

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

11th July, 2021

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **James**
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**

Next Week's Roster

18th July, 2021

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): *********
Marshal (Church): **Tim**
Marshal (Hall): **Andrew**
Reader: **Sandy**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Stewards: *********
Manager: *********
Kidz Connect: **Vacation**
Morning Tea: **Peter, Yvonne & Ken**
Audio Desk: **Rykhardt**
Camera Operator: **Ralph**
Computer: **Lucinda**
Overflow Overseer: **Ruan**
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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Sunday, 11th July, 2021

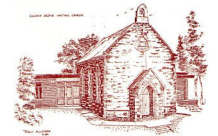
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Jesus Christ: Real Power**

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

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

Holy Insecurity

In South Australia, we're feeling as if we've 'dodged a bullet' to some extent, as far as COVID-19 infections and fatalities are concerned. Numbers of us have received at least one jab of a vaccine, and we hear of the daily numbers of vaccinations rapidly climbing. Yet, for all that, vaccine hesitancy is still widespread, and the danger of a virulent outbreak hasn't disappeared. There's still an awful lot of uncertainty and insecurity in the community.

When will we be free of worry and feel secure? The truth is, we don't know; and, even when COVID-19 is 'under control', it is hard to see that things will ever go back to how they were before 2020. Another truth is, even when COVID-19 is not our number one concern, we will soon replace it with another that is likely to worry us just as much. "Man was born to suffering as the sparks fly upward", one of my favourite Bible verses says! (Job 5:7; my wife calls me "Eeyore"!... can't think why??...)

The Bible says that everything that can be shaken will be shaken (Heb 12:26-28). This is so that we will look for and find what is truly *unshakable* - eternally secure. i.e., God's truth, grace, salvation, and His new heaven and earth yet to be revealed. Therefore, our insecurity is not just a passing 'bad patch', but a good gift; not that we should be crushed or destroyed by it, but that, in the midst of it, we look to Jesus Christ in faith - our Redeemer, Saviour and Good Shepherd, and in Him know our security that overcomes all insecurity.

Grace and cheers, Jonathan.



A Message from the Elders

What an interesting time at worship last Sunday morning, being in a worship frame of mind, but required to remain totally silent and forced to simply listen and only think about what we hear, rather than actively taking part and singing our hearts out - a tough ask - especially during a song like Amazing Grace!

Our daily faith-walk with the Lord can be like this sometimes; we just hear the Gospel of Truth each Sunday - we only hear that we are saved by Grace through the blood of Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:7-10) We only hear that we stand forgiven and have been adopted into God's own family, exactly as He had planned since before time (verses 3-6). We only hear that He has given us the Holy Spirit, which identifies us as His own and guarantees that He has ransomed us (verses 11-14). All these things we only hear and think about, rather than actively take part in by living out our faith every day of the week.

The key difference here is that, unlike our worship last Sunday, where COVID restrictions prevented us from actively taking part in worship, in this case we are choosing not to take part; and our daily actions will be in conflict with the faith we think we have.

Indeed it is Amazing Grace that saves us, but only if we accept it, totally take it in by submitting and letting God mould us into whom He wants us to be. Only then will we be able to actively take part in His good plans for us and for all of creation. Only then will our daily faith-walk produce lasting good works that are a blessing to those around us. (James 2:14-26)

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



Holy Communion

Thank you very much for today's donations for the needy. The items that you have brought can be placed in the large plastic receptacles in the hall. May God bless you for your generosity.



OUR WINTER DIARY DATES

- **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**
- **Estia Worship Service: Monday, 19th July: 2.00 pm**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 22nd July: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **mainly music: Friday, 23rd July: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 25th July: 10.00 am**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 25th July: 6.00 pm**

Today's Hymns and Songs

- Come, people of the risen King (Getty Hymn Book)
- How great Thou art (Together in Song 155)
- All glory be to Christ (Dustin Kensrue)
- A mighty fortress is our God (New Creation Hymn Book 1)
- Christ, our hope in life and death (Video) (Getty Hymn Book)
- Behold the Lamb (Getty Hymn Book)
- Now unto Him (Praise and Worship 470)

