

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.

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This Week's Roster

1st August, 2021

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): *****
Marshal (Church): **Rykhardt**
Marshal (Hall): **Cath**
Reader: **Tina**
Musician: *****
Stewards: *****
Manager: *****
Kidz Connect: *****
Morning Tea: *****
Audio Desk: **Ruan**
Camera Operator: **Rykhardt**
Computer: **Lucinda**
Overflow Overseer: **Renée**
Cleaning: *****

Next Week's Roster

8th August, 2021

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

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

www.goldengroveuniting.org.au

Sunday, 1st August, 2021

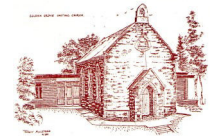
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Doing the Work of God

Gospel Reading: **John 6: 24-35**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church



Every Groan We Make

We've done a fair bit of groaning recently! Much of our groaning has been very understandable, given the COVID-19 pandemic. And for many around the world, the groan has signified a teetering balance between life and death!

The Bible also acknowledges this reality: it says that "we groan", and that the "creation itself groans" (Ro 8:18-27). The reason for the groaning is that we and the creation are frustrated, unable to do what we'd most like to do, and because we can't escape the process of everything wearing out to eventual destruction and death.

In truth, Jesus Christ uttered the greatest groan of suffering and longing that has ever been uttered - "*My God! My God! Why have you forsaken me?*" (Mt 27:46). This expressed unspeakable loss; Him being cut off from God and life! He did this for us, so that we would be saved from this loss, forgiven, and given eternal life instead.

Behind our every daily groan, and behind the bigger groans that we make at times, there is a much greater longing that we ache for: our brokenness to be healed, and all that we most value and enjoy in life, relationships and creation to be made deathless, glorious and *everlasting!*

That is what we are groaning about when we groan about the Coronavirus! The important thing is that we don't imagine that the Coronavirus is our worst difficulty, nor that overcoming it will remove our greatest problem. Rather we must look to the only One who is the true, ultimate Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and put our whole trust in Him.

Grace and cheers, Jonathan.

A Message from the Elders

Our Father in heaven, we praise Your Holy Name for the many blessings You have bestowed upon us. Thank you for keeping our church family safe and for watching over all those in the community around us. Lord Jesus, thank you for empowering our front line health workers, police force, fire and rescue services; and for guiding our Government to make good decisions.

Lord Jesus, we acknowledge You as the one true God; and we continue to put our complete trust in You. We ask that You send the Holy Spirit to comfort us and to join our hearts together in this anxious and uncertain time. Please guide us safely through these troubled waters.

We place our concerns before You now, with the words of Saint Paul from Romans 8:37-39 in our hearts: *"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."* Amen.

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

Barossa Area Fundraiser for Cancer

Lunch/Fashion Parade/Singer

Lambert Estate Winery, 55 Long Gully Road, Angaston

Thursday, October 14th, 2021 11-30 am to 3-00 pm

Cost \$55 pp

Included – drink on arrival

Barossa shared style luncheon and dessert Coffee and tea

Fashion parade with Dressed for Success

Entertainment Ticket door prizes

Raffle tickets for purchase Fashions for purchase

All money raised goes to Barossa Area Fundraiser for Cancer

You could wear pink or purple to show your support

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

This could be a great opportunity to join together as a group

Please confirm with Sandy Walker 0417865543

halesy45@hotmail.com by 8th August or write name on a list in hall

OUR EARLY AUGUST DIARY DATES

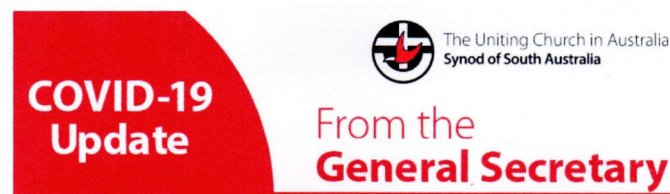
- **KYB: Monday, 2nd August: 10.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 5th August: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 5th August: 1.30 pm**
- **mainly music: Friday, 6th August: 9.30 am to 11.30 am (first for term)**
- **Working Bee: Saturday, 7th August: 8.00 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 8th August: 10.00 am (Holy Communion)**
- **Café Church: Sunday: 8th August: 6.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 9th August: 10.30 am to 11.30 am**

Family Directory Update

Eileen Stapleton has a new home address. It is:

6/36b Halsey Road Elizabeth East SA 5112

Please update your family directory. Thank you.



An update from the General Secretary to Congregations and other Ministries

27th July 2021

COVID update for congregations

We are pleased to share the news that the Premier has announced that from 12:01am Wednesday 28 July 2021, COVID-19 restrictions in South Australia will be eased from Level 5 to Level 3 restrictions. This means **the lockdown will end**, but there will still be some restrictions in place. The new level of restrictions that come into effect on Wednesday 28th July are as follows:

- Density requirements of 1 person per 4 (four) square metres

PLEASE NOTE: This means that there will be no morning tea this week (maybe next week?), there will be no singing from the congregation in either the hall or the sanctuary, and masks will be mandatory for all of us.