

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

15th January, 2023

Next Week's Roster

22nd January, 2023

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

Preacher:	Jonathan
Leader (am):	Kathryn
Leader (pm):	Jonathan
Welcome:	Cath
Manager:	John
Reader:	Kathryn
Musician:	Brunetta
Kidz Connect:	Vacation
Morning Tea:	Chris DeB. & Katherine
Audio Desk (am):	Ralph
Audio Desk (pm):	Ralph
Camera :	Tim
Computer (am):	James
Computer (pm):	James
AV Editing:	Rykhardt

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Sunday, 15th January, 2023

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Preacher:: **Reverend Jonathan**

Theme: **The Lamb of God**

Gospel Reading: **John 1: 19-34**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ
and nurture them through our church



Flood vs God

Last weekend I stood in the main street of Mannum. I was standing on dry ground alongside a reinforced, yet seemingly narrow, levee wall, the other side of which the waters of the River Murray were flowing through shops and homes, the level above my head. I had an awesome sense of the power of the flood waters.

The Psalm writer says, "The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods have lifted up their roaring" (Ps 93:3). This meant not only literal floods, but also the "sea of troubles" we know in life – e.g., suffering, misfortune, attack from enemies, and our sin and brokenness. All these things can threaten to overwhelm us.

Jesus and Paul speak of His death on the cross as a "baptism" (Mk 10:38; Ro 6: 3,4); Jesus entered the flood, our ultimate "sea of troubles", and those "waters" claimed His life. He did that to pay for our sins and forgive us. Then He rose from the dead to secure us as God's children in resurrection life forever. If we believe in Him, nothing can ever snatch us out of His hand! (Ro 8:31-38)

This is how the Lord proves Himself to be greater and more powerful than any flood (Ps 93:4; 29:10). This means that Jesus saves us through and from every conceivable flood, whether of water or sin or death. Trust Him, and He will lift you above them!

Grace and life, Jonathan.

The Death of the Reverend Ian Moulton

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of the Reverend Ian Moulton, who died in his sleep at 8.00 am on Saturday, 7th January. He was ninety-nine years old, just six months shy of his centenary. Ian was a faithful servant of our Lord for his entire life. He was a passionate preacher whose sermons could sometimes make the pulpit tremble. His fellowship groups were much enlivened by his wicked sense of humour and his inexhaustible knowledge of his beloved Bible. Like Jonathan, he was both a keen fisherman and a fisher of men. Ian's funeral will be conducted by Pastor Kynan Brookes on Tuesday, 17th January, at 2.00 pm, in the Hope Valley Uniting Church.

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Traditional English Epiphany Customs

In England, the celebration of the night before Epiphany, Epiphany Eve, is known as Twelfth Night, the first night of Christmas being December 25th to 26th and Twelfth Night being January 5th to 6th. It was a traditional time for mumming and the wassail. The Yule log was left burning until this day, and the charcoal left was kept until the next Christmas to kindle the next year's Yule log, and to protect the house from fire and lightning. In the past, Epiphany had also been a time for playing practical jokes, similar to April Fool's Day. Today in England, Twelfth Night is still as popular a day for plays, as when Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* was first performed in 1601, and annual celebrations involving the Holly Man were held in London. A traditional dish for Epiphany was Twelfth Cake, a rich, dense, typically English fruitcake. Anything spicy or hot, like ginger snaps and spiced ale, was considered proper Twelfth Night fare, recalling the costly spices brought by the Magi to the stable in Bethlehem.

Another English Epiphany sweetmeat was the traditional jam tart, made appropriate to the occasion by being fashioned in the shape of a six-pointed star, symbolising the Star of Bethlehem, and thus called an Epiphany Tart.



OUR DATES WITH JANUARY

- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 15th January: 10.00 am
- Men's Breakfast: Tuesday, 17th January: 9.00 am: Café de Grove
- Church Council: Tuesday, 17th November: 7.00 pm
- 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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