

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

5th December, 2021

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

Next Week's Roster

12th December, 2021

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Manager: **Neil**
Marshal (Church): **Cath**
Marshal (Hall): **Chris H.**
Reader: **Sandy**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Kidz Connect: **Trevor & Sandy**
Morning Tea: **Ailsa, Chris D. & Tina**
Audio Desk (am): **Rykhardt**
Audio Desk (pm): **Ralph**
Camera: **Lucinda**
Computer (am): **Lucinda**
Computer (pm): **Daniel & Renée**
Overflow Overseers: *********
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, 5th December, 2021

Second Sunday in Advent: Peace

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Light in Darkness**

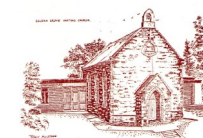
Gospel Reading: **Luke 1: 68-79**

Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ



and nurture them through
our church



A Great Future for Our Kids

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought a dark time for people around the world, and we're still in it! Of course, there have been darker times in history, but the present has been plenty difficult enough for everyone. With this and other global concerns, we naturally worry about the future for our kids.

We are leading up to Christmas, celebrating the birth of a baby called Jesus in a town called Nazareth 2000 years ago. That was also a dark time in the world. Foreign soldiers walked the streets with swords. The future looked bleak.

We believe that the baby Jesus was also the Son of the God who made the universe. He came to tell us that God is our Father, that He loves us, forgives us, has a plan to make the best of our lives, and give us eternal life in a new heaven and earth.

The Bible calls this baby and the message *Light* - i.e., the Light above all other possible lights that penetrates and overcomes every possible darkness! This doesn't make difficulties automatically easy, but, if we believe and follow Jesus, He will carry us through every situation, and we, and our kids, will have a future that is indestructibly bright and hopeful.

Grace upon cheers, Jonathan.

A Message from the Elders

The theme of Bible readings and teachings during the season of Advent is balanced between the remembrance of Christ's first coming and the anticipation of His triumphant return as Judge and Ruler at the end of time. The first two Sundays in Advent (28 Nov and 05 Dec) look forward to Jesus's second coming, whilst the last two Sundays (12 and 19 Dec) reflect backward to remember His birth.

In our church, on this second Sunday in Advent, we light the Bethlehem Candle, symbolising Peace. We light it in remembrance of the journey made by Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, where Jesus Christ, the Peacemaker of the world, was born. He will soon come again, set things right and bring everlasting peace to all of creation.

During the week read and think about these passages: Isaiah 40:1-11, Mark 1:1-20 and 2 Peter 3:1-18. In your personal prayer time, thank God for the wholeness that comes from being in community with Him. Ask God to show you how you can be an ambassador of the Prince of Peace. Ask Him to work through you to bring others this promise of true peace that comes from knowing Him. Open your heart to Him, let His Spirit guide you and seek peace in all your endeavours.

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

Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes

Once again our church family has demonstrated its boundless generosity in its wonderful contribution to the happiness of deprived children across the world. Thank you so very, very much.

In November the Adelaide centre for Samaritan's Purse processed 19,471 SA/NT boxes and 25,707 Victorian boxes - a grand total of 45,178 boxes! This was achieved over 20 days, with very good teams of volunteers, which included a number of worshippers from GGUC . This is a record for SA and we have been highly commended by the national leadership team. Please share this news with your groups. Every box represents a child who will be thrilled to receive a gift - very often the first and possibly the only one ever - and will hear that they are special and Jesus loves them.

We still don't know when our boxes will go - shipping arrangements are difficult to arrange in the current global environment - but I will let you know as soon as the containers arrive for us to pack in the cartons of boxes (480 large cartons containing approximately 10,500 boxes fill each 40 foot container).

OUR DECEMBER DIARY DATES

- **Second Sunday in Advent: 5th December (PEACE)**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 5th December: 10.00 am**
- **Thanksgiving and Blessing for Jayce (during the Service)**
- **Church Council Election: Sunday, 5th December (after Worship)**
- **Café Youth: Sunday, 5th December: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 9th December: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **mainly music: Friday, 10th December: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Third Sunday in Advent: 12th December (JOY)**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 12th December: 10.00 am**
- **Holy Communion (deferred from 5th December)**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 12th December: 6.00 pm**

Found and Lost

FOUND: Thank you. The pole for the banners has been found.

LOST: If you have lost a piece of jewellery, please come and see me. Thanks, Cath.

PICNIC IN THE PARK FOR KYB LADIES

Reminder to the **KYB Ladies** to meet at:
Kersbrook Park (opposite Old Spot Hotel)
at **1.30pm on Monday 6th December.**

BYO food and drinks **and** don't forget your **CHAIR.**

Please contact Faye March on 0418 812 614 if there are any problems.

Welcome to the Perks Family

We welcome this morning Jack and Sophie Perks, with their son, Jayce. We are delighted to celebrate with them a Service of Thanksgiving and Blessing for Jayce, and pray for God our Father's good plans to be fulfilled in their lives!