

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.

Reverend Jonathan Button can be contacted at j.button@bigpond.com.

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

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): **James**
Overflow Overseer: **John**
Cleaning: *********

Next Week's Roster

14th November, 2021

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): **David**
Manager: **Neil**
Marshal (Church): **Neil**
Marshal (Hall): **Cath**
Reader: **Chris H.**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Kidz Connect: **Chris H. & Tina**
Morning Tea: **David, Linda & Joy**
Audio Desk (am): **Ruan**
Audio Desk (pm): **Ralph**
Camera Operator: **Rykhardt**
Computer (am): **Ralph**
Computer (pm): **James**
Overflow Overseer: **Lucinda**
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.

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

www.goldengroveuniting.org.au

Sunday, 7th November, 2021

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Giving away the Shop**

Gospel Reading: **Mark 12: 38-44**

Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church



Politics & Grace

In Mark chapter 12, Jesus argues with the Sadducees, who wouldn't believe in the resurrection, and with the Pharisees about which commandment was the most important. These two groups were a bit like the left-wing liberals and right-wing conservatives of today; the former emphasising individual rights and free thinking, the latter focussed on the strict following of laws.

Jesus' arguing with them demonstrated that His teaching - the Christian Gospel - refuses to fit into any political position; it is above and greater than them all. While there may be points where Jesus' teaching looks similar to one political view or another, at other points it will pass sharp judgement upon them - e.g., Jesus certainly esteems individuals as created and redeemed in the image of God, but rejects that they have a right to be free from God or His truth; and, while He always upholds God's law, Jesus rejects the idea that life is determined only by success or failure to keep it.

What is it about Jesus' teaching that makes it different from every political view?.... *Grace!*

For example, because life is given and redeemed entirely by the *grace* of God, therefore we owe Him all things - i.e., our love, thanksgiving, obedience and joy, and so we can't just go our own way in life. And because God has *graciously* given forgiveness and salvation for all who will receive it in faith and repentance, we must likewise be gracious and forgiving to all.

Grace upon grace, 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 Message from the Elders

Today is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, where we'll join hands with the global Church, uniting as one body in prayer for our fellow Christians, who face persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ.

On this first Sunday in November, we will have a special time in our worship where we'll stop and pray for those who share our faith, but not our freedom to openly express the Gospel in daily life.

The International Day of Prayer is hosted by Open Doors Australia, an organisation established in 1955 by a Dutch missionary who smuggled Bibles into Eastern Europe using his blue VW Beetle. The mission of Open doors Australia is to "*strengthen and prepare Christians living in persecution, and to mobilise the Australian church to identify with the global body of Christ*".

If you would like to know more about Open Doors Australia, or would like to get involved in supporting the persecuted church, head to www.opendoors.org.au

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

Rules for Voting at the Church Council Election

In conformity with Uniting Church regulations, only full members and members in-association may nominate, be nominated and vote.

Proxy voting is not permitted, a member must be present in order to vote.

A list of those eligible to vote will be issued before the election. Please inform Neil of any inaccuracies immediately. If you are not sure of your voting status please speak to Neil so that he can make sure.

EARLY NOVEMBER DIARY DATES

- Sunday Morning Worship: 7th November: 10.00 am
- Café Youth: Sunday, 7th November: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 8th November: 10.30 am to 11.30 am
- Remembrance Day: Thursday, 11th November
- Thursday Morning Prayers: 11th November: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- *mainly music*: Friday, 12th November: 9.30 am to 11.30 am
- Lifestyle Village Market: Saturday, 13th November: 11.00 am to 3.00 pm
- Sunday Morning Worship: 14th November: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 14th November: 6.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 15th November: 10.30 am to 11.30 am
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 15th November: 2.00 pm

You are invited to the Christmas Market

at Golden Grove Lifestyle Village
Captain Robertson Avenue (Enter by gate 1)

Saturday 13th November from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm

A variety of stalls, a sausage sizzle, as well as tea & coffee & cake

**Just the place to buy Christmas presents for your Advent friend,
your family and your friends**

Church Council Election for 2022

The sequence of events will be as follows:

- 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.