27th June, 2021

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Ceri**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Marshal (Church): **Rykhardt**
Marshal (Hall): **Tim**
Reader: **Tina**
Musician: **Pat**
Stewards: *****
Manager: *****
Kidz Connect: **Trevor & Sandy**
Morning Tea: **Ailsa, Chris & Tina**
Audio Desk: **Ruan & Ralph**
Camera Operator: **Rykhardt**
Computer: **Lucinda & James**
Overflow Overseer: **Tim**
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.



Most Important: Could all members of the Prayer Chain, please remember, if they cannot get hold of the next person on the list, they need to make sure they keep passing on the message until someone answers? Thank you, Ray.

Golden Grove Gazette

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

www.goldengroveuniting.org.au

Sunday, 20th June, 2021

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Sleep in the Storm**

Gospel Reading: **Mark 4: 35-41**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

Reaping the Whirlwind

Decisions are increasingly made by governments in our Western society that move further and further from God's good will for humanity. These developments are promoted in the name of "choice", "progress" and "freedom, but they are actually without substance (like 'empty breath', 'wind').

This year in South Australia, new legislation on abortion and euthanasia has further asserted the right of human beings to make the ultimate decision to end human life. But, as one politician involved in the debate said, "who but God has the right to end life?" (Deut., 32:39)

This is not to overlook the real difficulties and deep suffering faced by women, the chronically ill and elderly. As Christians, this must call from us mercy, compassion and support, to the greatest extent. However, as was the case for Christ Himself, life without suffering is not possible.

Our decisions to move further away from God's good will for humanity throw us into a maelstrom of chaotic human determinations. We have "sown the wind", and so "reap the whirlwind" (Hos 8:7). This doesn't leave our society without hope, but precisely with the greatest hope, of readily turning back to Christ our merciful Redeemer, to find forgiveness, sanity, and flourishing life.

Grace and peace, Jonathan.

A Message from the Elders

The prayer below was written by the late Reverend Billy Graham, a well-known evangelist in the United States, as a prayer for his nation. The prayer is also well suited to our nation, taking into account the social and political changes that have happened here recently.

“Heavenly Father, we become before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, ‘Woe to those who call evil good,’ but that is exactly what we have done.

We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor’s possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honoured values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, Oh God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Amen!”

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

Women's Fellowship

The next Women's Fellowship is on Thursday 1st July at Garden Grove for lunch. I have booked for 12.30 pm under Golden Grove Uniting Church. See you there, Eileen.

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 WINTER DIARY DATES

- **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**
- **Membership Meeting: Sunday, 27th June: After Worship****
- **Café Church: Sunday, 27th June: 6.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 28th June: 10.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 1st July: 12.30 pm**

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION MEETING

Sunday, 27th June (following the 10.00 am service)

A brief presentation on the meaning and importance of church membership (and Baptism), and the opportunity to discuss and ask questions.

Anybody is welcome. We particularly encourage to attend those who may not have formally become members of the Golden Grove Uniting Church.

Any questions, please ask Jonathan.

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)