

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

2nd January, 2022

Preacher:	Kathryn
Leader (am):	Cath
Leader (pm):	*****
Manager:	John
Marshal (Church):	Andrew
Marshal (Hall):	Neil
Reader:	Barrie
Musician:	Heather
Kidz Connect:	*****
Morning Tea:	Peter, Yvonne & Ken
Audio Desk (am):	James
Audio desk (pm):	*****
Camera :	Ralph
Computer (am):	James
Computer (pm):	*****
Overflow Overseer:	John
Cleaning:	Cleaner

Next Week's Roster

9th January, 2022

Preacher:	Reverend Ross Honey
Leader (am):	James
Leader (pm):	*****
Manager:	Neil
Marshal (Church):	Chris H.
Marshal (Hall):	Cath
Reader:	Owen
Musician:	Brunetta
Kidz Connect:	*****
Morning Tea:	Ailsa, Chris D. & Tina
Audio Desk (am):	Ruan
Audio Desk (pm):	*****
Camera:	Lucinda
Computer (am):	Rykhardt
Computer (pm):	*****
Overflow Overseers:	Renée & Daniel
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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Sunday, 2nd January, 2022

Second Sunday after Christmas

Preacher: **Kathryn**

Theme: **Remembering and Forgetting**

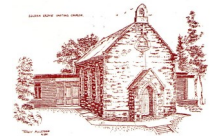
Bible Readings: **Psalm 103: 1-14 and John 1: 14-18**

Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ



and nurture them through our church



The New Year

Francis Brienens, a British minister and author in the Reformed Church. has written the following inspirational prayer for the New Year. Make it your earnest prayer for 2022.



God of all time,
who makes all things new,
we bring before you the year now ending.
For life full and good,
for opportunities recognised and taken,
for love known and shared,
we thank you.

Where we have fallen short,
forgive us.



When we worry over what is past,
free us.
As we begin again
and take our first steps into the future,
where nothing is safe and certain,
except you,

(PTO)



we ask for the courage of the wise men
who simply went and following a star.
We ask for their wisdom,
in choosing to pursue the deepest truth,
not knowing where they would be led.
In the year to come, God of all time,
be our help and company.
Hold our hands as we journey onwards
and may your dreams of shalom,
where all will be at peace,
be our guiding star.

(submitted by Rev. Gordon)

A Message from the Elders

Ever had an epiphany? The Collins dictionary defines epiphany as "a moment of sudden insight or understanding". In Christianity, the term Epiphany has a different meaning.

Christian Epiphany is the liturgical season we celebrate after Advent, leading up to the season of Lent. Epiphany begins on Thursday 06 January - exactly 12 days after Christmas. During this liturgical season we celebrate the appearance of God in the flesh to the gentile world, when He was born as the baby Jesus, and we commemorate the manifestation of His divinity, which occurred at His baptism in the Jordan river.

The twelve days represent the amount of time it took after the birth of Jesus for the three wise men, representing the gentile world, to follow the Natal star all the way to Bethlehem for the epiphany. There they worshipped Him, recognising Him as the Son of God, bringing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Read what happened in Matthew 2 and of the many Old Testament prophecies that were fulfilled during the unfolding of these events.

Minister's Annual Leave

Jonathan is taking annual leave from 26th December to 24th January. For any pastoral care or other concerns during this time, please speak with our Administrator, Cath McKechnie, or the Chair of Church Council, Neil Larcombe.

OUR JANUARY DIARY DATES

- **Sunday Morning Worship: 2nd January: 10.00 am**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 6th January: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **Working Bee: Saturday, 8th January: 8.00 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 9th January: 10.00 am**
- **Holy Communion: Sunday, 9th January (deferred from 2nd January)**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 13th January: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 16th January: 10.00 am**
- **Estia Worship Service: Monday, 17th January: 2.00 pm**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 20th January: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 23rd January: 10.00 am**
- **Australia Day: Wednesday, 26th January**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 27th January: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**

Prayers for Chris and Ray Holroyd

Sadly, Chris's beloved father, Ken, after a long illness, went to be with his God last Thursday. Chris and Ray flew out yesterday to be with her mother and family in England. Tragically, the complications created by COVID regulations had delayed their flight by over a week. As members of their church family, would we all please pray for Chris, Ray and their extended family in this time of great sadness? Please pray as well for their safe return from a country where the pandemic is rampant.

Today's Hymns and Songs

Goodness of God (Bethel Music)

We Three Kings (John Henry Hopkins)

Love came down at Christmas (Together in Song 317)

God rest ye, merry, gentlemen (Australian Hymn Book 233)

Angels, from the realms of glory (Together in Song 309)

Hark! the herald angels sing (Together in Song 303)