

Vision Statement:

We see a Jesus-orientated church having a passion for the Bible 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

8th January, 2023

Next Week's Roster

15th January, 2023

Preacher:	James
Leader (am):	Rykhardt
Leader (pm):	*****
Welcome:	Bob
Manager:	Neil
Reader:	Bob
Musician:	Brunetta
Kidz Connect:	Vacation
Morning Tea:	Joy & Tina
Audio Desk (am):	Ralph
Audio Desk (pm):	*****
Camera :	John
Computer (am):	James
Computer (pm):	*****
AV Editing:	Rykhardt

Preacher:	Jonathan
Leader (am):	Jonathan
Leader (pm):	*****
Welcome:	Cath
Manager:	Ray
Reader:	Alison
Musician:	Brunetta
Kidz Connect:	Vacation
Morning Tea:	Bob, Faye & Brunetta
Audio Desk (am):	Ruan
Audio Desk (pm):	*****
Camera :	Lucinda
Computer (am):	Rykhardt
Computer (pm):	*****
AV Editing:	Jonathan

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Sunday, 8th January, 2023

Epiphany Sunday

Preacher:: **Dr James Ross-Naylor**

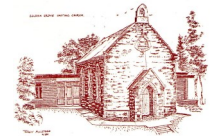
Theme: **Baptism of Fire**

Bible Reading: **Matthew 3: 11-17**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ
and nurture them through our church



Only On Loan

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2:10).

God is shaping us like a master sculptor. Sometimes we might wonder why our life experiences seem like fate and accident rather than purposeful shaping. At such times we must trust him.

If God is shaping us for his purpose that means that I came from his hands. He has lent me to myself, as it were, entrusted gifts and talents to me, and one day he will require me back. He will say to me: 'Now I shall see what you have done with yourself.' Then I shall have to give myself back, just as I must return a car I have borrowed. And the owner will then see whether I have treated it and cared for it properly. If there is a dent in the body or the motor runs rough, he will count me responsible for it.

What am I going to say when God looks at me and says: 'What have you done with your body, which I lent to you, with your gifts, skills and abilities which I gave to you, with your home, your children, your friends, whom I gave you along the way?' What will I say when I stand there as one who has misused his body, squandered his gifts, filled them with scratches and dents?

We are God's handiwork - a work in progress.

(Reverend Gordon)

An Update on our Much Loved Guide Dogs

Rocket and Royal, brothers, are now serving as valuable members of the community. Rocket is a Guide Dog to a vision impaired young lady who began studying at university in March last year. Royal is an Autism Dog for a non-verbal eight-year-old girl living in the country. Both these cream-coloured dogs have very much changed the lives of both their clients and their families. Their mother, Milan, made a guest appearance at the Women's Fellowship last October.

Lexie has continued to enhance and consolidate her skills, including :

- keeping one safe around traffic
- working inside buildings
- safely locating, boarding and travelling on escalators, travellators and stairs
- locating specific objects, such as counters, chairs and pedestrian buttons
- sitting correctly in buses, trams and trains
- avoiding shopping trolleys in supermarkets.

Recently Lexie successfully completed her third and final blindfold assessment, where she leads her blindfolded trainer along busy shopping malls. Her next stage will see her being handled by different trainers and going through a matching process to find a potential client match.

As the matching process is not an easy task and can sometimes take a period of time, Lexie may go out boarding for a period of time until a suitable match is found. There is also the chance that Lexie could be looked at for another career - there are the Autism Assistance Dog programmes for which she may be suitable.

There is the possibility that Lexie, or another beautiful guide dog, could be returned to us for a time to work as a 'therapy dog' to Lesley as she faces months of chemo and radiation treatment in her fight to beat breast cancer. Barrie



Weekly Offering Envelopes

If you have not collected your envelopes for 2023, you will find them on the back table in the hall. Would you please make sure that you collect a set today? Thank you.



OUR DATES WITH JANUARY

- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 8th January: 10.00 am
- Men's Breakfast: Tuesday, 10th January: 9.00 am: Café de Grove
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 12th January: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 15th January: 10.00 am
- Men's Breakfast: Tuesday, 17th January: 9.00 am: Café de Grove
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 19th January: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 22nd January: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 22nd January: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- Australia Day / Survival Day: Thursday, 26th January
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 26th January: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 29th January: 10.00 am
- Commencement of Term One: Monday, 30th January
- KYB: Monday, 30th January: 10.00 am to 11.30 am

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Lexie at home in Barrie's and Lesley's garden