

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

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 : **Rykhardt**  
Computer (am): **Ralph**  
Computer (pm): **James**  
Overflow Overseer: **Lucinda**  
Cleaning: **\*\*\*\*\***

Next Week's Roster

21st November, 2021

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Jonathan**  
Leaders (pm): **Renée & James**  
Manager: **Max**  
Marshal (Church): **Andrew**  
Marshal (Hall): **Neil**  
Reader: **Tina.**  
Musician: **Brunetta**  
Kidz Connect: **Joy & Chris DeB.**  
Morning Tea: **Bob, Faye & Owen**  
Audio Desk: **Rykhardt**  
Camera: **Tim**  
Computer (am): **Ruan**  
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.

# Golden Grove Gazette

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

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

Sunday, 14th November, 2021

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **When Christ Comes Again**

Gospel Reading: **Mark 13: 1-8 and 14-27**

Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church



God in the Trenches

Journalist Mark Day writes of the wartime songs sung by Australian soldiers, mentioning such songs as *The Mademoiselle from Armentières*, *Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag*, *Wish Me Luck as You Wave Me Goodbye*, *Kiss Me Goodnight Sergeant Major*. He says that "While the tunes linger in the mind, the lyrics remind us of the times: they are cheery and upbeat, trying to make the best of a bad situation... They also reflect an attitude of 'we're all in this together'."

Martin Luther translated Job 7:1 as "life for man is warfare"! The Son of God, Jesus Christ, was born as one of us - our brother; He lived our life, suffered our pain, and died our death. God was saying to us, in life and its warfare, "We're all in this together!"

Someone once said, "Jesus stepped right down into the frontline trenches". This was the greatest act of solidarity, self-sacrifice, and love, to pay for the sins of all people, and win for us salvation and fullness of life. The forgiveness and peace that this achieved between God and humanity also contains the promise and hope of peace between all people.

This week (11<sup>th</sup> November) we remembered and gave thanks for all Australian servicemen and women who fought for our country in wartime, and for those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We also give thanks to the God who was in it all with them, for them - the same God who is with us and for us always.

Therefore, we also may be - and need to be - *for Him!*

*Grace and peace, Jonathan.*

### A Message from the Elders

Over the past few weeks we have looked at some of the components of prayer: Adoration, Praise, Thanksgiving, Intercession; and how each of these play an important and active role in a healthy, living relationship with God.

We might not always know what to pray, but the important thing is that we do pray, and often. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 says to never stop praying, which does not imply that we are to pray continually, but rather that we should never give up on prayer.

Matthew 7:7-11 encourages us to keep on praying, asking God to provide for what our needs are and to trust that He is faithful and good; and that He will answer when He knows it is the right time to provide for that need. God loves us and wants what is best for us. He loves us so much that He became one of us and died on the cross in our place to save us (John 3:16-17), so that we can spend eternity with Him when all creation is made new (Revelation 22:1-5).

In the coming week, read how Jesus taught his followers how to pray in Matthew 6:5-15 and also read the words from Psalm 145 as a personal prayer to our beloved Heavenly Father.

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

### From the Pink Pig

Thank you to the Sunday morning worshippers and tea and coffee drinkers for your generosity with your contributions. I feel much better now, but I just hope that you are not fattening me up for Christmas!

### The Support from God and Jesus in the Trenches

(from Wilfred Owen, Britain's greatest World War One poet)

*"I, too, saw God through mud, the mud that cracked on cheeks when wretches smiled." (Apologia Pro Poemate Meo)*

*"I dreamed kind Jesus fouled the big-gun gears;  
And rusted every bayonet with His tears." (Soldier's Dream)*

### NOVEMBER DIARY DATES

- **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 (GRAND FINAL)**
- **Church Council: Tuesday, 16th November: 7.00 pm**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 18th November: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **mainly music: Friday, 19th November: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 21st November: 10.00 am**
- **Café Youth: Sunday, 21st November: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 25th November: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **mainly music: Friday, 26th November: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **First Sunday in Advent: 28th November (HOPE)**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 28th November: 10.00 am**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 28th November: 6.00 pm**

### Church Council Election for 2022

**Nominations closed last Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 12.00 noon. Only one nomination was received for Church Council, that of Chris Holroyd's re-nominating. No nominations were received for Elders. Voting will take place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December, after Worship. Only members and members-in association may vote. Please speak with Neil Larcombe, Church Council Chairperson, if you have any questions.**

### A Word from Janet

Janet would like to thank her church family for its concern and for its prayers. She greatly misses her church. However, she wants to assure us that she is well. Her knee has been much less painful since she had a cortisone injection. She is still under medical supervision, involving regular blood tests. But, she is very happy with the care at Ananda and has made friends among the carers and residents, which is good, as she is a very sociable person. And there has been no decline in her talking powers!