

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.

Reverend 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

22nd January, 2023

Next Week's Roster

29th January, 2023

Preacher:	Jonathan
Leader (am):	Kathryn
Leader (pm):	Jonathan
Welcome:	Faye
Manager:	John
Reader:	Kathryn
Musician:	Recorded Music
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

Preacher:	Jonathan
Leader (am):	James
Leader (pm):	Jonathan
Welcome:	Lila
Manager:	Neil
Reader:	Andrew
Musician:	Brunetta
Kidz Connect:	Vacation
Morning Tea:	Ken & Owen
Audio Desk (am):	Ruan
Audio Desk (pm):	*****
Camera :	Lucinda
Computer (am):	Rykhardt
Computer (pm):	*****
AV Editing:	Jonathan

2023 Church Council Officers

Neil Larcombe: Church Council Chairperson

Chris Holroyd: Treasurer

Coral Larcombe: Minutes Secretary



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Sunday, 22nd January, 2023

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Preacher:: Reverend Jonathan

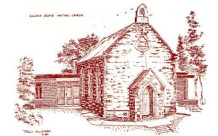
Theme: **The Beautiful God**

Bible Reading: **Psalm 27**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ
and nurture them through our church



One Blood

From one blood [God] made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God... and find him. [Acts 17:26,27]

Paul could have been speaking of us in twenty-first century Australia! We are indeed made up of all the nations of the earth – e.g., hundreds of Aboriginal nations, African nations, Asian nations, Arab nations, European nations, and the British.

The “one blood” from which God made all the nations refers to our common ancestor, Adam. It also refers to the blood of Jesus Christ – a “Second Adam” (1Cor 15:45) - through whom God reconciled us to Himself (Col 1:20,21), and to one another (Eph 2:16-19), remaking us as “one new humanity” (Eph 2:15), no longer strangers to one another, but belonging to the one household of God.

In Australia we have known the pain of separation and conflict, and tasted the peace and joy of true reconciliation and community. There are “worlds” more yet for us to discover of the riches of true community. Trusting in Christ who has reconciled us, hold out that reconciliation to all people in greatest hope (2 Cor 5:18-21)!

Peace in grace, Jonathan.

The Deaths of the Reverend Ian Moulton and His Wife

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 was conducted by Pastor Kynan Brookes on Tuesday, 17th January in the Hope Valley Uniting Church.

It saddens us once again to announce that Ian's dearly beloved wife, Shirley, passed away at 10.30 pm on Wednesday, 18th January, in her ninetieth year. She was a treasured member of our church, who was loved by all who knew her and a true disciple of her Lord. Ian and she were married by the Reverend Brian Ball in our church on 11th June, 1983.

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RECONCILIATION

On Australia Day it is important to respect the unique status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Our First Peoples are the traditional custodians of our beautiful lands and waterways and have a fundamental role in the great Australian story.

We aspire to an Australia Day that can increasingly include a recognition and celebration by all Australians of the importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to our nation.

26th January has multiple meanings: it is Australia Day for some, and it is also, for some, Survival Day.

Some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians have mixed feelings about celebrating this day - some consider it a day of mourning, and others use the day to mark the survival of their ongoing traditions and cultures.

It is important that these views are respected and that collectively we have constructive conversations about this history and seek ways to move forward together as a nation.

Our national day provides an opportunity to acknowledge and learn about our nation's past. It is a time to reflect on and learn about our national journey, including the ongoing history, traditions and cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

OUR DATES WITH JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

- 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
- 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
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 2nd February: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 5th February: 10.00 am
- Pastoral Carers Meeting: Tuesday, 7th February: 7.00 pm (via Zoom)
- Church Council Retreat: Saturday, 11th February: 9.00 am to 12.00 noon
- Mission and Wider Work Barbecue: Sunday, 26th February

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