

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.

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.

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This Week's Roster

23rd October, 2022

Next Week's Roster

30th October, 2022

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**

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Neil**
Leader (pm): *********
Manager: **John**
Reader: **Coral**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: **David, Linda & Joy**
Audio Desk (am): **Ruan**
Audio Desk (pm): *********
Camera : **Lucinda**
Computer (am): **Rykhardt**
Computer (pm): *********
AV Editing: **Rykhardt**



Gifts are abilities God gives us to meet the needs of others in Christ's name.

— Timothy Keller —

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

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Sunday, 23rd October, 2022

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher:: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Gratuitous Grace**

New Testament Reading: **Luke 18: 9-14**

Mission Statement: To draw people

to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church



Gifted

In Eph 4:7-16 Paul teaches that Jesus Christ has gifted the church with every gift of the Holy Spirit that it will ever need to serve the mission of the Gospel. These gifts have been given to every single member of the Church; we simply need to discover them and start using them by faith and the power of the Holy Spirit.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are everything from preaching the Gospel and performing miracles, to helping someone out or sweeping a floor. The thing that makes them gifts of the Holy Spirit is that we use them to love and serve God and other people, because God has saved and given us fullness of life by His grace alone.

To help and encourage us in discovering, or rediscovering, our gift or gifts for ministry, and to offer and seek to use those gifts in and through the church, all members of the congregation are encouraged to fill out a gift survey form.

Please pray about this and fill in a form. We will return the survey forms as part of a special Thanksgiving Service, to be held on Sunday Oct 30th.

Paul says that God's plan is to fill the world and universe ("all things" – v10) with His gifts of salvation and fullness of life through Jesus Christ. As a prelude to that, He has filled us, the Church, with all of those gifts, so that we can serve and encourage one another to use them, and hold them out to a world that doesn't know them, but desperately needs them.

Grace upon grace, Jonathan.

Gift Survey Forms

Last Sunday we distributed gift survey forms (still available at the entrance) to every member of the congregation.

These are to help us to pray and think about the gifts and abilities that God has given to each one of us to serve Him in the church and world, and to offer and seek ways to use them in the congregation.

We invite everyone to fill in a gift survey form, and bring it to place in a basket during Worship on our Thanksgiving Sunday (Oct 30th).

You can also hand them to Cath McKechnie (our Administrator) at any time, before or after that date.

If you have any questions at all about the gift survey, please feel free to talk to Cath or Jonathan.

Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday October 30th will be a special Thanksgiving Sunday at Golden Grove Church.

The purpose is focus on thanksgiving to God for His vast good gifts to us through Jesus Christ, that include everything from salvation and eternal life, to Weet-Bix, and to celebrate God's extravagant generosity.

We invite everyone to express our thanksgiving and joy by bringing items of food (perishable and non-perishable), which will be given to local needy families.

God's gifts include any good thing in our lives that we are thankful for (e.g., artistic or craft ability; literature and reading; music; travel; friendships and family; enjoyment of creation, etc, etc.) We also invite you to bring any object that represents for you what you are thankful to God for, and place it in the display during the worship as an expression of your thanksgiving (*you will be allowed to take it home again after the service!).

We will also have opportunity during the worship to place our completed congregation gift survey forms in a basket at the front of the church.



OCTOBER SPRINGS INTO NOVEMBER

- 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
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 3rd November: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 3rd November: 1.00 pm
- Working Bee: Saturday, 5th November: 8.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 6th November: 10.00 am
- Café Youth: Sunday, 6th November: 6.30 pm
- KYB: Monday, 7th November: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 10th November: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 13th November: 10.00 am

Attention, All Ladies

Golden Grove Women's Fellowship

cordially invites you to attend a fashion show

DRESSED FOR SUCCESS

Thursday 3rd November

1.00 pm for a 1.30 pm start

in the Church Hall.

A small donation of \$2

(or whatever you wish) would be appreciated.

This year our Women's Fellowship will be donating to

THE GUIDE DOGS.

Please come along and support this wonderful cause.

Tea, coffee and cake will be served. There will be a lucky door prize.

