

**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**

**10th April, 2022**

Preacher: **Ceri**  
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: **\*\*\*\*\***

**Next Week's Roster**

**17th April, 2022**

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Jonathan**  
Leaders (pm): **Renée & James**  
Manager: **Neil**  
Marshal (Church): **Coral**  
Marshal (Hall): **\*\*\*\*\***  
Reader: **Barrie**  
Musician: **Brunetta**  
Kidz Connect: **\*\*\*\*\***  
Morning Tea: **Bob, Faye & Brunetta**  
Audio Desk (am): **Rykhardt**  
Audio Desk (pm): **\*\*\*\*\***  
Camera: **Lucinda**  
Computer (am): **Rykhardt**  
Computer (pm): **\*\*\*\*\***  
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.**

# Golden Grove Gazette

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

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Sunday, 10th April, 2022

**Palm Sunday**

Preacher: **Ceri**

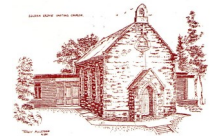
Theme: **The Lord's Prayer**

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 6: 1-15**

**Mission Statement: To draw people**

**to our Lord Jesus Christ**

**and nurture them through our church**



**EASTER EVERY DAY**

*...if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.*  
(1 Corinthians 15.14).

There were the usual protests this year that the moment Christmas was over; the supermarkets had hot cross buns for sale. Whilst obviously their appearance is for commercial gain, they are a great daily reminder that the Easter event is the central fact of our Christian faith.

1 Corinthians 15 is arguably the New Testament's longest and most detailed treatise on Christ's resurrection.

Paul argues: If Jesus has been raised from the dead that proves he really was the Messiah. His death then was not a tragic and ghastly end, but God's strange means of dealing with the sin of the world. But, if he wasn't raised from the dead, he wasn't and isn't the Messiah, and his cross had no such effect. Sin has not been dealt with; the world is still as it was.

With Christ's resurrection, a new world has opened up, promising a life yet greater, more beautiful, more powerful, than this one. Without the hope of the resurrection, what is the point of being a Christian?

The bun with a cross on it is a great reminder of Christ's death and resurrection. That, and nothing less, is the Christian hope.

*(Reverend Gordon)*

### The Donkey: A Palm Sunday Poem

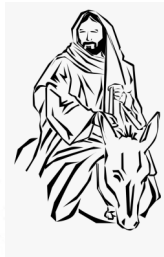
When fishes flew and forests walked  
And figs grew upon thorn,  
Some moment when the moon was blood  
Then surely I was born.



With monstrous head and sickening cry  
And ears like errant wings,  
The devil's walking parody  
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,  
Of ancient crooked will;  
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,  
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;  
One far fierce hour and sweet:  
There was a shout about my ears,  
And palms before my feet.



The above poem was written by Gilbert Keith Chesterton, who was born in 1874 and died in 1936. He was an English writer, a philosopher and a lay theologian. He was also a literary and art critic. He is probably remembered best today as the author of numerous and delightful short stories about Father Brown, a part-time Catholic priest and a part-time amateur detective. These stories were written in the decade prior to World War One. Any resemblance between them and the popular television series is purely coincidental. The above poem ennobles the humble donkey, a traditional symbol of peace, as he carries the quintessential symbol of heavenly peace, to His earth-shattering and life-changing destination, Jerusalem.

### OUR REMAINING DIARY DATES FOR APRIL

- 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
- Easter Monday Public Holiday
- Queen Elizabeth's 96th Birthday: Thursday, 21st April
- Thursday Morning Prayers: 21st April: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: 24th April: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 24th April: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- Anzac Day: Monday, 25th April
- Thursday Morning Prayers: 28th April: 8.00 am to 9.00 am

### The Passing of One of Our English Roses

It is with great sadness that our church family is coming to terms with the fact that our much cherished Janet Roberts left her earthly body last Sunday evening in order to be welcomed into the loving arms of her Saviour and her Lord. Over the last few months she had become increasingly impatient with her God and His suspected delaying tactics. She actually began to believe that she was not good enough for heaven. Yet, her strong faith never abandoned her. She is now at peace and her suffering is over. Janet was a most special person, gracious, unassuming and abidingly loyal to her friends, family and church. She treasured her church family.

As Jonathan said at her funeral service, "Janet was a social butterfly", who thrived on fun, faith, fellowship and friendship. She lit up the world with her enchanting and sunny smile, and now she will light up heaven. To quote from her funeral notice: "A wonderful woman who shared her life and love with many friends and family near and far."

Requiescat in pace, dearest Janet.

