

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

3rd April, 2022

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leaders (pm): **Renée & James**
Manager: **Max**
Marshal (Church): **Andrew**
Marshal (Hall): *********
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**

Next Week's Roster

10th April, 2022

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Cath**
Leader (pm): **David**
Manager: **Ray**
Marshal (Church): **Ray**
Marshal (Hall): *********
Reader: **Sandy**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Kidz Connect: *********
Morning Tea: **Trevor, Sandy & Owen**
Audio Desk (am): **Ralph**
Audio Desk (pm): **Ralph**
Camera: **Tim**
Computer (am): **James**
Computer (pm): **James**
Overflow Overseer: **?????**
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.

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Sunday, 3rd April, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Walking in a straight line**

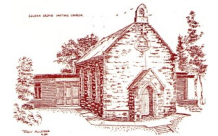
New Testament Reading: **Galatians 2: 11-14**

Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through

our church



Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

The Apostles, Peter and Paul, had a famous argument regarding with whom you could sit down for dinner (Gal 2:11-14). The Christian Gospel says that all are equally accepted by God through faith in Christ, regardless of whom they are, or what their ethnic and cultural (and sub-cultural) identity may be. However, on this occasion, Peter would eat only with the Jews (those of his own ethnic and cultural origin) and not with the Gentile non-Jews.

In ancient times eating with people was not the slight matter that it often is to us today. Then, it meant public acceptance, intimate friendship, and meaningful sharing in each other's lives. This would necessarily involve, not only appreciating the other's culture, but also having some of it "rub off" on us (while holding absolutely to the Word of God). This understanding is referred to as having "table fellowship" with someone.

Therefore, to *not* eat with a particular individual or group meant that you didn't accept them, and wouldn't have close friendship with them. In the context of Christian faith, this also implies that people are not accepted by God. (Peter still actually believed the truth of the Gospel, but on this occasion had fallen into hypocritical behaviour.)

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Bon appétit, Jonathan.

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In Holy Communion, God is having “table fellowship” with us!... - *think about that!*.... The Son of God even (literally) took on something of our human culture when He became a first-century Middle Eastern. This was part of God’s full acceptance of us through the grace of Christ, regardless of our cultural identity.

Sometimes we push ourselves to politely tolerate those who are different from us, ethnically, culturally and sub-culturally, even within Christian worship, *but do we have “table fellowship” with them?....* If we know, and have received, the Gospel of the grace of Christ, *we may, and we must!*

Bon appétit, Jonathan.

Some Prayers for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

- Dear Lord Jesus Christ, I feel my sins. They bite, chase and frighten me. Where shall I go? I look to You, Lord Jesus Christ, and despite my weakness, I believe in You. I hold fast to You, and I am certain that You said, “Whoever believes in me will have eternal life.”

Martin Luther (183-1546)

- Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer

- We thank You that it’s possible now for us to have our hearts melted by the knowledge of Your love for us, to have our hearts maintained and changed by the remembrance of Your grace for us, and, most of all, to be completely changed by the knowledge of what Your Son has not just done for us, but what Your Son *is* for us.

Pastor Timothy J. Keller (Born 1950)

APRIL IS UPON US ALREADY

- **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**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 14th April: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **End of Term One: Thursday, 14th April**
- **Maundy Thursday Service: 14th April: 7.00 pm**
- **Good Friday Service: 15th April: 9.00 am**
- **Easter Day Service: 17th April: 10.00 am**
- **Café Youth: Sunday, 17th April: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 18th April: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 21st April: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**

More Sad News

A cherished member of our church family, Kevin Ford, the much beloved husband of Marlene, went to be with his maker during the early hours of last Thursday morning. While Jesus welcomed him with loving arms, bringing to an end his lengthy and patient suffering, we feel deeply saddened, as we extend our heartfelt sympathy to dear Marlene and her family, and pray for their comfort and peace in the days ahead.

Women’s Fellowship

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

