

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

11th December, 2022

Next Week's Roster

18th December, 2022

Preacher: Jonathan
Leader (am): Kathryn
Leader (pm): Jonathan
Manager: John
Reader: Brunetta
Musician: Brunetta
Kidz Connect: Tina
Morning Tea: Trevor, Sandy & Owen
Audio Desk (am): Ralph
Audio Desk (pm): Ralph
Camera : John
Computer (am): James
Computer (pm): James
AV Editing: Rykhardt

Preacher: Jonathan
Leader (am): Jonathan
Leader (pm): *****
Manager: Ray
Reader: Barrie
Musician: TBA
Kidz Connect: Tina
Morning Tea: Bob, Faye & Brunetta
Audio Desk (am): Ralph
Audio Desk (pm): *****
Camera : Tim
Computer (am): James
Computer (pm): *****
AV Editing: Jonathan

Season of Advent

First Sunday in Advent: 4th December: Hope

Second Sunday in Advent: 4th December: Peace

Third Sunday in Advent: 11th December: Joy

Fourth Sunday in Advent: 18th December: Love

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Sunday, 11th December, 2022

Third Sunday in Advent: Joy

Preacher:: Reverend Jonathan

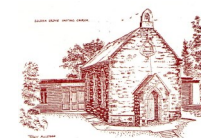
Theme: Repenting

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3: 1-12

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ
and nurture them through our church



You Can't Be Human Without God's Word

Jesus said that we cannot be real, full human beings apart from the truth and life that are given to us by every word that God speaks (Mt 4:4).

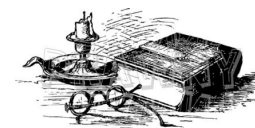
When the Bible speaks of the Word of God it means two things: firstly, it is a name for Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, who is the Word of God become a living, breathing human being (Jn 1:1-5,14), to act in grace to give salvation and fullness of life to all who believe in Him (Jn 3:16).

Secondly, the Word of God means all the words and teachings of the Bible, the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments (2Tim 3:16), which also seek to lead all who hear and believe them to salvation and life (2Tim 3:15).

These two meanings of God's Word are tied together and can never be separated: all the words of the Bible are crucial, because it is only through them that we can know the truth of who Jesus is, what He does, and what He means for us and the world as gracious Saviour and giver of life; a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ is crucial, because it is only through Him that salvation and fullness of life come (Acts 4:12).

Do you want to have a complete and fulfilling life? - in fact, the best life that you can?... Then get into the Word of God that gives you salvation and fullness of life as a gift of grace!

Grace and life, Jonathan.



Morning Tea, Coffee and Biscuits

Thank you to all our volunteers on the morning tea roster. We all appreciate having a cuppa and a time of fellowship after our morning Worship service. At our AGM earlier in the year it was suggested that we each start paying 50 cents for our cuppa. To date this has not been happening, and it really would be appreciated if we all could start doing this. Thank you.

Editor: In November the income from the Pink Pig was \$42.15 and the expenditure was \$56.15. The current balance is \$24.85, which is \$14.00 less than it was at the end of October.

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Council Election Results

All candidates were re-elected to serve as Councillors and Elders for 2023 and 2024: Tim Checkley, Coral Larcombe, Neil Larcombe, as Councillors, and Ray Holroyd and Cath McKechnie as Elders. May God bless you all.



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Women's Fellowship Christmas Luncheon

Ladies, you are reminded that our Christmas luncheon is taking place this Thursday, 15th December, at the Windsor Hotel, at 12.00 noon. Please remember to bring a \$5.00 Kris Kringle gift for sharing. Today is the last day for placing your name on the list at the back of the hall.



SUMMER IS ICUMEN IN

- Café Church: Sunday, 11th December: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 15th December: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Last Day of Term Four: Friday, 16th December
- Café Youth Christmas Party: Saturday, 17th December: 6.30 pm
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 18th December: 10.00 am
- Blue Christmas: Sunday, 18th December: 6.00 pm
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 19th December: 2.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 22nd December: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Lessons and Carols: Saturday, 24th December: 7.00 pm
- Christmas Day Service: Sunday, 25th December
- Jonathan's Annual Leave: 27th December to 10th January, 2023
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 29th December: 8.00 am to 9.00 am



Old-fashioned, Spiritual Christmas?

John R. Brokhoff, *Preaching the Parables—Cycle C.* p. 28.

"What has happened to the old-fashioned, spiritual Christmas? The cause is our disregard of Advent. The church set aside this four-week pre-Christmas season as a time of spiritual preparation for Christ's coming. It is a time of quiet anticipation. If Christ is going to come again into our hearts, there must be repentance. Without repentance, our hearts will be so full of worldly things that there will be 'no room in the inn' for Christ to be born again....We have the joy not of celebration. Which is the joy of Christmas, but the joy of anticipation."

