

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

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: *****

Next Week's Roster

6th February, 2022

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Manager: **Neil**
Marshal (Church): **Cath**
Marshal (Hall): **Coral**
Reader: **Sandy**
Musician: **Heather**
Kidz Connect: *****
Morning Tea: *****
Audio Desk (am): **Ruan**
Audio Desk (pm): *****
Camera: **Lucinda**
Computer (am): **Rykhardt**
Computer (pm):
Overflow Overseers: **Renée & Daniel**
Cleaning: **Cleaner**

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



The Women's Fellowship will meet on Thursday, 3rd February, at 1.00 pm, in the church hall, to discuss the programme for 2022.

Looking forward to catching up, and please remember to bring your suggestions on what you would like to do in 2022. Thank you.

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Sunday, 30th January, 2022

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **What is this thing called love?**

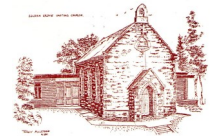
Scripture Reading: **1 Corinthians 13: 1-13**

Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ



and nurture them through our church



HOW LONG. HOW LONG. HOW LONG?

In Psalm 15, David, the psalmist makes a plea to God, "Lord, how long will you ignore me? Forever?" In similar psalms, the cry is from a person who "dwells in the dust".

David questions God, "How long will you look the other way?" "How long must I struggle with anguish in my soul, with sorrow in my heart every day?" "How long will my enemy have the upper hand?"

There are many reasons why people feel abandoned by God and "dwell in the dust": (1) those who feel their prayers are going nowhere; (2) those who are discouraged with life's possibilities; (3) those who are going through difficult physical, emotional, or financial stresses; (4) those who feel stuck in a job or family situation from which they can't escape.

If you feel this way, take note that in the first two verses David is complaining; in the next two he is praying, in the last two he is trusting and rejoicing. By the end of the Psalm David's eyes are no longer on himself; he is trusting in the Lord. No longer is he dwelling in the dust; he recognizes that God has been good to him.

Don't let yourself remain in the "how longs" of verses 1-2. Look to the Lord and trust in him, and he will bring you to the point of rejoicing once again.

(Reverend Gordon)

Today's Hymns and Songs

The Blessing (Music Video)

Love divine, all loves excelling (Together in Song 217)

Blessed be Your name (Music Video)

The Power of the Cross (Getty Hymn Book)

How deep the Father's love for us (Songs of Fellowship 780)

The Power of Your Love (Praise and Worship 621)

There is a Redeemer (Praise and Worship 723)

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.

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.
- **Recycling:** Please remember to conserve your used stamps, aluminium ring pulls, scrap metal, cans and bottles.

DIARY DATES FOR OUR SULTRY SUMMER DAYS

- **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**
- **Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 3rd February: 1.00 pm**
- **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**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 10th February: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 13th February: 10.00 am**

A Message from Janet

Janet would like to thank her greatly missed church family for the various cards and telephone messages (or calls) that she has received over the past two to three months. Unfortunately, the *Ananda Nursing Home* does not have residents' telephones for each room. And Janet finds using a mobile instrument a mystifying ordeal. Therefore, it is best to ring the home (on 8397 7500) and leave a message for her. Like many nursing homes, *Ananda* (including *Estia* and *Helping Hand*, home to our dear Henk) has been in lockdown since before Christmas, which means that residents are locked in and visitors are locked out.

