

### 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

17th April, 2022

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Jonathan**  
Leader (pm): \*\*\*\*\*  
Manager: **Neil**  
Marshal (Church): **Coral**  
Marshal (Hall): \*\*\*\*\*  
Reader: **Barrie**  
Musician: **Brunetta**  
Kidz Connect: \*\*\*\*\*  
Morning Tea: \*\*\*\*\*  
Audio Desk (am): **Rykhardt**  
Audio desk (pm): \*\*\*\*\*  
Camera : **Lucinda**  
Computer (am): **Rykhardt**  
Computer (pm): \*\*\*\*\*  
Overflow Overseer: \*\*\*\*\*  
Cleaning: \*\*\*\*\*

#### Next Week's Roster

24th April, 2022

Preacher: **James**  
Leader (am): **Neil**  
Leader (pm): **SE Home Group**  
Manager: **Ray**  
Marshal (Church): **Tim**  
Marshal (Hall): \*\*\*\*\*  
Reader: **Coral**  
Musician: **Pat**  
Kidz Connect: \*\*\*\*\*  
Morning Tea: **Peter, Yvonne & Ken**  
Audio Desk (am): **Ralph**  
Audio Desk (pm): **Ralph**  
Camera: **John**  
Computer (am): **Ralph**  
Computer (pm): **James**  
Overflow Overseer: \*\*\*\*\*  
Cleaning: \*\*\*\*\*

### Have you considered E-giving?

Please speak to Chris Holroyd if you require more information.

### Ministerial Holiday

**Would all the members of our church family please note that Jonathan will be absent on holiday from Wednesday, 20th April until Wednesday, 27th April? Thank you.**

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Sunday, 17th April, 2022

Easter Day

Preacher: **Jonathan**

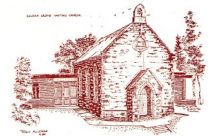
Theme: **The Resurrection of Jesus Christ**

Gospel Reading: **John 20: 1-18**

### Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through  
our church



### Life from the Ashes

We've been transfixed for the last six weeks by the images and reports of horror coming from the war being evilly inflicted on the people of Ukraine by Russia. These images can represent what people find most difficult about accepting faith in God - i.e., the fact of so much innocent suffering in the world.

2000 years ago, the Christian Gospel anticipated this difficulty, and answered it. God Himself underwent the greatest and most unjust suffering. On Good Friday, God the Son, as the man, Jesus of Nazareth, was put to death on the cross. He who was truly innocent suffered unspeakable torture, and, more than that, suffered infinitely, losing the presence of God (Mt 27:46).

He did this to pay for all human evils - including all the horrors of war, cancel and forgive them, restore us to a right relationship with God, peace with all people, and heal our brokenness. Jesus Christ entered the deepest, darkest suffering and loss so that we might be saved from it. He did this because that's how much He loves us!

Yet, because sin and evil are the cause of death, their destruction means that death itself was also destroyed. Therefore, God raised Him from the dead to eternal life on Easter Day, to grant that same resurrection to all who look to Him in faith and repentance.

To know this is to know that God is working in and over all that we experience, to liberate us and the world from suffering, and bring us to certain fulfilment in a healed, glorious, new heaven and earth. Many Ukrainians know and celebrate this Gospel; we certainly can!

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### **We pray for Ukraine**

*God of love and peace,  
We grieve the loss of life and the continued fighting in  
Ukraine.*

*Jesus calls us to work for peace and understanding,  
tolerance and compassion.*

*We see the suffering and the pain of your people. We  
see the anguish in their faces and the despair in their  
eyes, and we feel so helpless.*

*Although we are so far away, we see that as your people  
we wish to support those working for peace. Grant us  
wisdom O God, to know how to make a difference, to  
support those in need, and to influence those escalating  
the conflict.*

*We pray that those who possess the power to make  
decisions will hear your voice and act to save lives and  
make peace possible.*

*While the conflict continues, we pray for those working  
with refugees, both in Ukraine and in surrounding  
countries. May they gain strength in the knowledge  
they are not acting alone. May they feel your presence  
and compassion as they show your comfort to people  
who have lost so much.*

*As your church in this place, may we know what to say  
and do, as we support and encourage from afar. In the  
name of the Christ who experienced deadly conflict and  
suffering, we pray. Amen.*

**Moderator Bronte Wilson**

*(from the April issue of "New Times")*

### **OUR DIARY DATES FOR LATE APRIL AND EARLY MAY**

- Easter Day Service: 17th April: 10.00 am
- 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
- Sunday Morning Worship: 1st May: 10.00 am
- Café Youth: Sunday, 1st May: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 2nd May: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: 5th May: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 5th May: Gawler Cinema ("The Duke")
- *mainly music*: Friday, 6th May: 9.30 am to 11.30 am
- Working Bee: Saturday, 7th May: 8.00 am
- Mother's Day: Sunday, 8th May
- Sunday Morning Worship: 8th May: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 8th May: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm

