

Vision Statement:

We see a Jesus-orientated church having a passion for the New Testament 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

5th February, 2023

Next Week's Roster

12th February, 2023

Preacher:	<b>Jonathan</b>
Leader (am):	<b>Andrew</b>
Leader (pm):	*****
Welcome:	<b>Lucinda</b>
Manager:	<b>Ray</b>
Reader:	<b>Lucinda</b>
Musician:	<b>Heather</b>
Kidz Connect:	<b>Tina</b>
Morning Tea:	<b>Trevor &amp; Sandy</b>
Audio Desk (am):	<b>Ruan</b>
Audio Desk (pm):	*****
Camera :	<b>Lucinda</b>
Computer (am):	<b>Rykhardt</b>
Computer (pm):	*****
AV Editing:	<b>Jonathan</b>

Preacher:	<b>Jonathan</b>
Leader (am):	<b>Rykhardt</b>
Leader (pm):	<b>Jonathan</b>
Welcome:	<b>Ray</b>
Manager:	<b>John</b>
Reader:	<b>Marion</b>
Musician:	<b>Brunetta</b>
Kidz Connect:	<b>Tina</b>
Morning Tea:	<b>Peter &amp; TBA</b>
Audio Desk (am):	<b>Ralph</b>
Audio Desk (pm):	<b>Ralph</b>
Camera :	<b>John</b>
Computer (am):	<b>Lucinda</b>
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# Golden Grove Gazette

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

[www.goldengroveuniting.org.au](http://www.goldengroveuniting.org.au)

Sunday, 5th February, 2023

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Preacher:: **Reverend Jonathan**

Theme: **Deaf Can Hear**

New Testament Reading: **1 Corinthians 2: 1-13**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ  
and nurture them through our church



Vision

A couple of weeks ago we did a bit of a tour of the Murray River in flood. It was amazing to see it up close and personal, but we couldn't really get a sense of how much water was flowing through and affecting the whole river system. The same week a friend flew over it and got a view from 30,000 feet! We had a *glimpse* of the river in flood, my friend got a *vision of the entire river system*.

The Bible says that "without a vision the people perish" (Prov 29:18). The opposite is also true – i.e., *with a vision the people flourish!* True vision is of what God is doing through Jesus Christ to save and gather His children out of all the nations of the earth, and to renew the whole creation (Gen 12:1-3; Rev 21:1-4; 22-27); and that He's doing it in Golden Grove!

Those who have this vision are "...like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in due season, and their leaves do not wither,..." (Ps 1:3) For all the damage of the Murray flood, when the water recedes it will bring untold renewal to the floodplains and the river for years and years to come. But Ezekiel envisages the river of God flowing and bringing renewal to every corner of creation (Ezk 47:1-12).

We are to be a part of that river of God (Jesus said it will flow out of us! – Jn 7:38) flowing into every corner of the Golden Grove community, touching parched and barren lives, healing, watering, replenishing with love, life, purpose, and hope.

*Grace and life, Jonathan.*

## Reading the Bible Daily

Last week Jonathan encouraged us to be in the habit of daily Bible reading and prayer. Here are a few ideas to help us practically.

### **3 Tips to Help You Read the Bible More Regularly:**

- 1. Have a plan – Haphazard reading only sets you up for failure. ...**
- 2. Stay prepared – If you are always prepared to spend time with God, it will be easier to carve out the time each day. ...**
- 3. Join a Group – The right kind of group will provide both accountability and encouragement to keep reading. ...**

There are many free apps that can be helpful. Here are a few:



**1. Bible in One Year-** Nicky Gumbel (from Alpha) leads us through a Bible reading programme and helpful devotional thoughts. Choose from classic, express or youth versions. Can be begun anytime (no need to wait until January!) Highly recommended!



**2. Lektion 365-** This daily devotional resource helps is to pray through the Bible every day. There are short morning and afternoon reflections.



**3. NIV Bible App-** This is one of many free apps which will mean you have the whole Bible always with you on your phone. Read it on the bus, waiting for an appointment or have the relevant Scripture passage open during the sermon. Portable and accessible!

## FEBRUARY IS UPON US

- **Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 5th February: 10.00 am**
- **KYB: Monday, 6th February: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
- **Pastoral Carers Meeting: Tuesday, 7th February: 7.00 pm (via Zoom)**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 9th February: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **Youth 3:16: Friday, 10th February: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (DIY Subway)**
- **Church Council Retreat: Saturday, 11th February: 9.00 am to 12.00 noon**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 12th February: 10.00 am**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 12th February: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 13th February: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 16th February: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **Youth 3:16: Friday, 17th February: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Sports Night)**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 19th February: 10.00 am**
- **KYB: Monday, 20th February: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
- **Estia Worship Service: Monday, 20th February: 2.00 pm**
- **Shrove Tuesday: Tuesday, 21st February**
- **Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, 22nd February**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 23rd February: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **Youth 3:16: Friday, 24th February: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Pool Party)**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 26th February: 10.00 am**
- **Annual General Meeting: Sunday, 26th February (after Worship)**
- **Mission and Wider Work Barbecue: Sunday, 26th February**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 26th February: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 26th February: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**

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