

**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**

**7th August, 2022**

**Next Week's Roster**

**14th August, 2022**

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

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Neil**  
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**  
Manager: **Neil**  
Reader: **Tina**  
Musician: **Brunetta**  
Kidz Connect: **Tina**  
Morning Tea: **Ailsa, Chris DeB. & Joy**  
Audio Desk (am): **Ralph**  
Audio Desk (pm): **Ralph**  
Camera : **Tim**  
Computer (am): **Ralph**  
Computer (pm): **Ralph**  
AV Editing **Jonathan**

*(Cath, with representatives from the Tea Tree Gully Council and the defibrillator)*



# Golden Grove Gazette

Keeping in touch with the G.G.U.C. family

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Sunday, 7th August, 2022

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher:: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Gospel Relationships**

New Testament Reading: **Galatians 5: 26 to 6: 5**

**Mission Statement:** To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church  
our church



**You Can't Choose Your Relatives**

David Bowie once said, "People think that their families are weird... *mine really are!*"

That sentiment might "ring a bell" with all of us at some point! Families can be amongst the most blessed of communities on earth, yet also, sadly, the most cursed. Yet, when Jesus' second greatest commandment calls us to love our neighbours, while it certainly includes all possible neighbours in the world, it starts with those nearest us... - *i.e., our family.*

As Christians, our next closest neighbours are *our church family*; and so the Bible calls us to love our brothers and sisters (see the whole of John's 1<sup>st</sup> Letter). John makes the point that, if we don't love our brothers and sisters in the church, then we probably don't love God the Father either. (1Jn 4:20)

Like all relatives, so too our church family, *can be difficult*, and "rub us up the wrong way" at times! Nonetheless, God has made us relatives whom He commands us to love. We can't escape them; even if we switch churches, there'll be another bunch of disagreeable church family members there for us to love too!

The truth of the Gospel means that, in commanding us to love our families and church family, *God has provided the super abundant resource to enable us to do that* - *i.e., we are God's enemies*, and He loves us enough for His Son to die for us to get that love through to us, in forgiving, saving, and enriching us forever. (Ro 5:8)

*Grace and peace, Jonathan.*

### Defibrillator Training Session

Last Wednesday morning a training session on the use of the defibrillator was conducted by Andrea Lagrou from the St John's Ambulance Brigade. In spite of the unavoidably short notice, an attentive group of twenty to twenty-five people, representative of the various groups who use our facilities, including members of our congregation, attended.

Andrea gave a really involving and informative presentation that went well past the expected time. However, this did not matter as she was a really good speaker who made everyone feel at ease. The listeners asked lots of important and relevant questions, leading to a high level of discussion.

We all came away feeling more knowledgeable, even if we were hoping that we would never have to use the apparatus. Nevertheless, Brunetta was confident enough to dash out the front and give a demonstration of what to do before the session closed.

We owe a debt of gratitude to our indispensable Cath, who laboured for many, many hours in applying for the grant from the Tea Tree Gully Council that enabled us to purchase the defibrillator at a much smaller cost to the church. Needless to say, in this time of post-purchase she has still had to wade through yet another myriad of red tape that helps to keep the TTGC in a thriving business.

### Holy Communion Sunday

As we do every Communion Sunday, please place your donations for the needy in the large plastic containers in the hall. Thank you very much for your generosity.

**Congratulations, dear Jonathan,**

**as, this month, you celebrate your thirtieth year**

**as an ordained Minister of the Word.**



### SOME AUGUST DIARY DATES

- **Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 7th August: 10.00 am (Communion)**
- **Café Youth: Sunday, 7th August: 6.30 pm (Pictionary)**
- **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 (Gideons)**
- **OCC Afternoon: Sunday, 14th August: Tea Tree Gully Uniting Church**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 14th August: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 15th August: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
- **Estia Worship Service: Monday, 15th August: 2.00 pm**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 18th August: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 21st August: 10.00 am**
- **Café Youth: Sunday, 21st August: 6.30 pm (DIY Pizza)**

### Gideons International: Retiring Offering

Next Sunday, 14th August, a speaker from Gideons International will be one of the speakers in the morning service. As we probably already know, Gideons International is an Evangelical Christian association for men, founded in 1899 in Janesville, Wisconsin. Their primary activity is "encouraging each other to do the work of the Lord, focussing on who they are before God, and strengthening the power of their personal testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ".

As is our tradition, there will be a retiring offering that can be placed in the bowl at the rear of the sanctuary after the service.



### Operation Christmas Child



As October fast approaches, we need to remember that we cannot fill a Samaritan's Purse shoebox at the last minute. Coral will soon be asking us all to participate in this truly wonderful venture of making Christmas happier for children who are living in dire poverty. Coral will also be asking for people to help pack boxes at a state level. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.