

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.

Church Telephone Number: 8251 4298

This Week's Roster

21st August, 2022

Next Week's Roster

28th August, 2022

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leaders (pm): **Renée & James**
Manager: **Ray**
Reader: **Trevor**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: **Peter & Yvonne**
Audio Desk (am): **Rykhardt**
Audio Desk (pm): *********
Camera : **Lucinda**
Computer (am): **Rykhardt**
Computer (pm): *********
AV Editing **Jonathan**

Preacher: **James**
Leader (am): **Cath**
Leaders (pm): **SEG**
Manager: **John**
Reader: **Barrie**
Musician: **Pat**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: **David, Linda & Joy**
Audio Desk (am): **Ralph**
Audio Desk (pm): **Ralph**
Camera : **John**
Computer (am): **Ralph**
Computer (pm): **Ralph**
AV Editing **Rykhardt**

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, 21st August, 2022

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher:: **Jonathan**

Theme: **The Compelling Word**

Old Testament Reading: **Jeremiah 1: 4-10**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church
our church

Public Truth

Sometimes people say, "My faith is just between me and God." Jesus said, if you have a faith, let it shine from the rooftops! (Mt 5:14-16). God called His prophets to speak His truth to the nations (Jer 1:4), and we Christians are to be a *prophetic community* (Acts 2:17).

This doesn't mean that the church is to be a moralistic, 'holier than thou', 'conscience of society'. "Judgement starts with the household of God" (Amos 3:2); because we know the saving, forgiving grace of God, we are held to a higher level of accountability. So, we will speak the truth first to ourselves.

Neither can we expect Christian standards of non-Christian people. The reason that we can follow a Christian standard is that we first have all the resources of the saving, forgiving grace and love of the Gospel to motivate and enable us. The public truth we hold out needs to be more grace than law; only when people really 'get' grace, can they get to doing the law.

People will react against the truth of God at points; this can't be helped, and we must 'cop it'. Yet the truth is ultimately grace and salvation for all who will receive it – we need to emphasise its character as *good news*.

Grace, and cheers, Jonathan.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of all peoples and nations,
Who created all things alive and breathing,
United and whole,
Show us the way of peace that is Your overwhelming presence.
We hold before You the peoples of Ukraine and Russia,
Every child and every adult.
We long for the time
When weapons of war are beaten into ploughshares,
When nations no longer lift up sword against nation.
We cry out to You for peace;
Protect those who only desire and deserve to live in security and safety.
Comfort those who fear for their lives and the lives of their loved ones.
Be with those who are bereaved.
Change the hearts of those set on violence and aggression,
And fill our leaders with the wisdom that leads to peace.

Fourth Quarter Roster

At present Cath and Jim are working on the fourth quarter roster. This is the most challenging one, particularly because of the scheduling of the Christmas services and the family holidays which occur at this time of the year. Hence, it is essential that you inform either one of compilers about any possible absences that you envisage prior to, around, or beyond the festive season. While we appreciate that the roster cannot be set in cement, we would like it to be as accurate as possible. Thank you very much.

Notices

- **Reverend Jonathan will be absent on a week's leave from 28th August to 5th September.**
- **There will be another Mission Planning / Church Council meeting on Saturday, 17th September, at 10.00 am.**
- **Thank you so much to our church family for continuing to support recycling by supplying used stamps, aluminium ring pulls and pre-loved metal.**

DYING AUGUST DIARY DATES

- **Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 21st August: 10.00 am**
- **Café Youth: Sunday, 21st August: 6.30 pm (DIY Pizza)**
- **KYB: Monday, 22nd August: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 25th August: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 28th August: 10.00 am**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 28th August: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 29th August: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**

SEPTEMBER SPRINGS INTO LIFE

- **Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 1st September: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 1st September: 1.00 pm**
- **Working Bee: Saturday, 3rd September: 8.00 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 5th September: 10.00 am**
- **Café Youth: Sunday, 5th September: 6.30 pm**

Retiring Offering for Gideons

Evan Reece, our always welcome guest speaker, was very pleased with the \$170 that comprised last Sunday's retiring offering. Thank you to our somewhat depleted church family for contributing to the dissemination of God's Word.



Operation Christmas Child



October is just over a month away. Please make sure that you have your shoeboxes ready by then. If you have any concerns, please speak to or OCC Coordinator, Coral. Thank you very much.

Recycling of Cans and Bottles, Etcetera

Thank you so much to our church family for continuing religiously to supply so much glass and metal for John and Max, who last Wednesday packed and transported \$120.00 worth to the recycling depot on Greenwith Road.