

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

31st July, 2022

Next Week's Roster

7th August, 2022

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**

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leaders (pm): **Renée & James**
Manager: **John**
Reader: **Owen**
Musician: **Heather**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: **Peter, Yvonne & Ken**
Audio Desk (am): **Rykhardt**
Audio Desk (pm): *********
Camera : **Lucinda**
Computer (am): **Rykhardt**
Computer (pm): *********
AV Editing **Rykhardt**

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Sunday, 31st July, 2022

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher:: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Gospel Character**

New Testament Reading: **Galatians 5: 16-25**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church
our church

Discovering Idolatry

As a supporter of the Adelaide Crows Football Club, the 2022 AFL season has been a painful one. I have got to the point of struggling to watch a game, and contemplating the club's fortunes makes me feel as though life itself could lose all meaning! (violin music!...)

In fact, it has been way too painful. Not because my team has happened to have performed poorly - a good percentage of the teams must do each year to make it a competition. But *the fact that this has caused me the amount of pain it has* is what has been way too much! It indicates that I put more value than I should on my beloved team and its performing well.

The Bible defines an idol as *anything in creation that we value and trust more than God* (Ro 1:21-25). These may be not only the gods of other religions (represented by various images), but secular things (e.g., wealth, career, social status), and even Christian things (e.g., our preferred style of worship, our morality, our good works, Christian ministry).

If anything in our lives, when it "crashes", causes "our world to fall apart", *then that is our idol*. Only the true God doesn't crash! That's why it is essential for us to value and trust Him and His grace only to give us real security in our lives.

Grace and cheers, Jonathan.

The Good You Can Do!

"But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked." (Luke 6: 35)

Most of us enjoy doing good things for others. We especially like to do good things for the people we love and the friends that help make life more valuable. It seems like a natural thing for us to do.

This passage in Luke offers a whole different approach. It says that we need to love our enemies and be good to them. Let's think about that. First of all, you probably don't have any real enemies, but there are people in your life that you are distancing yourself from for some reason.

What should you do for them? What can you do to improve these relationships? Luke tells you to keep giving and keep lending and keep nurturing until you no longer have an enemy...but a friend.

A Taste of Goodness: Lord, I know You said we should love our enemies, but I sometimes struggle to love them. Ignoring them was an easy way out. Help me to find ways to be good to them for Your sake. Amen.

(This piece comes from the late Janet's favourite little book of daily devotions, 'A Taste of the Spirit'. The above is the piece for 31st July.)

Editor: Therefore, Crows supporters need to make friends of Port Power supporters, and not dismiss them as enemies just because their team occupies a higher position on the premiership table. However, the windscreen wipers crows do not need to be loved by us.

Some Reminders

- October is fast approaching. We need to make sure that we are filling as many of those Samaritan's Purse boxes as is possible.
- Next Sunday is Communion Sunday. Please remember to bring your donations for the needy and place them in the large plastic containers.
- **Late News:** Dear Wistow has been officially adopted by her new family, We, especially Lesley and Barrie, shall miss her. At least we still have the company of that adorable young lady, Lexie, every Sunday.

SOME AUGUST DIARY DATES

- **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**
- **Working Bee: Saturday, 6th August: 8.00 am**
- **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**

A Message from Two More COVID-19 Victims: Andrew and Sheila would like to thank their church family for their cards, prayers and telephone calls during their continuing period of isolation necessitated by the virus.

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.