

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

27th June, 2021

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

Next Week's Roster

4th July, 2021

Preacher: **James**
Leader (am): **Cath**
Leader (pm): *********
Marshal (Church): **Andrew**
Marshal (Hall): **Cath**
Reader: **Barrie**
Musician: **Heather**
Stewards: *********
Manager: *********
Kidz Connect: **Vacation**
Morning Tea: **David, Linda & Kathryn**
Audio Desk: **Ruan**
Camera Operator: **Lucinda**
Computer: **Rykhardt**
Overflow Overseer: **Ralph**
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.

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

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Sunday, 27th June, 2021

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Who's My Ethiopian?**

Scripture Reading: **Acts 8: 26-40**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

Linus: "Jesus is the answer!"

Snoopy: "What was the question?"

We have many questions. For example: "Am I going to pass my exams?"; "Can my family really afford this mortgage?"; "Will I survive this breast cancer?"; "How can I cope with my marriage breakdown?"; "What does my life mean now that my wife has passed away?"; "Will our society ever be free of COVID-19?"; or - on the more positive side - "How did I get this good fortune?"; or, "How can life be so good and joyous?"

Yet, behind every question, there is another deeper question: "Is there something out there that makes sense of all the struggle, mess and joy, and makes it all as good and as ultimate as we really want it to be? Because, if there isn't, the struggle would be only pointless and unbearable, the mess and pain would be only mindless suffering, and the joy would be only teasing delight, soon to be lost from us forever.

Every human being has all of these questions buzzing around inside of them! – whether they are aware of it or not. As Christian believers we know that Jesus Christ, the Creator, Father and Redeemer of all, gives us meaning, purpose, help, hope and joy, that is real now, and ultimate, eternal.

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Philip, a Christian believer, bumped into a tourist from Ethiopia, and the Ethiopian was full of questions (Acts 8:26-40). Philip just told him that he believed in Jesus Christ, who had a good plan for his life and for the world, and that he could also believe and know that this is true for him, too, and he did!

Every one of us can do the same as Philip, in whatever way that we are able, and people will have their questions answered, and come to the same faith.

Grace and cheers, Jonathan.

A Message from the Elders

Being of good health is a blessing from God. It is a blessing we take for granted and it is only when our own health, or the health of someone close to us is threatened, that we realise how great a blessing being healthy truly is.

Mark 5:24-34 details an account of a woman who suffered constant ill health over a period of many years. Her condition not only brought poor health, but also made her ceremonially unclean and unable to take part in regular worship activities within the community, according to the laws and customs of that time (see Leviticus 15:25-27).

As any sensible person would, she sought medical treatment for her condition, which unfortunately cost her everything she had, and, in the end, as Mark 5:26 tells us, her health deteriorated and her desperation grew. She had nowhere else to turn but Jesus - a person she had only heard about (verse 27).

She did not know Jesus personally, but believed that, if she could only touch His cloak, then she would be healed of her affliction. She believed that a miracle would happen for her, and it did, as we read in verses 28-34.

There are two take-aways for us from this passage: firstly, this woman would have had nowhere else to turn had she not heard of Jesus, and, secondly, her faith in Jesus's ability to heal her miraculously is an example of true faith for us to follow. An example of implicit and ultimate trust in the almighty and one true God.

Tell others of Jesus. Help them to find His miracle for their life.

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



OUR WINTER DIARY DATES

- **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**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 1st July: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 1st July: 12.30 pm**
- **mainly music: Friday, 2nd July: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Working Bee: Saturday, 3rd July: 8.00 am**
- **Commencement of NAIDOC Week : Sunday, 4th July**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 4th July: 10.00 am**

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.

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 on Thursday, Eileen.



Volunteers for the Morning Tea Roster

Please speak with Rykhardt, if you are able to help reduce the frequency with which the current volunteers have their names reappear on the roster. Thank you very much.