

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

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

Next Week's Roster

11th July, 2021

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



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, 4th July, 2021

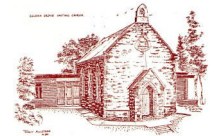
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher: **James**

Theme: **The Rejection of Grace**

Gospel Reading: **Mark 6: 1-13**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A member of the congregation recently asked me why there are different versions of the Lord's Prayer. Of course, the words of the Lord's Prayer are Jesus' words from the Bible, found in Matthew 6:9-13, and Luke 11:2-4.

This means that the traditional version of the Lord's Prayer is the Aramaic (the language Jesus spoke), translated into Greek in the New Testament. Martin Luther, the 'founder' of the Reformation tradition - to which our denomination belongs - taught that the *correct version* of the words of the Bible *is always, the language of the people, that is most readily understood by them* - i.e., the vernacular.

Luther instigated the translation of the Bible from Latin (which most of the population couldn't read) into German, so that God's Word could be read by everybody. This coincided with the invention of the printing press, which then facilitated the distribution of the Bible to as many people as possible - certainly a 'God-moment' in history!

God's purpose in giving us the Bible is to communicate its message to every member of the human race so that they come to faith and repentance. That is why we have *continually new* translations of the Bible and the Lord's Prayer.

Grace and cheers, Jonathan.

A Message from the Elders

This past Sunday, during our morning worship service, we watched (as a congregation) the talk on evangelism, titled "Who is my Ethiopian?", by the keynote speaker at the recent Generate Presbytery Conference, Melinda Dwight. The talk was based on Acts 8:24-30.

Melinda is the head of the Alpha Ministry Organisation in Australia, and many of us would be familiar with the Alpha course and the positive impact it has had on our congregation.

If you missed the service last week and would like to watch our worship service, you can view that here on our church's YouTube channel:

<https://youtu.be/Gv268pl1ns>

Alternatively, if you would just like to watch the talk itself, you can access that here on the Generate Presbytery website:

<https://generate.ucasa.org.au/2021-meetings/>

If you have any questions regarding the talk, feel free to make contact with any of our church elders.

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



Holy Communion

This is just a reminder that, as Jonathan could not be here today, Holy Communion will be a part of next Sunday's service (11th July).

In the meantime, we need to remind ourselves that donations for the needy can be brought next Sunday. However, if you have brought items today, there will be a large plastic receptacle available for your donations in the hall. Thank you.



OUR WINTER DIARY DATES

- Commencement of NAIDOC Week : Sunday, 4th July
- Sunday Morning Worship: 4th July: 10.00 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: 8th July: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: 11th July: 10.00 am (Holy Communion)
- Café Church: Sunday, 11th July: 6.00 pm
- Bastille Day: Wednesday, 14th July
- Thursday Morning Prayers: 15th July: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: 18th July: 10.00 am
- Commencement of Term 3: Monday, 19th July
- KYB: Monday, 19th July: 10.30 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: 22nd July: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- *mainly music*: Friday, 23rd July: 9.30 am to 11.30 am

A further update from the General Secretary to Congregations and other ministries

1st July 2021

COVID-19 Restrictions in SA - Update #3

Following the release of the Public Activities Direction (No 26) enacted late yesterday, a revised restriction relating to singing has been included. We realise that singing is a particularly important worship activity and it will be difficult for some congregations to adjust to this new restriction. We ask that you modify your worship for this Sunday in order to comply in this instance.

Our revised guideline for congregations is as follows:

There is to be no congregational singing, worship groups with more than one singer or choirs this Sunday (4th July) - even wearing masks. **Singing is limited to an individual 'performer' only.** We understand that an individual singer may be accompanied by an instrumentalist(s).

We strongly encourage congregations to consider the intent of this restriction and to seek to find other ways to worship together.

The density restrictions for ceremonies (which includes church services, weddings and funerals) continues to be revised back to 1 person per 2sqm.