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.

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

24th April, 2022

Preacher: James Leader (am): Cath Leader (pm): **SE Home Group**

Manager: Ray Marshal (Church): Tim

***** Marshal (Hall): Tina Reader:

Pat Musician: ****** Kidz Connect:

Peter, Yvonne & Ken Morning Tea:

Audio Desk (am) Ralph Ralph Audio desk (pm): John Camera: Ralph Computer (am): Ralph Computer (pm): Overflow Overseer: *****

Cleaning:

Next Week's Roster

1st May, 2022

Jonathan Preacher: Kathryn Leader (am): Leaders (pm): Renée & James Manager: John Ray Marshal (Church): Marshal (Hall):

Chris DeB. Reader: Heather Musician: ******* Kidz Connect:

Ailsa, Chris & Tina Morning Tea: Rykhardt Audio Desk (am):

Audio Desk (pm) Lucinda Camera: Rykhardt Computer (am): ******* Computer (pm): ***** Overflow Overseer:

Cleaner 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 Tonathan will be absent on holiday from Wednesday, 20th April until Wednesday, 27th April? Thank you.

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Sunday, 24th April, 2022

Anzac Dav Eve

Preacher: Dr James Ross-Navlor

Theme: Blessed are those who have not seen

Gospel Reading: John 20: 19-31

Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ





and nurture them through our church

Thomas (John 20: 19-31)

A week after Easter Sunday, Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said, "Peace be with you!" The disciples were overjoyed when they saw him. But, for some unknown reason, Thomas (or Didymus or Twin), was missing. When told of the Lord's appearance, Thomas refused to believe. He wanted proof. A week later. Thomas was with the other disciples when the Lord appeared again. When Thomas was invited to touch the Lord's pierced hands and side, he burst out, "My Lord and my God!" These are the last words of a disciple recorded by John. Doubting Thomas became Believing Thomas.

There are plenty of people around who clearly indicate that, when it comes to matters religious, don't think – just believe. In contrast, Thomas was one who said that faith was a matter of both the heart and the head. Doubt can be beneficial. Someone said, "Doubt is the mother of faith."

No person's faith can rest on another person's experience. We benefit from other people's stories and spiritual journey, but we cannot adopt someone else's faith.

John closes his gospel, "These (words) have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God." The Bible is intended to produce in us the kind of faith that emerged from Thomas.

(Reverend Gordon)

An Appeal from Cath



The removal of a cobweb a day keeps the fright away. Cath is looking for any volunteers who would be willing to take a turn in cleaning (dusting and vacuuming) the church only. If so, could you please see her if you are willing to go on a roster in order to assist? Thank you.

Anthem for Doomed Youth

BY WILFRED OWEN

(written in the trenches of France)

What passing-bells for these who die as cattle?

— Only the monstrous anger of the guns.

Only the stuttering rifles' rapid rattle

Can patter out their hasty orisons.

No mockeries now for them; no prayers nor bells; Nor any voice of mourning save the choirs,—

The shrill, demented choirs of wailing shells; And bugles calling for them from sad shires.

What candles may be held to speed them all?

Not in the hands of boys, but in their eyes
Shall shine the holy glimmers of goodbyes.

The pallor of girls' brows shall be their pall; Their flowers the tenderness of patient minds, And each slow dusk a drawing-down of blinds.

OUR DIARY DATES FOR THE WANING INDIAN SUMMER

- 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
- Church Council Meeting: Saturday, 30th April: 1.00 pm
- Sunday Morning Worship: 1st May: 10.00 am
- Café Youth: Sunday, 1st May: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm
- Commencement of Term Two: Monday, 2nd May
- 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: 9.15 am
- Pedare Christian College Children Visit: Thursday, 5th May: 1.10 to 2.45
- 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
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 16th May: 2.00 pm
- Polling Booth Barbecue Fundraiser: Saturday, 21st May

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship is going to the Gawler movies on Thursday 5th May. The table at the back of the hall has a list: if you would like to come, please put down your name and state whether you need a lift or not. We shall have to leave at 9.15 am in order to get to Gawler for the start, around 10.00 am. The movie is called "The Duke", starring Helen Mirren and Jim Broadbent. The cost is \$19.50, which includes morning tea/coffee, movie and lunch. This is open to anyone. If you have any questions, please speak with Chris DeBrenne, who is organising the event. Thank you.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them. (the fourth verse of "For the Fallen", a poem of seven verses, written by Laurence Binyon in 1914)