

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

8th May, 2022

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Manager: **Neil**
Marshal (Church): **Rykhardt**
Marshal (Hall): *********
Reader: **Chris DeB.**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Kidz Connect: *********
Morning Tea: **David, Linda & Joy**
Audio Desk (am): **Ralph**
Audio desk (pm): **Ralph**
Camera : **John**
Computer (am): **James**
Computer (pm): **James**
Overflow Overseer: *********
Cleaning: *********

Next Week's Roster

15th May, 2022

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **TBA**
Leaders (pm): **Renée & James**
Manager: **Neil**
Marshal (Church): **Andrew**
Marshal (Hall): *********
Reader: **Sandy**
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: *********

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Sunday, 8th May, 2022

Mother's Day

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Christ lives in me**

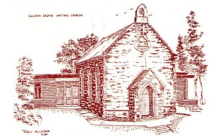
Scripture Reading: **Galatians 2: 15-21**

Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through

our church



Peter (John 21:1-19)

Almost right on the heels of Thomas, we have the story of Peter.

Some scholars believe that the book of John originally ended with 20:30-31. If the gospel had ended there, Peter could have breathed a sigh of relief, dodging the bullet of having to face the One he had betrayed and look Him in the eye.

After His resurrection, Jesus appears to seven disciples on the shores of the Sea of Tiberias and serves them breakfast. When Jesus is finished grilling the fish and bread, it's time for Him to grill Peter. Jesus questions Peter three times about his loyalty – "do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because Jesus asked the question three times, yet he had earlier denied his Lord three times, referring to the night of the trial of Jesus, when Peter was confronted as to whether he knew Jesus, he vociferously denied it three times (John 18:12-25). "Do you love me?" and, if so, "Feed my lambs."

Peter also is subjected to a grim vision of his own future, of a time when he, like Jesus, will be led where he doesn't want to go and will die a martyr's death (Jn 21:18).

Jesus stands on the shores of our lives. He stands at our front doors. And when we answer his knock, He has just two questions for us: "Do you love me?" and, if so, "What are you going to do about it?"

(Reverend Gordon)

Samaritan's Purse and Christmas Boxes

Dear friends, with a lot of not-so-good news around these days, it is pleasing for me to have some great and encouraging news to share with you.

Firstly, 600,000 Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes arrived in Ukraine and were already being distributed as war began there. It has been very encouraging for Ukrainian Christian brothers and sisters to have special gifts to give children as they share the love of Jesus. Let us keep these folk in our prayers.

As you may be aware, Operation Christmas Child operates as a project of Samaritan's Purse and is internationally evangelistic. The rest of the projects are aid oriented - always motivated by the love of Jesus to care for struggling people and working in His name particularly in disaster areas. Recently they deployed teams to Goonda in NSW to help in the clean up after massive flooding there.

Secondly, Samaritan's Purse was very quick to despatch various aid to Ukraine. By mid-March a Samaritan's Purse aeroplane had arrived 5 times, with loads of goods and medical supplies, at Ukraine, near the Polish border, where refugees were arriving in large numbers with usually no belongings. Often they were elderly, very young (even newborn), sick, injured and in shock. Supplies were set up in basement spaces, where vans came to be filled with basic items to help relieve need and anxiety. An emergency hospital, also in a bunkered basement, staffed with volunteers, met immediate health needs from bandages and medication to operations. We may not all be able to go in person, but we can pray for the safety and strength of those volunteering there in Jesus's name. These stories are very much worth hearing. The following link (<https://samaritanspurse.org.au/pray-for-the-crisis-in-Ukraine>) will take you to a video of a field hospital being set up in Ukraine.

In an internet search I found other interesting videos, particularly one with a Samaritan's Purse aeroplane being prepared to leave for Ukraine. I encourage you to check out these clips and encourage your church groups to see them also. May God richly bless you as you serve Him in many and various ways, including encouraging people in your churches and groups to pack shoe boxes. In May I hope to have news about resources for OCC.

Shalom. Lynette Beck (NE Area Coordinator)

MAY OUR DIARY DATES BE WITH YOU

- **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**
- **KYB: Monday, 9th May: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 12th May: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 15th May: 10.00 am**
- **Commissioning of Elders/Councillors and Membership Transfer for Marion Davis: Sunday, 15th May**
- **Café Youth: Sunday, 15th May: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 16th May: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
- **Estia Worship Service: Monday, 16th May: 2.00 pm**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 19th May: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **Polling Booth Barbecue Fundraiser: Saturday, 21st May**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 22nd May: 10.00 am**
- **Presentation of 2021 Reports : Sunday, 22nd May (after Worship)**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 22nd May: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 23rd May: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: 26th May: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: 29th May: 10.00 am**
- **Annual General Meeting: Sunday, 29th May (after Worship)**
- **KYB: Monday, 30th May: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
- **Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, 31st May: 7.00 pm**

Coming Attractions: Winter Meetings

- **Pastoral Carers Meeting: Tuesday, 7th June: via Zoom**
- **Mission Planning/Church Council Retreat: Saturday, 11th June: 9.00 am**
- **Musicians & Leaders: Saturday, 9th July: 10.00 am to 12.00 noon**

Philippines Children's Education Sponsorship Jars

As a Church, we sponsor two children through these jars, which are placed after worship each Sunday on the morning tea tables. Up until recently this has been graciously supported by your loose change donations each week. To continue this important sponsorship we require \$15 a week. We would be most grateful if you could continue to support this Outreach by placing any of your loose change into these jars. Sandy and Trevor (PCES Coordinators)