

### 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

24th October, 2021

Preacher: **David D'Lima**  
Leader (am): **Kathryn**  
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**  
Marshal (Church): **Cath**  
Marshal (Hall): **Rykhardt**  
Reader: **Barrie**  
Musician: **Pat**  
Stewards: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Manager: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Kidz Connect: **Chris DeB & Tina**  
Morning Tea: **Trevor, Sandy & Owen**  
Audio Desk: **Ralph & Lucinda**  
Camera Operator: **John**  
Computer Operator: **James & Rykhardt**  
Overflow Overseer: **Rykhardt**  
Cleaning: **\*\*\*\*\***

#### Next Week's Roster

31st October, 2021

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Ceri**  
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**  
Marshal (Church): **Andrew**  
Marshal (Hall): **Cath**  
Reader: **Owen**  
Musician: **Brunetta**  
Stewards: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Manager: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Kidz Connect: **Trevor & Sandy**  
Morning Tea: **Peter, Yvonne & Ken**  
Audio Desk: **Rykhardt**  
Camera Operator: **Ruan**  
Computer Operator: **Lucinda**  
Overflow Overseer: **Ralph**  
Cleaning: **\*\*\*\*\***

#### Have you considered E-giving?

Envelopes with an "E" on the front, prayer requests or thanks can be placed in the offering bags on a Sunday morning.

Our bank details are as follows:

BSB 805-007 Account Number: 00702729 Credit Union SA

Please speak to Chris Holroyd if you require more information.

## Golden Grove Gazette

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

[www.goldengroveuniting.org.au](http://www.goldengroveuniting.org.au)

Sunday, 24th October, 2021

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher: **David D'Lima**

Theme: **Praying for the Civic Authorities**

Bible Readings: **1 Timothy 2: 1-7 and Mark 10: 46-52**

Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church



#### Climate for Change

A number of government leaders from around the world are making louder noises in acknowledgement of global climate change, and the necessity of responding to it with new, stronger policies and action in order to prevent dangerous alteration to the world's environment. Even the Murdoch news empire, a recent strident climate-change denier, has converted, and now declares it as truth!

The Bible also acknowledges the degradation of the world's environment. It tells us that the creation is subject to futility and decay, and that it "groans as in labour pains" (Ro 8:22). Those who acknowledge climate change will say that this catastrophe is the fault of human mismanagement, and short-sighted trashing of the environment for economic advantage. No doubt much of this is true.

However, the Bible also says that *God subjected the creation to futility and decay* (Ro 8:20)! It says that He did this in hope that the creation itself will be set free from this state of decay, not only to be restored to its pristine state, but "glorified", made infinitely better, greater and richer than it ever was before (Ro 8:21), in the eternal new heaven and new earth (Rev 21:1-5). This is to accompany a similar liberation and glorification of God's people (Ro 8:21 - i.e., the resurrection from the dead to eternal life).

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This truth means that we shouldn't be too shocked or dismayed at the troubles that come to the global environment, and that we are free to realistically acknowledge them. It also means that we should not be fearful or despairing in the face of them, but actually full of the hope of the redemption of creation, and express that faith in stewarding and renewing the environment wherever God enables us.

*Grace and peace, Jonathan.*

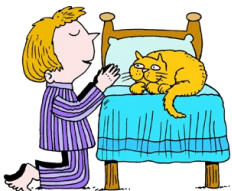
#### A Message from the Elders

Being thankful for what we have and expressing it through a prayer of thanksgiving, is an important way for us to show gratitude towards the Heavenly Father for the many blessings He bestows upon us. It helps us recognise God's providence and His great love for us, instead of just living in the doubts and fears that may surround us.

Saying '*thank you God*' shows appreciation and is a sign that we aren't taking for granted what God is doing in our lives. Saying '*thank you God*' acknowledges that it was God who bestowed that blessing, not 'awesome-us' who created it for ourselves. Being thankful in our prayer life puts the focus back where it belongs - on God.

Saying '*thank you God*' and praising Him, go hand-in-hand with one another and are both important aspects of a healthy prayer life. Read Psalm 138 as a prayer of thanksgiving to God. Thank Him for answering your prayers and caring for you. The Lord has a perfect plan for your life. Trust Him to work for good in all things (Romans 8:28).

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



#### Philippines Sponsorship Children's Programme

On behalf of the Church Council, we would like to thank Trevor and Sandy Walker for taking over the position as Coordinators of the Philippines Sponsorship Children's Programme. Your next quarter will be due in December. Thank you once again to you both for taking on this very important role for the church family.

#### OUR REMAINING OCTOBER DIARY DATES

- Sunday Morning Worship: 24th October: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 24th October: 6.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 25th October: 10.30 am to 11.30 am
- Church Council: Tuesday, 26th October: 7.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: 28th October: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- *mainly music*: Friday, 29th October: 9.30 am to 11.30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: 31st October: 10.00 am  
**Church Council Election for 2022**

#### Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> November

The next Women's Fellowship function will be held on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, at the Saints Road Café, at 10.30am, for Brunch. Please let Eileen know as soon as possible if you will be in attendance so that she can confirm numbers and see if you require a lift.

#### **The sequence of events will be as follows:**

- 24/10/2021 Nomination forms available. These forms will list the names of Elders and Councillors who are willing to accept re-nomination, as well as give provision for new nominations.
- 07/11/2021 Nominations close at 12 noon.
- 14/11/2021 Names of nominees published in the Golden Grove Gazette.
- 05/ 12/2021 Election of Elders and Church Councillors.

*(Neil Larcombe)*