

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

5th September, 2021

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

Next Week's Roster

12th September, 2021

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Marshal (Church): **Tim**
Marshal (Hall): **Rykhardt**
Reader: **Kathryn**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Stewards: *********
Manager: *********
Kidz Connect: *********
Morning Tea: *********
Audio Desk: **Rykhardt & Ralph**
Camera Operator: **Ruan**
Computer Operator: **Lucinda & James**
Overflow Overseer: **John**
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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Sunday, 5th September, 2021

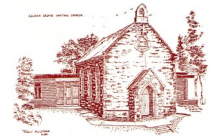
Father's Day

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Impartial Grace**

New Testament Reading: **James 2: 1-13**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church



The Certain Resurrection from the Dead to Eternal Life

"I will raise them up on the last day." - John 6:54b

You must not judge by external appearances. You must be guided by the Word which promises and gives you everlasting life. Then you truly have eternal life.

Even though your senses tell you otherwise, this does not matter. This does not mean that you have forfeited life, for sickness, death, perils, and sin which assail you will not devour or finish you. They will have to leave you in peace. They do not weaken or kill Christ. When all these have passed and have left you constant in your faith, then you will see what you have believed.

But you retort: "The fact remains that I must die."

This makes no difference! Go ahead and die in God's name. You are still assured of eternal life; it will surely be yours. To die, to be buried, to have people tread on your grave, to be consumed by worms - all this will not matter to you. It is certain that Christ will raise you up again. For here you have His promise: "I will raise you up."

Therefore your eyes will behold what your faith so confidently relied upon.

Martin Luther

A Message from the Elders

To be able to stand firm against the strategies of the evil one, 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 and this week we put on the Breastplate of Righteousness (verse 14).

The function of a breastplate is to protect the vital organs of the upper body, defending the heart - the innermost part of our being. Righteousness means to be justified before God, to do what is right in the eyes of the Lord (Deuteronomy 6:18); and being judged according to His perfect standards for character, conscience, conduct and word - all the time!

Isaiah 59:17 says that the Lord Himself puts on Righteousness as His breastplate. God can do so, because He is perfect justice, truth and love. He is almighty, holy and without sin. We can't do this by ourselves, because we are unjust, we lie, we hate and we have been born into sin. (See Romans 3:9-26).

By believing in Jesus Christ and by repenting of our sins, we can be justified before God, as then it is Christ who stands in our place of judgement. By the transforming work of the Holy Spirit within us, we gain the strength to turn away from our sins, and gain the ability to put on Christ's Righteousness as breastplate to guard our hearts.

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



OUR SEPTEMBER DIARY DATES

- **Sunday Morning Worship: 5th September: 10.00 am**
- **KYB: Monday, 6th September: 10.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 9th September: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **mainly music: Friday, 10th September: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 12th September: 10.00 am**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 12th September: 6.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 13th September: 10.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 16th September: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **mainly music: Friday, 17th September: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 19th September: 10.00 am**
- **Café Youth: Sunday, 19th September: 6.30 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 20th September: 10.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Estia Worship Service: Monday, 20th September: 2.00 pm**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 23rd September: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **mainly music: Friday, 24th September: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**

The Funeral of Gordon Cooksey

Last Wednesday we said our final farewells to Gordon at his moving funeral service. Those of us in the sanctuary and in the hall witnessed a wonderful tribute to a dear and special member of our church family. As we have come to expect, Jonathan conducted a service that was warm, intimate and emotionally involving, a joyous tribute to a man whose life was inspired by faith, love and service to others. The eulogies from three members of Gordon's family provided many beautiful insights into a life that had been full and rich. The occasion was indeed a special time of tears and laughter, one of sad celebration.

Our church family showed its appreciation of Gordon by exhibiting an exemplary piece of team work. Cath was the chief coordinator, performing in her inimitable style. Rykhardt worked wonders with his technological expertise. The kitchen trio, Chris, Katherine and Lesley, was exceptional. And there were so many others, furniture removalists and cobweb annihilators, for instance, who were also able to express their love and admiration for Gordon by being a part of a great team effort.

For those congregants who were unable to attend, they are indeed fortunate to have the service available on You Tube.

Requiescat in pace, Gordon.

