

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

29th August, 2021

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Ceri**  
Leader (pm): \*\*\*\*\*  
Marshal (Church): **Andrew**  
Marshal (Hall): **Cath**  
Reader: **Barrie**  
Musician: **Brunetta**  
Stewards: \*\*\*\*\*  
Manager: \*\*\*\*\*  
Kidz Connect: \*\*\*\*\*  
Morning Tea: \*\*\*\*\*  
Audio Desk: **Ruan**  
Camera Operator: **John**  
Computer Operator: **Rykhardt**  
Overflow Overseer: **Ralph**  
Cleaning: \*\*\*\*\*

Next Week's Roster

5th September, 2021

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

# Golden Grove Gazette

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

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Sunday, 29th August, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

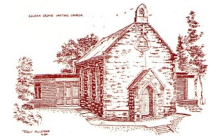
Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **The Active Word**

New Testament Reading: **James 1: 17-27**



Mission Statement: To draw people to our Lord Jesus Christ and nurture them through our church



Words, Words, Words...

News reports regularly tell us that levels of public cynicism towards politicians are at an all-time high. The perpetual criticism of the political sphere is that words of promise are not backed up with action. But, come to think of it... I've been hearing those news reports for 50 odd years!

Well - if those news reports are true - God wouldn't make a good politician, because His Word never lacks action. When God speaks, stuff happens (Is 55:11)! For example, rocks get smashed to pieces (Jer 23:29), the earth gets watered and seeds grow (Is 55:10), thoughts and intentions of the heart are split open (Heb 4:12), a beautiful universe gets created (Gen 1), sins are exposed (Ps 19:11-12), people are set free from captivity (Jn 8:32), sins are forgiven (Lk 7:48), people are saved (Ro 1:16), people's lives are transformed ((Ro 12:2), dead people are raised to life (Jn 11:43).

There is nothing more active and powerful in the universe than God's Word. James says that God has given us birth through His Word, that we might be first fruits of His Word (James 1:18). That's why he says that it's impossible for us to hear God's Word, and not also do God's Word (1:22). If we don't do God's Word, then we never heard it in the first place!

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Politicians are always pretty soft targets. Remember, we live in a *representative democracy* - they *represent us*; when we look at them, we are looking in a mirror!

The grace of Jesus Christ forgives us our failure to hear and do God's Word, and liberates us to hear and do it.

*Grace and cheers, Jonathan.*

#### A Message from the Elders

To have any credible defence against spiritual attack, we must put on the whole Armour of God (Ephesians 6:10-20). In total there are six pieces that every Christian needs for protection in order to stand their ground against the assaults of pride, envy, deception, disappointment, discouragement, doubt, fear, division and hopelessness with which the evil one tries to trick and distract us.

In ancient Roman times the first piece of armour the Roman soldier put on was a belt, which surrounded the body and acted as anchor and support for all the other pieces of armour. Ephesians 6:14 lists the Belt of Truth as the first piece of the Armour of God.

To put on the Belt of Truth, we must embrace the truth of Scripture and anchor our belief that God's unfailing love sets us free from sin and death; therefore we are not lost or without hope. We must surround our lives with a personal commitment to truth, living a life of integrity and being an example to others.

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

#### An Official Welcome to Dennis and Joy

Today we shall be witnesses to the induction of Dennis and Joy Brown as official members of the Golden Grove Uniting Church congregation. You have both been with us for some considerable time now. Therefore, it is good that at last we have you on our roll. Welcome, and congratulations on your choice of this particular congregation with which to share worship.

#### OUR AUGUST DIARY DATES SPRINGING INTO SEPTEMBER

- **Sunday Morning Worship: 29th August: 10.00 am**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 29th August: 6.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 30th August: 10.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Estia Worship Service: Monday, 30th August: 2.00 pm**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 2nd September: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **mainly music: Friday, 3rd September: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Working Bee: Saturday, 4th September: 8.00 am**
- **AV Team Workshop: Saturday, 4th September: 9.30 am**

#### Vale, Gordon

Sadly our much loved friend and dear soldier in Christ, Gordon Cooksey, went to be with his Lord last Wednesday morning. We shall remember him for his wonderful work with the Philippines sponsorship, and he was a meticulously well organised and inspiring Council chairperson for many years. A quiet achiever, he always personified the perfect English gentleman. His warmth, his sense of humour and his passion for the beauty of correct English were truly memorable. He shall be greatly missed. We extend our deepest sympathy to his beautiful wife, Sarah, and both his immediate and his extended family

#### Women's Fellowship: Our Cinema Excursion This Thursday

The cost is \$15 for seniors or \$17 for those who have not yet passed their "use by date". This includes the movie, morning tea and delicious sandwiches for lunch.

Please bring your friends (male and female) to what promises to be a most enjoyable occasion.

We are also supporting a small business in this time of economic crisis.

You must give your name and numbers to Eileen without fail this morning. She also needs to know your car pooling details and the names of drivers with vacant seats. Please make use of the sheet on the back table in the hall. Departure time from the church must be no later than 9.30 am, as we need to be seated in the cinema by 10.15 am, ready for our morning tea.