

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

29th May, 2022

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): *****
Manager: **John**
Marshal (Church): **Chris H.**
Marshal (Hall): *****
Reader: **Owen**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Kidz Connect: *****
Morning Tea: **Peter, Yvonne & Ken**
Audio Desk (am): **Rykhardt**
Audio desk (pm): *****
Camera : **Lucinda**
Computer (am): **Rykhardt**
Computer (pm): *****
Overflow Overseer: *****
AV Editing: **Rykhardt**

Next Week's Roster

5th June, 2022

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Neil**
Leader (pm): *****
Manager: **Neil**
Marshal (Church): **Ray**
Marshal (Hall): *****
Reader: **Chris DeB.**
Musician: **Heather**
Kidz Connect: *****
Morning Tea: **Ailsa, Chris & Tina**
Audio Desk (am): **Ralph**
Audio Desk (pm): *****
Camera: **Johm**
Computer (am): **James**
Computer (pm): *****
Overflow Overseer: *****
AV Editing: **Jonathan**

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, 29th May, 2022

Sixth Sunday after Easter

Preacher: **Jonathan**

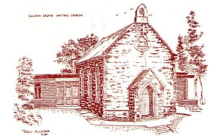
Theme: "Abba! Father!"

Scripture Reading: **Galatians 3: 26-29 and 4: 1-7**

Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church



The Left, the Right,... or the Heights?

There's been a lot of discussion of politics recently, and the different positions to which people hold. These differences are taken by some with grace and good humour, but between others with passion verging on violence. In some contexts we can be hesitant even to admit to our political views - whether we are towards the left, or towards the right. The truth is, there are sincere Christians on all sides of politics.

In the book of Revelation Jesus Christ strongly exhorts believers to "come back to their first love" (i.e. their number 1 Priority, from which they have wandered away. He doesn't say "you should be more left-wing...." or "right-wing"; instead He says, "Consider the heights from which you have fallen." (Rev 2:5). We get our understanding of what is most important and essential in life, not from the left, nor from the right, but from the heights!

"The heights" referred to here is God's wisdom and truth (Is 55:8-9) - i.e. the Gospel of His saving grace in Jesus Christ (Eph 1:7-10) - in the whole teaching of the Bible. This is where we get our wisdom and direction from as Christians; this will tell us what is good and right that we should support and do, and what is not, in the political sphere - whether on the left, or the right. It will also show us that, as we hold to the truth and grace of Christ, on whatever side of politics we may be, we are reconciled into one family of God the Father as brothers and sisters, and can enjoy living life together.

Grace and cheers, Jonathan.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It is almost June, and October will be upon us before we know it. That means we should start working on our shoe boxes NOW, at the latest. Below is some crucial information from our local coordinator, Lynette.

- ALL BOXES must be delivered to a collection point during the LAST TWO WEEKS OF OCTOBER, ready for processing, which will take place in the FIRST TWO WEEKS of November.
- Drop off points will be advised closer to this time.
- We are counting on the project leaders who organise boxes to plan their OCC programme in order to achieve this. You have a key role in enabling us to achieve this goal. Please keep this in mind as you plan suitable dates for collecting your boxes.
- The most efficient way to get your resources (boxes, brochures, posters and refrigerator magnets) is to order them online NOW, and they will be delivered to you as soon as they are all available
- Please use the NEW brochures as there are SOME CHANGES!!!
- There are no strict categories of gifts.
- It is important to check DONOT INCLUDE items.
- This year crayons, plasticine, play dough and kinetic sand will be allowed in boxes.

If you have any concerns about the requirements regarding the shoe boxes, please speak to Coral Larcombe, our church's OCC coordinator.



Tea Tree Gully Council Community Grant

Church Council is happy to announce that we have been successful in obtaining a Community Grant from Tea Tree Gully Council to purchase a Defibrillator. This has been ordered, and, when it arrives, St John's will be coming out to the Church to show, not only members of the congregation, but also members of the groups who hire the hall on how to safely use the Defibrillator. The date yet to be advised.

Holy Communion next Sunday, 5th June

Please remember to bring your regular monthly donations for the needy and place them in the large plastic containers in the hall. Thank you very much.

MAY OUR DIARY DATES BE WITH YOU

- 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

- Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 2nd June: 1.00 pm
- Working Bee: Saturday, 4th June: 8.00 am
- Pentecost Sunday: Sunday, 5th June
- 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

Women's Fellowship

This is just a reminder that the next Women's Fellowship activity will take place in our church hall on Thursday, 2nd June, beginning at the customary time of one o'clock. The occasion promises to be a fun-filled afternoon, and would be highly recommended by anyone who enjoyed a similar activity last year. We look forward to your company on that day. If you have a need for any further information, would you please contact Sandy Walker? Thank you.

A Message from Marlene

Marlene Ford and her family would like to thank the Reverend Jonathan Button for conducting their beloved Kevin's funeral service so beautifully. The family was deeply moved by the outpouring of love and grief from Kevin's and Marlene's church family. Your unfailing support has been truly humbling and has helped us to cope more easily during this time of grief. Thank you very much, and may God continue to bless you all.

