

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

3rd October, 2021

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leader (pm): *****
Marshal (Church): **Andrew**
Marshal (Hall): **Cath**
Reader: **Owen**
Musician: **Heather**
Stewards: *****
Manager: *****
Kidz Connect: **Vacation**
Morning Tea: **Peter, Yvonne & Chris**
Audio Desk: **Ruan**
Camera Operator: **Rykhardt**
Computer Operator: **Lucinda**
Overflow Overseer: **John**
Cleaning: *****

Next Week's Roster

10th October, 2021

Preacher: **Ceri**
Leader (am): **James**
Leader (pm): **David**
Marshal (Church): **Tim**
Marshal (Hall): **Cath**
Reader: **Tina**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Stewards: *****
Manager: *****
Kidz Connect: **Vacation**
Morning Tea: **David, Linda & Joy**
Audio Desk: **Ruan & Ralph**
Camera Operator: **Ralph**
Computer Operator: **Rykhardt & James**
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.

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Sunday, 3rd October, 2021

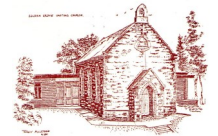
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Community Lost and Found**

New Testament Reading: **James 4: 1-10**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church



Submitting

One Sunday a mum and dad were at church with their children. Their young boy insisted on standing on the chairs. He was placed off the chairs several times and chastised by his dad. After quite a 'wrestle', finally he sat, dutifully. His father said that he was a good boy for sitting quietly. He gritted his teeth and said, "I'm standing on the inside!"

All human beings are born with a proud spirit by nature. There is nothing that we find harder *than submitting to authorities*. The Bible tells us that all authorities that we have to deal with in life - whether parents, government, or any others, are put in place by God. He works through them for the good of the world and humanity (Ro 13:1-7).

Therefore, we are to submit to those authorities as a part of our submitting to God and His good will, and rebelling against those authorities is rebelling against God. The only exception might be when those authorities clearly oppose the word and will of God.

And this affects how we relate to *everyone*. Paul says, "*submit to one another* out of reverence for Christ" (Eph 5:21). Do we constantly complain, and 'wrestle' with one another in order to get our own way, or do we humbly listen to one another, and put others' wishes before our own? This is all a reflection of our submission to God and Christ.

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Of course, the key for us to be able to do this is *the Gospel*. The saving grace of Jesus Christ is only given to the truly humble - those who submit themselves to God and others, which exalts and blesses us more than we can imagine (James 4:10)!

Grace and cheers, Jonathan.

A Message from the Elders

To be able to remain standing firm after the onslaughts of the battle against the evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, 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 equip the Sword of the Spirit (verse 17).

A soldier's sword is not only an offensive weapon by which he or she can overcome adversaries, but it is also an effective defensive weapon through which the enemy's blows can be parried and deflected. However, to be able to use a sword proficiently requires not only a sharp sword, but perhaps more importantly; discipline, commitment and regular practice to hone one's skills.

A Christian's Sword of the Spirit is the Word of God (Ephesians 6:17) which is the sharpest of all two-edged swords, able to cut between soul and spirit (Hebrews 4:12). Just as a soldier needs to become proficient in wielding the sword, so too every Christian requires knowledge of the Word of God to become proficient in using the Sword of the Spirit in defence against adversity. Regularly reading our Bibles is a good way to hone our sword swinging skills.

Learn from our Master, Jesus Christ. During this week read Matthew 4:1-11. Read how Jesus was able to stand firm against the onslaughts of the devil in the desert. Are you currently walking through a desert? Now is the time to pick up your Sword of the Spirit.

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

Women's Fellowship: Friday, 15th October

Have you put your name on the list for the Gawler cinema trip yet?

OUR OCTOBER DIARY DATES

- **Sunday Morning Worship: 3rd October: 10.00 am**
- **Labour Day Public Holiday: Monday, 4th October**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 7th October: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 7th October: 1.30 pm**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 10th October: 10.00 am**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 10th October: 6.00 pm**
- **Beginning of Term Three: Monday, 11th October**

Samaritan's Purse Processing

Below is the link to register for processing. We shall be processing from 30th October to 27th November. If you have never been before this is the time to come. We shall be processing SA, NT, Victoria and some from NSW. There will be plenty to do, and processing is a lot of fun. This is the time to see the fruits of our labour and the work we have done during the year. Location: 34-40 Lipson Street, Port Adelaide.

<https://samaritanspurse.org.au/2021-volunteer-opportunities/>

Women's Fellowship: This Thursday, 7th October, at 1.30 pm: Playing games, with Sandy Walker.

Recycling Information

First of all, a huge vote of thanks to all the members of our church family who have been bringing along plastic bottle tops and placing them in the containers. We are especially grateful to Pedare Christian College, inspired by Ailsa, who has provided box after box of these items. What a phenomenal achievement! Thank you, as well, to all of you for continuing to provide countless ring pulls (which raise money for GGUC). In this era of communicating by technology, used stamps are becoming increasingly scarce. However, as they help raise funds for Frontier Services, please continue to bring them along. However, let it be known that bread tags and plastic bottle tops are no longer required, as the charity to help disabled children has been swamped with an over-abundance of them.