

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

24th July, 2022

Next Week's Roster

31st July, 2022

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leader (pm): **David**
Manager: **Neil**
Reader: **Barrie**
Musician: **Pat**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: **Tina & TBA**
Audio Desk (am): **Rykhardt**
Audio Desk (pm): **Rykhardt**
Camera : **Lucinda**
Computer (am): **Rykhardt**
Computer (pm): **Rykhardt**
AV Editing **Rykhardt**

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leader (pm): *********
Manager: **Ray**
Reader: **Sandy**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: **Trevor, Sandy & Owen**
Audio Desk (am): **Ralph**
Audio Desk (pm): *********
Camera : **John**
Computer (am): **James**
Computer (pm): *********
AV Editing **Jonathan**

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Sunday, 24th July, 2022

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher:: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Gospel Freedom**

New Testament Reading: **Galatians 5: 1-15**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ



and nurture them through our church
our church

The Land of the Free

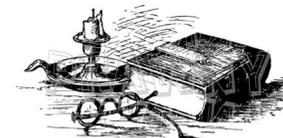
We are a free country, for which we are often very pleased when we see what happens in the social systems of some other countries in the world. Christians are also supposed to be free (Gal 5:1). But really, *how free are we?*....

Freedom is not *freedom from restraint* – i.e., being allowed to do whatever we want. If we are created and redeemed by God to be His sons and daughters, then *freedom is being able to be everything for which God created and redeemed us* – i.e., to be His true sons and daughters, and live according to His good will and purpose.

If we followed an impulse to do whatever we like, and if what we like is against God's good will and purpose for our lives, *then we are actually under a terrible bondage to something that prevents us being fulfilled as human beings*. In order to be truly free, we have to give up our freedom to do whatever we want, to God.

And God, through the Gospel, actually sets us free for this; He says, "for freedom *Christ has set you free!*" (Gal 5:1) – i.e., He pays for and forgives our sins, justifies and puts us right with God – all by grace, so that we no longer need to fear failure, nor have to perfect our lives. This sets us free to do God's good will, just out of love and thankfulness.

Grace for freedom, Jonathan.



Congregants Being Kept on Their Mettle during the Past Week



“There is nothing like being the boss of the enterprise.”



“A good job that has been well done.”

During this past week the firm of Steptoe and Son spread its wings to the wilds of Virginia. Considerable enhancement of working conditions was achieved by a sudden influx of volunteers, eager to share in the spoils of metal collection arising from the dismantling of a huge number of green houses. Highlights included Coral’s close encounter with a lovely lot of mud and lunches at Chez Larcombe.

OUR DIARY DATES WITH JULY AND AUGUST

- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 24th July: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 24th July: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- Beginning of Term Three: Monday, 25th July
- KYB: Monday, 25th July: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 28th July: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 31st July: 10.00 am
- KYB: Monday, 1st August: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 4th August: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Women’s Fellowship: Thursday, 4th August: 1.00 pm
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 7th August: 10.00 am
- Café Youth: Sunday, 7th August: 6.30 pm
- KYB: Monday, 8th August: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 11th August: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- OCC Afternoon: Saturday, 13th August: Elizabeth Church of Christ
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 14th August: 10.00 am
- OCC Afternoon: Sunday, 14th August: Tea Tree Gully Uniting Church
- Café Church: Sunday, 14th August: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm

Women’s Fellowship

Our next Women’s Fellowship meeting will be held on Thursday, 4th August, at 1.00 pm. We shall not only be having a wonderful time of fellowship, but will also be enjoying delicious home-made soup, made by Katherine McDonald and Faye March. Therefore, ladies, if you have not been to Women’s Fellowship before, please come and join us on the day.



Rosters: A Gentle Reminder

Neither Cath nor Jim is a mindreader. They do their best to make the roster as accurate as possible. Therefore, if you do make a swap, it is most important to let either Cath or Jim know, so that what is published in the Gazette is as accurate and as up-to-date as possible? Thank you.