

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](mailto: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

20th March, 2022

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

Next Week's Roster

27th March, 2022

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Kathryn**  
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**  
Manager: **John**  
Marshal (Church): **Ray**  
Marshal (Hall): **Cath**  
Reader: **Kathryn**  
Musician: **Pat**  
Kidz Connect: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Morning Tea: **Ailsa, Chris & Tina**  
Audio Desk (am): **Ralph**  
Audio Desk (pm): **Ralph**  
Camera: **John**  
Computer (am): **James**  
Computer (pm): **James**  
Overflow Overseer: **Tim**  
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 Chris Holroyd if you require more information.

# Golden Grove Gazette

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

[www.goldengroveuniting.org.au](http://www.goldengroveuniting.org.au)

Sunday, 20th March, 2022

Third Sunday in Lent

Preacher: **Jonathan**

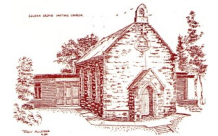
Theme: **Diversity in Unity**

New Testament Reading: **Galatians 2: 1-10**

Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through  
our church



God is not up for re-election

My wife Kathryn tells of a Christian students' camp she went on in university where the Bible Studies were on the theme, "God is not up for re-election", and many were highly offended at this. Why?... well, because *God is not up for re-election!*

There are many good things about democracy, and it certainly doesn't have many of the fatal flaws of autocracy. However, sometimes in our culture democracy has become "god", and we can end up subconsciously assuming and acting as though the true God is subject to our vote!

In our society, we are taught that, as individuals, we have the right to ultimately determine our own values, our own moral course - whatever it is, as long as it doesn't transgress overt taboos, and our own truth. Many Christians think this way too. Consequently, we find the idea highly offensive that God alone has the right to ultimate determination in all areas of our lives.

The Bible says, "He who sits in the heavens laughs" (Ps 2:4). This is less a laugh of derision at human folly, as it is holy mirth at the joy to which He is redeeming the human race who submit to His gracious rule. It is a laugh that He intends to share with us ("...so that my joy may be in you" - Jn 15:11)... *forever!*

*Grace and cheers, Jonathan.*

### The Third Sunday in Lent

"What is prayer, then, in the fullest sense? Prayer is continuing a conversation that God has started through His Word and His grace, which eventually becomes a full encounter with Him." - Timothy Keller (*Prayer*)

Here are some of the formal opportunities available for prayer at our church:

- Pre-service Prayer Time - Sunday mornings before worship, from 9.00 am, in the meeting room,
- Post-service Prayer Time - In the church directly after the service each Sunday morning,
- Café Youth - 6.30 pm - first and third Sunday of each month,
- Café Church - 6.00 pm - second and fourth Sunday of each month,
- Thursday Prayers - In the meeting room each Thursday between 8.00 am and 9.00 am.

### The Funeral of Eddie Currie

As you are no doubt aware, Eddie Currie, the beloved husband of Vivienne, died last Monday. Our church family extends its sympathy to Vivienne and her family at this time of great sadness and can assure her that our thoughts and prayers are with her.

Eddie's funeral service will be held in our church on Tuesday, 22nd March, with Jonathan officiating. The burial will take place in the cemetery across the road from us.

Everyone is most welcome to attend the service and stay for a "cuppa" in the hall afterwards.

May Eddie find his eternal peace, safe in the arms of Jesus.

On the opposite page is an extract from a poem by Edmund Spenser (*Easter*). He was one of the highly celebrated poets of the Elizabethan golden age. He was born in 1522 and died in 1599, at the early age of forty-seven. His greatest claim to fame is his masterpiece, "The Faerie Queene", one of the longest poems in the English language. This poem is a celebration of the reign of Queen Elizabeth I (1558-1603).

### THE RELENTLESS MARCH OF TIME

- 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
- Cessation of Daylight Saving: Sunday, 3rd April
- Sunday Morning Worship: 3rd April: 10.00 am
- Café Youth: Sunday, 3rd April: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 4th April: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: 7th April: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 7th April: 1.30 pm

### Easter

*Most glorious Lord of Lyfe! that, on this day,*

*Didst make Thy triumph over death and sin;*

*And, having harrowd hell, didst bring away*

*Captivity thence captive, us to win:*

*This joyous day, deare Lord, with joy begin;*

*And grant that we, for whom Thou diddest dye,*

*Being with Thy deare blood clene washt from sin,*

*May live for ever in felicity!*