

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

21st November, 2021

Preacher: **James**
Leader (am): **Neil**
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 & Brunetta**
Audio Desk: **Rykhardt**
Camera : **Tim**
Computer (am): **Ruan**
Computer (pm): **James**
Overflow Overseer: **Lucinda**
Cleaning: *********

Next Week's Roster

28th November, 2021

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): **David**
Manager: **Ray**
Marshal (Church): **Coral**
Marshal (Hall): **Ray**
Reader: **Coral**
Musician: **Pat**
Kidz Connect: **Michelle & Tina**
Morning Tea: *********
Audio Desk (am): **Ralph**
Audio Desk (pm): **Lucinda**
Camera: **John**
Computer (am): **James**
Computer (pm): **Rykhardt**
Overflow Overseer: **Rykhardt**
Cleaning: *********

Christmas Hampers

Once again we ask for your help at this time of the year, if you could please bring something to make up Christmas Hampers for two schools, which we support through the Schools Ministry programme, for families who are struggling. They are Greenwith Primary School and Banksia Park Primary School. The last day to bring will be Sunday, 5th December, as the school term finishes on Friday, 10th December and hampers will be delivered before that date. Thank You.

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Sunday, 21st November, 2021

Christ the King Sunday

Preacher: **James**

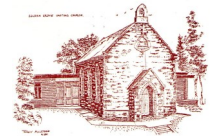
Theme: **What is Truth?**

Gospel Reading: **John 18: 33-37**

Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church



HEARING GOD

Christians believe that God is a living person and that he wants to communicate to us. Some people think that the only way God speaks to you is in some spectacular way, like a special revelation. But, the Bible is full of instances in which God spoke to people in a variety of ways. Perhaps the most unusual way was through a donkey (Numbers 22.28).

The prophet Elijah on one occasion needed encouragement. Most of all he wanted the reassurance that God was still his companion. God did not speak to him through a great and powerful wind, nor an earthquake or fire, but in a gentle whisper.

Whilst God can speak to us through the Bible, friends and circumstances, let us not forget that he may choose an ordinary even in our day to say something to us.

Whichever way God uses to speak to us, remember that there is not one way that is more 'spiritual' than another. The important thing is to discern what God is saying to us.

Anticipate God. Listen to God. Look for God in the ordinary, routine events of your life.

(Rev. Gordon)

A Message from the Elders

The term "Advent" means the arrival of a notable person or event and, for Christians, Advent is a season of preparation and hope, which begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. During this season the church recalls its hope and expectation in the coming of Christ, past, present and future: in the flesh when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in our hearts daily and in glory at the end of time.

This year Advent commences on Sunday 28 November and concludes on Friday 24 December. Practices associated with Advent include keeping an Advent calendar, lighting candles on an Advent wreath, praying an Advent daily devotional, putting up a Christmas tree and other Christmas decorations.

In our church, on each of the Sundays in Advent, we light one of the candles of our Advent wreath; each symbolising a theme of Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. The final candle (the Christ candle) is lit on Christmas Day.

Let us pray anew this 2021 season of Advent for a genuine awareness of God's grace in our lives and the humility to extend it to others. Let's pray to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, for purity and to grow as we encounter God more fully every day. Let us pray for confidence in God's love and to trust in His power to work things out for the best in our lives.

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

Tim Checkley's Baptism - Sunday, 28th November

The 10am Worship Service on Nov 28th will include the Baptism of Tim Checkley. At the end of the Service at the church, we will move straight to the Buttons' home at 20 Linwood Court, Wynn Vale, where the Baptism will be conducted in the swimming pool.

There will be no morning tea at the church on Nov 28th.

The Baptism at the Buttons' home is classified under SA COVID-19 restrictions as a "Private Activity", and therefore is limited to 150 persons (*so everyone can come).

We hope to video record the Baptism so that it can be shown to the congregation for members who are not able to attend the Buttons' home.

NOVEMBER DIARY DATES

- **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**
- **Tim's Baptism: Sunday, 28th November: Chez Button (after the Service)**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 28th November: 6.00 pm**

Church Council Election for 2022

Nominations closed on Sunday 7th 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 5th December, after Worship. Only members and members-in association may vote.
Please speak with Neil Larcombe, Church Council Chairperson, if you have any questions.

Women's Fellowship: Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, 2nd December

Venue: Slug and Lettuce

Time: 12.30 pm

There is a sheet on the back table in the hall. Would you please place your name on the sheet if you intend coming? Please indicate if you need a ride. It is important that you follow these instructions, as Eileen needs to confirm the booking and prices. Thank you very much, ladies.

Could you please let Eileen know if you wish to take over the role in 2022? Thank you.

