

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

27th March, 2022

Preacher: **James**
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): **Ralph**
Computer (pm): **James**
Overflow Overseer: **Tim**

Cleaning: *********

Next Week's Roster

3rd April, 2022

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leaders (pm): **Renée & James**
Manager: **Max**
Marshal (Church): **Tim**
Marshal (Hall): **Cath**
Reader: **Trevor**
Musician: **Heather**
Kidz Connect: *********
Morning Tea: **David, Linda & Joy**
Audio Desk (am): **Rykhardt**
Audio Desk (pm): *********
Camera: **Lucinda**
Computer (am): **Rykhardt**
Computer (pm): **James**
Overflow Overseer: **?????**
Cleaning: **Cleaner**

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.

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Sunday, 27th March, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Preacher: **James**

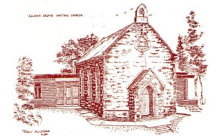
Theme: **Lost and Found**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 15: 11-32**

Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ

**and nurture them through
our church**



Ash... What On Earth Are You Doing?

The nation was thunderstruck this week when Ash Barty, favourite and golden girl of Australian sport, world's No. 1 women's tennis player, at the height of her powers at age 25, announced that she is quitting tennis! She said that she had achieved all she could have hoped for in tennis, and that's where she wants to leave it.

I think that there are at least a couple of important lessons in Ash Barty's decision. Firstly, there is more to life than tennis glory. Our culture tells us to achieve, achieve, achieve, and never stop achieving. It's, as though, achieving here and now is the only real kind of 'heaven' that there is. It's intriguing how we 'immortalise' and 'deify' cultural heroes - especially sports stars! Barty says that there are other important things she wants to do in life, that will probably not be 'glorious' at all, and that she's perfectly content with that!

The other lesson is in Ash Barty's saying that she has seen and accepted her limits. She knows how much hard work that it has taken to get to the level she has, and that she simply couldn't keep doing that. But she knows that she will have the energy and drive to do the other important, less glorious things that she wants to do in life. And again, she is content with that.

The Bible teaches us those same lessons. The best that we can achieve here and now is only fading glory; the glory that remains forever is the kingdom of God (Mt 6:19-20). And yes, our life here and now is limited - and is meant to be so - in order that we will come to the only limitless resource - i.e., the grace of the eternal God (Is. 40:6-11).

Grace and cheers, Jonathan.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

God bless you! We say it under all sorts of circumstances and conditions. We seldom say it mechanically and formally, as other commonplace and oft-repeated expressions, but fervently, wholeheartedly and with a real depth of feeling.

For the celebrant, there comes that poignant moment when, the ceremony over, the register signed and all the formalities completed that the couple are ready to greet their family and friends. Only one thing seems to come naturally – **God bless you!**

There comes the final moment when, the funeral over, and the farewells made, that it is time to leave the sad and broken spirit. What can be helpfully shared in that last final act of parting? Again, only one thing seems to come naturally – **God bless you** – as you hold and shake the mourner's hand.

God gave Moses this blessing for the Israelites: *The LORD bless you and keep you: the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you: the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace* (Numbers 6:24).

God bless you is a blessing assuring God's people that he will bless them and keep them; showing them his shining face and his overflowing grace; revealing himself in beauty and majesty; and pouring into their troubled hearts the peace that passes all understanding. Wow! What a blessing!

(Reverend Gordon)

Lenten Boxes

Today there are once again 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 3rd April. Thank you for your support.

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship will meet on Thursday 7th April at 1.00pm in the Church Hall. Looking forward to seeing you all for a lovely afternoon.

MARCHING INTO APRIL

- 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: 1.00 pm
- *mainly music*: Friday, 8th April: 9.30 am to 11.30 am
- Palm Sunday: 10th April
- Sunday Morning Worship: 10th April: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 10th April: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 11th April: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Maundy Thursday Service: 14th April: 7.00 pm

A Message from Vivienne

Vivienne and her family wish to thank her Golden Grove Church family for all their love, sympathy and support during this sad time. Your prayers, cards, telephone calls and offers of help were so greatly appreciated. May God continue to bless you all.



God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that You would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

(the Archbishop of York)