

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

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: *********

Next Week's Roster

5th December, 2021

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leaders (pm): **Renée & James**
Manager: **Ray**
Marshal (Church): **Tim**
Marshal (Hall): **Chris**
Reader: **Trevor**
Musician: **Heather**
Kidz Connect: **Katherine & Tina**
Morning Tea: **Peter, Yvonne & Ken**
Audio Desk: **Rykhardt**
Camera: **Ruan**
Computer (am): **Ralph**
Computer (pm): **James**
Overflow Overseer: **Lucinda**
Cleaning: **Cleaner**

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, 28th November, 2021

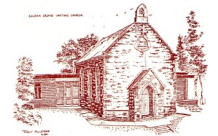
First Sunday in Advent: Hope

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Baptism: True Intimacy**

New Testament Readings: **Romans 8: 14-17 and Matthew 28: 16-20**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church



Baptism: True Intimacy

It has given us enormous joy to welcome our first grandchild into the world these last twelve months. It took us back to our own experience of the birth of our children. There is nothing more intimate than the relationship of mother and child: for nine months one is literally inside the other!

By the water and Holy Spirit in Baptism, we are born again from God as His true children (Jn 3:5). This would mean that we have the same intimate relationship with God our Father as do mother and child, only plus, plus, *plus!* Indeed, Jesus said that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, *He dwells in us, and we in Him!* (Jn 14-20)

Then, of course, we can't be intimate with God our Father without also being intimate with His family - i.e., *the church*: a particular bunch of human beings, who meet on a particular street corner, who cause us pain and who give us delight, with whom we share life and the saving, healing grace of the Gospel.

To have this intimacy is what Jesus meant when He spoke of "having our joy full" (Jn 15:11)!

Grace upon grace, Jonathan.

A Message from the Elders

This Sunday marks the beginning of the season of Advent (28 Nov to 24 Dec), which is a season of expectant waiting and preparation for the Comings of Christ from three different perspectives: in the flesh when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in our hearts daily and in glory at the end of time.

In our church, on this first Sunday in Advent, we light the first candle of our Advent wreath - which is the Prophets' Candle symbolising Hope, which we light in remembrance of the prophets who foretold the birth of Christ (Isaiah 9:2-7).

Christ's birth brings hope to all of humanity, as God did not abandon us to our sins, but instead became flesh to live among us and absolve all sinful human beings (Isaiah 64:5-6). In contrast to humanity, Jesus lived a sinless life and through His great love and mercy, gave His life by suffering and dying on the cross to redeem every person from all their sins: past, present and future (John 19:30).

Through faith in Jesus Christ anyone can be saved. Salvation is a free gift from God, given to us through God's endless love and amazing grace (Ephesians 2:4-10). Take hold of this gift today and look forward to Jesus' return (Mark 13:24-37).

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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. Everyone is welcome.

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

Roster for January, February and March, 2022

If you are unavailable for rostered duties during these months, could you please let Cath or Jim know by next Sunday? Thank you. They are keen to avoid yet another roster that is in a constant state of evolution of epic proportions.

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER DIARY DATES

- **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**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 2nd December: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **mainly music: Friday, 3rd December: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Second Sunday in Advent: 5th December (PEACE)**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 5th December: 10.00 am**
- **Church Council Election: Sunday, 5th December (after Worship)**
- **Café Youth: Sunday, 5th December: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm**

Church Council Election for 2022

Just a reminder that voting will take place next Sunday, 5th December, after Worship. Only members and members-in association may vote. Please speak with Neil Larcombe, Council Chairperson, if you have any questions.

Lost and Found

LOST: Was wondering if someone has moved a large pole with a hook on top, which is normally kept in the vestry right hand side as you go in the door. This pole is needed to reach the banners on the wall in the Church, and was donated by a member of the congregation.

FOUND: If anyone lost a piece of jewellery last Sunday, could they please come and see me? Cath.

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.