

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

31st October, 2021

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

Next Week's Roster

7th November, 2021

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leaders (pm): **Renée & James**
Manager: **John**
Marshal (Church): **Ray**
Marshal (Hall): **Coral**
Reader: **Kathryn**
Musician: **Heather**
Kidz Connect: **Coral & Tina**
Morning Tea: **Ailsa, Chris D. and Tina**
Audio Desk: **Ralph**
Camera Operator: **Tim**
Computer (am): **James**
Computer (pm): **Rykhardt**
Overflow Overseer: **John**
Cleaning: **Cleaner (9th Nov.)**

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.

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

www.goldengroveuniting.org.au

Sunday, 31st October, 2021

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher: **Jonathan**

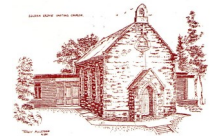
Theme: **Prayer: For Duds & "Warriors"**

New Testament Reading: **Romans 8: 18-27**

Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church



The Second Greatest Commandment

Many people will tell you that the most important thing in the world is *just to love people*. The problem is that we have many ideas about what love is, and something we think is loving may in the end turn out not to have been for the person's good, and even actually harmed them. Like when a mother smothers her child with overindulgent affection, thinking this is "loving" her child when in actual fact it creates a string of emotional and psychological problems.

This is because we haven't realised that just loving people is *not the most important thing*; it's only *the second most important thing*. The most important thing, as Jesus taught us, is actually *to love God*, and with all our heart, mind, soul and strength (Mt 22:34-40; Mk 12:28-34). When we love God first we desire and allow ourselves to be shaped by His will for us. And God "*IS LOVE*" - i.e., He is the only source and definition of what it really means to love someone. So we can only know how to love someone else when we love God first, and are shaped by His love.

The last two centuries in the Western world have seen a huge decrease in love for God (and faith in Him). Has this decrease in love for God resulted in an increase in love for our human neighbours, or a loss of it?....

Jesus taught that loving God is the *greatest, first* commandment, and loving others - our neighbours - is *the second commandment*. We can't do the second one unless we are doing the first one, *first*. We will love God first when we realise that He has loved us first; and, with a love that cost His Son's life, mercifully saved us from sin and death, and given us resurrection from the dead to eternal life (1Jn 4:9-11)!

Grace and cheers, Jonathan

Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes

A huge thankyou to the generous members of our church family for your wonderful support with the Samaritan's Purse shoe boxes. With your help, a total of 37 boxes and a total of \$230.00 cash donations have been delivered. Thank you once again.

A Lament for the Pink Pig

As a result of the pandemic our beloved Pink Pig has become greatly emaciated to the point of imminent extinction. His only source of sustenance at present is the contributions made by the morning tea participants who indulge after the Sunday morning service. We need to remember that he serves, not only the tea, coffee, biscuits, sugar and milk, but is also responsible for the rubbish bags, bin liners and all other necessities that contribute to the hygienic running of the kitchen. Thank you for your assistance.

Hardly the Best Kept Secret Revealed

Did you know that Barbara and John Wheatcroft had a special celebration last Monday. It was their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. It was definitely a silvery occasion, for their are always silver threads to be found amongst the gold. Heartiest congratulations from your church family. Love and blessings from us all.

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.

Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 4th November

The next Women's Fellowship function will be held on Thursday, 4th 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.

A Message from the Elders:

Our presbytery (Generate non-geographic presbytery) established five regional hubs in November last year, each with a hub leader to build a team to support and encourage leadership, mission and collaboration throughout the congregations belonging to Generate presbytery.

Our congregation, together with a few others, was placed in the "Adelaide and North Hub", which was headed by Rev Katie Iles until recently, when she resigned from this part-time role.

From 01 November, our new hub leader will be Rev Peter Riggs from Playford UC:

"Hello my friends, It is with much enthusiasm, and a genuine sense of God's timing, that I take on the role of Hub Leader serving the Adelaide and North ministry agents and settings. As much as the world we as churches find ourselves in has always been a challenging place to be (see Luke 10, and being sent out as lambs amongst wolves), this season seems to have shaken things more than ever.

How crucial then that our presbytery seeks to see us, all of us; Passionate, Renewed and Courageous. With our other fine hub leaders, I look forward to being one part of the way that God, I pray, will encourage and exhort us, reminding us that we are not alone in all the joys and challenges of ministry, and stirring us towards love and good deeds that are already prepared for us to embody. Grace, peace and joy" - Pete.

Generate Presbytery's core business is to:

- See people come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ,
- Grow as passionate disciples,
- Raise courageous leaders, and to
- See churches planted and renewed.

Our presbytery's full statement of beliefs can be found on their website:
<https://generate.ucasa.org.au>

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

Church Council Election for 2022

The sequence of events will be as follows:

- 24/10/2021 Nomination forms available from Neil Larcombe. These forms 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. (Neil Larcombe)