

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.

Church Telephone Number: 8251 4298

This Week's Roster

23rd January, 2022

Preacher: **Ceri**
Leader (am): **Ceri**
Leader (pm): *****
Manager: **Max**
Marshal (Church): **Cath**
Marshal (Hall): **Coral**
Reader: **Kathryn**
Musician: **Pat**
Kidz Connect: *****
Morning Tea: *****
Audio Desk (am): **Rykhardt**
Audio Desk (pm): *****
Camera : **Lucinda**
Computer (am): **Ruan**
Computer (pm): *****
Overflow Overseers: **Renée & Daniel**
Cleaning: *****

Next Week's Roster

30th January, 2022

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Manager: **John**
Marshal (Church): **Rykhardt**
Marshal (Hall): **Cath**
Reader: **Owen**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Kidz Connect: *****
Morning Tea: *****
Audio Desk (am): **Ruan**
Audio Desk (pm): *****
Camera: **Rykhardt**
Computer (am): **James**
Computer (pm): **James**
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 Cath if you require more information.

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Sunday, 23rd January, 2022

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Preacher: Ceri

Theme: **Over to You**

Gospel Reading: **Mark 16: 9-20**

Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ

**and nurture them through
our church**



Blessed are the poor in spirit

(Reverend Gordon)

When Billy Graham was asked why we should be poor in spirit, and shouldn't we strive to be rich in spirit? Graham brilliantly responded with the following:

We must be humble in our spirits. If you put the word "humble" in place of the word "poor," you will understand what He meant.

In other words, God welcomes those who come to Him, realising their own sin, spiritual emptiness, and poverty. We must not be self-satisfied or proud in our hearts, thinking we don't really need God. If we are, God cannot bless us.

The Bible says, "For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death." **(2 Corinthians 7:10)** True sorrow will lead to joy, because you see your true state, decide to do something about it, and repent. But, without that sorrow, there will be no joy.

Happy are the poor in spirit; the people who see themselves as they really are and want to do something about that condition. They sorrow over it. They repent of it. As **Psalms 32: 1,2** reads: "Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed are they whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit." For theirs is the kingdom of heaven!

Today's Hymns and Songs

Stand up and bless the Lord (Together in Song 449)
O Master, let me walk with Thee (Together in Song 601)
My heart is filled with thankfulness (Getty Hymn Book)
How firm a foundation (Together in Song 578)
Rejoice, the Lord is King (Together in Song 216)
O Jesus, I have promised (Together in Song 595)

Points to Note

- **Prayer Chain:** As Ray and Chris Holroyd are away until the middle of March, if you need any prayers to be placed on the Prayer Chain, could you please contact Andrew and Sheila MacTier on 8251 0882? Thank you.
- **Morning Tea:** There will be no morning tea after Worship until further notice.

Offering Envelopes

If you require offering envelopes for 2022, you can pick them up from the back table in the hall. For members of the Congregation who pay either by direct debit or 'E give', can you please not take envelopes. Just pick up and put in the offering bag the small cards which are in the small baskets on the tables as you come in the Church or the Hall. Thank you, much appreciated.

Minister's Annual Leave

Jonathan is on 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.

DIARY DATES FOR OUR HOT SUMMER DAYS

- **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**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 30th January: 10.00 am**
- **Special Café Church Service: Sunday, 30th January: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 31st January: 10.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 3rd February: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **Working Bee: Saturday, 5th February: 8.00 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 6th February: 10.00 am (Holy Communion)**
- **Café Youth: Sunday, 6th February: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 7th February: 10.30 am to 11.30 am**

A Coronavirus Prayer

Loving God, Your desire is for our wholeness and well-being.

We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time.

We grieve for precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened.

We ache for ourselves and our neighbours, standing before an uncertain future.

We pray may love, not fear, go viral.

Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good.

Help us to practise social distancing,

And reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity.

Call us to profound trust in Your faithful presence,

You, the God who does not abandon.

Amen.

(Sister Christine Koelhoffer)