

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

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

Next Week's Roster

15th August, 2021

Preacher: **Reverend Gordon**
Leader (am): **TBA**
Leader (pm): *********
Marshal (Church): **Tim**
Marshal (Hall): **Cath**
Reader: **Owen Davis**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Stewards: *********
Manager: *********
Kidz Connect: *********
Morning Tea: **Peter, Yvonne & Ken (?)**
Audio Desk: **Rykhardt & Ralph**
Camera Operator: **Ruan**
Computer Operator: **Lucinda**
Overflow Overseer: **John**
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, 8th August, 2021

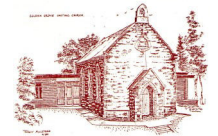
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Bread of Life**

Gospel Reading: **John 6: 35 and 41-51**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church



This Sporting Life

It's been race, after race, after race on our TV screens this week, as the track and field week of the Olympic Games has been in full flight. If anything was going to ease the pain of COVID-19 for the sporting nation of Australia, it would be this mega-international festival of physicality!

Paul in the Bible says that the Christian life is a race: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race..." (2Tim 4:7). That also appeals to us as 'little Aussie battlers' - "*we'll put our heads down, fight our hardest, and we're bound to get somewhere in the end!*"

However, Paul defines the exact nature of that "fight" and "race" in the rest of that verse - i.e., "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, *I have kept the faith.*" It is a "fight" and "race" *of faith*; we win them not out of our own strength or effort, but by trusting in and relying upon Jesus Christ's strength and effort.

The greatest fight we have is fighting *to stop trusting in ourselves*, and fighting *to keep trusting in Christ alone!*

If we find ourselves 'fighting' and 'racing' against the pandemic at the moment - or against any other crisis - in that too Christ is the only One we can trust to lift us up by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us and carry us through to a place of safety. He will do this! Lean on Him!

Grace and peace, Jonathan.

A Message from the Elders

In John 6:22-71 Jesus explains to the crowd that He is the bread of life and that whomever eats this true bread from heaven will have eternal life (verse 51). Many people in the crowd had great difficulty in accepting this message, for they only knew Jesus as a man, as the son of Joseph; and did not fully understand that He was the Son of God (verses 41-43), who would soon give His life on the cross for their (and our) salvation.

The crowd was perplexed and argued with each other about what Jesus meant (verse 52). They were looking for a miracle: physical bread from heaven (verses 30-33) through the works of a prophet, like in the time of Moses when bread from heaven was given to the Israelites by God to sustain them. Misguided about who Jesus was, they wanted this miracle in exchange for belief - do we not do this sometimes, asking God for a miracle or proof before we will believe?

Jesus continues to guide us towards the truth (verses 53-59). He explains that a person comes to seek God because God calls that person to search for Him (verses 37-40). Therefore we don't naturally do the seeking out of our own will, but rather through the will of God and through the work of the Holy Spirit within us (verse 63).

Imagine being there that day in the crowd. Imagine Jesus turning to you and asking if you believe and if you will follow Him. Will your reply be like Simon Peter's in verses 68-69, or will you desert Him, as many did, because His message just doesn't logically sound plausible?

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

SOME AUGUST DIARY DATES

- **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**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 12th August: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- ***mainly music*: Friday, 13th August: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 15th August: 10.00 am**
- **Café Youth Launch Event: Sunday: 15th August: 6.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 16th August: 10.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, 17th August: 7.00 pm**
- **Pastoral Carers Meeting: Tuesday, 24th August: 7.00 pm**

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.

Holy Communion Sunday Donations

Would you please remember to place your donations in the large plastic receptacles in the hall? Thank you very much for your generosity.

COVID-19 UPDATE

The restrictions have been eased slightly. However:

- **Masks are still mandatory.**
- **We are still not allowed to sing. We shall again worship by watching and listening.**
- **Morning tea after the service is still not an option.**
- **The social distancing regulations and obligations, with which we are familiar, still prevail.**

