

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

6th March, 2022

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

Next Week's Roster

13th March, 2022

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **James**
Leader (pm): **David**
Manager: **Neil**
Marshal (Church): **Cath**
Marshal (Hall): **Coral**
Reader: **Brunetta**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Kidz Connect: *********
Morning Tea: **Peter, Yvonne & Ken**
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 March, 2022

First Sunday in Lent

Preacher: **Jonathan**

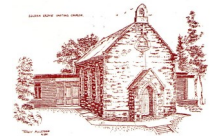
Theme: **The Gospel, Yet Not**

New Testament Reading: **Galatians 1: 1-10**

Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through
our church



History Repeating

We - the West - are stunned at the moment by the arrogance and evil of Russia invading Ukraine. Since WWII and the Cold War, we like to think that humanity has "evolved" to be something "better and higher" than this, and moved "beyond" the evil of nationalistic aggression.

However, the Bible affirms that "every thought and inclination of the human heart is only evil, continually". (Gen 8.21 - and that is even after the sobering, cataclysmic judgement of the flood!) We never learn, and it is presumptuous to think that we have!

A part of our shock is at the plain tragedy of human suffering in war, and the current conflict is a crime against humanity. But another part of it is a degree of precious naivety; this is just regular evil and sin, that can and does emerge at any time - such as we are all capable of. We should not be overly shocked.

As Christians, we recognise this truth in the light of the Gospel - i.e., that the One, true Prince of Peace has come into the world, Jesus Christ, that His saving death on the cross defeats all evil and forgives all sins. He has the power to create a new, human community of peace for all who look to Him in faith and repentance.



Grace and peace, Jonathan.

The First Sunday in Lent

Lent is a time for spiritual examination. A time to seriously consider the integrity of our relationship with the Holy Father and to re-align ourselves with what God wants for us. It is also a time to reflect on the finished work of Jesus Christ - His eternal victory over sin and death (1 Peter 3:18).

Many Christians use fasting, as well as giving up certain luxuries and leading a simpler life, as a practical way to take part in Lent and renew their relationship with God. Some fast by eliminating the amount and type of meals eaten during Lent, whilst others give up luxuries such as chocolate, coffee, tea, alcohol and take-away food. For others Lenten fasting also includes limiting screen time, giving up or limiting the use of social media and not taking part in negative talk, sarcasm or criticism for the 40-day period. (Read Mark 1 9-15.)

Take some time this week to closely examine your own life. Think about the things you repeatedly do that keep you from having a closer relationship with the Father. Read the words of Psalm 25 as if they are your own words. Read them as an honest prayer of confession to God.

Lent Boxes

This Sunday, 6th March, marks the beginning of the first week in Lent, leading up to Easter. On Sunday we will have Lent boxes on the tables in the hall. If you wish to take a box home, they will be on the table at the back of the hall. We ask that they be returned by Sunday 3rd April. Thank you for your support.

Points to Note

- **Masks are still mandatory.**
- **Social distancing is compulsory at morning tea.**
- **Janet's nursing home is still in lockdown. Only family members are allowed to visit, one member only for one hour at a time.**
- **Cath and Jim are working on the second quarter roster. Have you let either one of them know when you are not available?**

THE RELENTLESS MARCH OF TIME

- **Sunday Morning Worship: 6th March: 10.00 am (Holy Communion)**
- **Café Youth: Sunday, 6th March: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 7th March: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 10th March: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- ***mainly music*: Friday, 11th March: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 13th March: 10.00 am**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 13th March: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 14th March: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 17th March: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- ***mainly music*: Friday, 18th March: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 20th March: 10.00 am**
- **Café Youth: Sunday, 20th March: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 21st March: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
- **Estia Worship Service: Monday, 21st March: 2.00 pm**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 24th March: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- ***mainly music*: Friday, 25th March: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**

Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes Update

Hello, Everyone. Great News. This is what I have been waiting for - OUR BOXES ARE ON THEIR WAY to Madagascar.

It has been hard this year waiting so long for them all to get on a ship. However, with the current situation as it is in Madagascar, after a few years of famine and in recent months several devastating storms which caused landslides and flooding, the people have been starving and suffering huge losses. It seems that now is the perfect timing for our boxes to arrive! God's timing is the best time!!!

Please pray for the local teams who will be distributing the boxes - that everything will proceed safely. May God richly bless them and each child (family and community) who receive our boxes.

Thank you for every child who will be blessed because you and your group packed boxes.

Shalom, Lynette.