

**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 Leader 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**

**16th October, 2022**

**Next Week's Roster**

**23rd October, 2022**

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Jonathan**  
Leader (pm): **\*\*\*\*\***  
Manager: **John**  
Reader: **Tina**  
Musician: **Brunetta**  
Kidz Connect: **Tina**  
Morning Tea: **Bob, Faye & Brunetta**  
Audio Desk (am): **Ruan**  
Audio Desk (pm): **\*\*\*\*\***  
Camera : **Lucinda**  
Computer (am): **Rykhardt**  
Computer (pm): **\*\*\*\*\***  
AV Editing **Rykhardt**

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Kathryn**  
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**  
Manager: **John**  
Reader: **Barrie**  
Musician: **Pat**  
Kidz Connect: **Tina**  
Morning Tea: **Peter & Yvonne**  
Audio Desk (am): **Ralph**  
Audio Desk (pm): **Ralph**  
Camera : **John**  
Computer (am): **James**  
Computer (pm): **James**  
AV Editing **Jonathan**

# Golden Grove Gazette

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

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Sunday, 23rd October, 2022

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher:: **Jonathan**

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Theme: **Gifted**

New Testament Reading: **Ephesians 4: 1-14**

**Mission Statement: To draw people**

to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church



**Wars and Rumours of Wars**

Jesus spoke of when we hear of "wars and rumours of wars" (Mt 24:6). We've certainly got both going on in the world at the moment.

Such events are signs of which we need to take notice. But, contrary to popular opinion, they are not signs that the end of history is about to come. Jesus warns us against trying to work out the timetable for these events (vv4,5), and He specifically says that world upheavals are signs that "*the end is not yet*", but "*just the beginning*" (v8).

Very importantly, Jesus says that these events are "*birth pangs*" (v8) – i.e., something is *being born*. Through and from the destruction of war, God's Messiah, Jesus Christ will "birth" a new world and community, cleansed and redeemed from evil, healed and restored from brokenness, enriched and ultimately perfected (Ro 8:18-30; 1Cor 15; Rev 21). That's why we are able to "*not be alarmed*" (v6).

Jesus will fully reveal and usher in this new order at the end of history, but He is also building it now through the faith and work of His people, by the power of the Holy Spirit. With faith and hope in Christ we are to work for peace and restoration.

When we trust our lives into Jesus' hands, and live in a continual, close friendship with Him, His saving, blessing grace becomes existentially real in our lives, practically enables us to overcome fears, and to live positively with new purpose.

*Grace and cheers, Jonathan.*

**Attention, All Ladies**

Golden Grove Women’s Fellowship  
cordially invites you to attend a fashion show

**DRESSED FOR SUCCESS**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
1.00 pm for a 1.30 pm start  
in the Church Hall.



A small donation of \$2.00 (or whatever you wish) would be appreciated.

This year our Women’s Fellowship will be donating money raised to  
**THE GUIDE DOGS.**

As many of you are aware, our dear Barrie and Lesley help with the training of these beautiful dogs. They kindly gave a talk in August, and we were extremely impressed with the organisation and the wonderful work carried out by volunteers.

Please come along and support this wonderful cause.

Tea, coffee and cake will be served.

There will also be a lucky door prize.



REMAINING OCTOBER DATES

- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 16th October: 10.00 am
- Beginning of Term Four: Monday, 17th October
- KYB: Monday, 17th October: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 17th October: 2.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 20th October: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 23rd October: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 23rd October: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 24th October: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 27th October: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 30th October: 10.00 am
- KYB: Monday, 31st October: 10.00 am to 11.30 am

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**Gift Survey Forms**

Today Reverend Jonathan will be preaching on “The Gifts of the Whole Congregation”.

At the end of the service a gift form will be distributed to each of us.

These gift forms are asking us, as members of the congregation, to take them home and prayerfully consider what gifts and talents we have and how we could use them to assist and serve in the life of our Church.

We ask that the forms be returned on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Reverend Jonathan will be preaching on the theme of Thanksgiving during that day’s service.

In addition, on that day could we each please bring a gift for the needy, as a practical expression of the theme for the day?

Thank you very much.