

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.

Church Telephone Number: 8251 4298

This 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:	Trevor, Sandy & Owen
Audio Desk (am):	Ruan
Audio desk (pm):	*****
Camera :	Lucinda
Computer (am):	Rykhardt
Computer (pm):	*****
Overflow Overseers:	Renée & Daniel
Cleaning:	Cleaner

Next Week's Roster

13th February, 2022

Preacher:	James
Leader (am):	Cath
Leader (pm):	Ross
Manager:	Neil
Marshal (Church):	Cath
Marshal (Hall):	Neil
Reader:	Tina
Musician:	Brunetta
Kidz Connect:	*****
Morning Tea:	Ailsa, Chris & Tina
Audio Desk (am):	Ralph
Audio Desk (pm):	Ralph
Camera:	Tim
Computer (am):	James
Computer (pm):	James
Overflow Overseer:	John
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, 6th February, 2022

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **You are called by God**

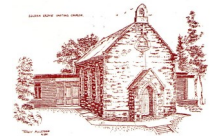
Gospel Reading: **Luke 5: 1-11**

Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ



and nurture them through our church



Normal

The New Year has seen our community tumble into a new phase of the Covid pandemic with the arrival of the highly infectious Omicron variant, and transitioning from zero-tolerance of the virus, to living with it. And as much as vaccines have helped us prepare, we still feel exposed and vulnerable.

Before the pandemic arrived, we lived in what seems now a golden time of freedom of living, opportunity, and connection with people. We thought of this as normal life, to which the pandemic was a shocking upheaval. People have kept talking about when we will get back to how things were, when they were - you know - "normal".

However social commentators are now saying that the pre-pandemic era of great freedoms that we thought of as "normal" was in truth, in the greater scheme of history, a relatively brief *aberration* (i.e., only a few decades, following WW2 and the Cold War). In the bigger picture of history what is in fact much more normal are regular cycles of social and political upheaval.

The Bible says that Jesus Christ is *the Alpha* and *the Omega* (Rev 22:13) - i.e., He is Lord in and over all the upheavals and turmoil of history, and of our personal lives. He does this so that we may realise our total dependence upon Him. Yet also know that He is our merciful Saviour, who came to save, forgive, heal all who look to Him in faith and repentance, and bring us to ultimate fulfilment in His eternal kingdom.

Welcome to "normal"!

Grace and peace, Jonathan.

Bible Study Opportunities

Joining a Bible study group is a great way to grow friendships, share understanding and mature in the faith. If you're not already part of a Bible study group, consider joining one of the groups at our church:

- Women's Bible Study (KYB) - Mondays at 10.00 am - contact Margaret Lineage (0439 883 573)
- Women's Evening Bible Study - Thursdays at 7.00 pm - contact Kathryn Button
- Men's Morning Bible Study - Tuesdays at 10:30 am - contact Andrew MacTier
- Men's Evening Bible Study - Thursdays at 6:45 pm - contact Jonathan Button
- Salisbury East Bible Study - Wednesdays at 7.00 pm - contact Ted Jones or Trevor Walker
- Golden Grove Bible Study - Every second Wednesday at 7.00 pm - contact David Mapp.



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:** This practice will re-commence after today's service. Its continuation will depend on our willingness to abide by the strict COVID rules laid down by the government and Synod.
- **Masks and Signing In:** Synod has informed us that these practices are still mandatory.
- **Recycling:** Please remember to conserve your used stamps, aluminium ring pulls, scrap metal, cans and bottles.

DIARY DATES FOR OUR FEBRUARY DAYS

- **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**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 13th February: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 14th February: 10.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 17th February: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **mainly music: Friday, 18th February: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 20th February: 10.00 am**
- **Congregation Meeting: Sunday, 20th February (after Worship)**
- **Café Youth: Sunday, 20th February: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 21st February: 10.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Estia Worship Service: Monday, 21st February: 2.00 pm**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 24th February: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **mainly music: Friday, 25th February: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 27th February: 10.00 am**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 27th February: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 21st February: 10.30 am to 11.30 am**

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.



(calling the first disciples)

