

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

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): **Rykhardt**  
Computer (pm): **James**  
Overflow Overseer: **John**  
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Cleaning: \*\*\*\*\*

Next Week's Roster

20th March, 2022

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Jonathan**  
Leaders (pm): **Renée & Daniel**  
Manager: **Ray**  
Marshal (Church): **Andrew**  
Marshal (Hall): **Ray**  
Reader: **Owen**  
Musician: **Brunetta**  
Kidz Connect: \*\*\*\*\*  
Morning Tea: **Bob, Faye & Brunetta**  
Audio Desk (am): **Ruan**  
Audio Desk (pm) \*\*\*\*\*  
Camera: **Lucinda**  
Computer (am): **Rykhardt**  
Computer (pm): \*\*\*\*\*  
Overflow Overseers: **Renée & Daniel**  
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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.

# Golden Grove Gazette

Keeping in touch with the G.G.U.C. family

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Sunday, 13th March, 2022

Second Sunday in Lent

Preacher: **Jonathan**

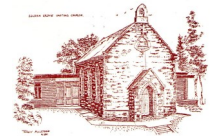
Theme: **Gospel-Changed Life**

New Testament Reading: **Galatians 1: 10-24**

Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through  
our church



Serious Joy

Lent, the name of the 40 day season prior to Easter, derives from the Old English word, *lencten*, meaning "Springtime" (northern hemisphere), and before that from the Germanic *longitinaz*, meaning "lengthening of days". It anticipates Easter, following upon Good Friday, and the victory of the light and life of Christ over the darkness of sin and death.

Within Christian truth, the realities behind Good Friday and Easter Day are never apart, but only and always fused inseparably together. We cannot know the greatness of the victory of Christ for the world, nor its unspeakable joy, revealed at Easter, without at once knowing the shocking depth and breadth of evil and of our sin, laid bare in the Crucifixion of Christ, from which He has saved us.

The truth of the fusion of Easter and Good Friday means that the joyful message of the Christian Gospel is never just religious, wishful thinking. It fully acknowledges the worst that the world can throw at us - the worst of evil and sin, and is victorious *through and over it!* This produces, as CS Lewis said, "the kind of happiness and wonder that makes you serious".

I pray for you to have a seriously joyful Lenten season.

*Grace and cheers, Jonathan.*

## The Second Sunday in Lent

The Lenten season is the perfect time to take a good, hard, inward look at ourselves. It's an opportunity, not for personal improvement or character development in the everyday sense, but rather an opportunity for spiritual cleansing and a time to realign our purposes with God's purposes.

In John 2:13-22 we read how Jesus went to the temple in Jerusalem during the preparations for the Jewish Passover festival and found the temple to be filled with merchants selling animals and exchanging foreign currency. The house of God, an institution of worship, prayer, sacrifice and instruction, had been reduced to a common marketplace.

Our hearts can be like this temple. If we are not careful, we can allow a place reserved for the Holy Spirit to become a place filled with all kinds of everyday, ordinary things. We think that we shall end up filling ourselves with what seems practical and logical, but in fact we end up filling ourselves with what satisfies us here and now - on demand, just the way we want it. Does this ever last? Do these things actually end up bringing joy to our lives?

In verse 15 we read how Jesus cleansed the temple by driving out the merchants, and so too we must continually examine ourselves; and ask our Lord Jesus to step into our lives in order to drive out the things that have taken His place in our hearts.

Whom do you worship in your temple? Take care of your heart.

### Lenten Boxes

Last Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, marked the beginning of the first week in Lent, leading up to Easter. We have Lenten 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 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Thank you for your support.

### George Herbert

The extract opposite is taken from a poem (Ash Wednesday: Lent) by the Reverend George Herbert. He was not only one of the notable metaphysical poets, but was also a skilled lutenist, a public orator and an ordained priest in the Church of England. He lived from 1533 to 1633, dying of consumption at the early age of only 33. At least two of his beautiful hymns are in "Together in Song". They are "Let all the world in every corner sing" (108) and "King of glory, King of peace" (201).

## THE RELENTLESS MARCH OF TIME

- **Sunday Morning Worship: 13th March: 10.00 am**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 13th March: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm**
- **Public Holiday: Monday, 14th March**
- **KYB: Monday, 14th March: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 17th March: 8.00 am to 9.00 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**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 27th March: 10.00 am**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 27th March: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 28th March: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 31st March: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **mainly music: Friday, 1st April: 9.30 am to 11.30 am**
- **Working Bee: Saturday, 2nd April: 8.00 am**
- **Conclusion of Daylight Saving: Sunday, 3rd April**

### Ash Wednesday

*It's true, we cannot reach Christ's fortieth day;*

*Yet to go part of that religious way,*

*Is better than to rest:*

*We cannot reach our Saviour's purity;*

*Yet are bid, Be holy ev'n as He.*

*In both let's do our best.*

*Yet Lord instruct us to improve our fast*

*By starving sin and taking such repast*

*As may our faults control.*