

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

19th February, 2023

Next Week's Roster

26th February, 2023

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): *********
Welcome: **Rykhardt**
Manager: **Neil**
Reader: **Rykhardt**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Kidz Connect: *********
Morning Tea: **Ailsa & Yvonne**
Audio Desk (am): **Ruan**
Audio Desk (pm): *********
Camera : **Lucinda**
Computer (am): **Rykhardt**
Computer (pm): *********
AV Editing: **Jonathan**

Preacher: **James**
Leader (am): **Neil**
Leader (pm): **James**
Welcome: **Andrew**
Manager: **Ray**
Reader: **Coral**
Musicians: **Brunetta & Ken**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: **Joy & Alison**
Audio Desk (am): **Ralph**
Audio Desk (pm): **Ralph**
Camera : **Tim**
Computer (am): **Rykhardt**
Computer (pm): **Ralph**
AV Editing: **Rykhardt**

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Sunday, 19th February, 2023

Transfiguration Sunday

Preacher:: **Reverend Jonathan**

Theme: **The Transfiguration**

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 17: 1-9**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ
and nurture them through our church



Hurt

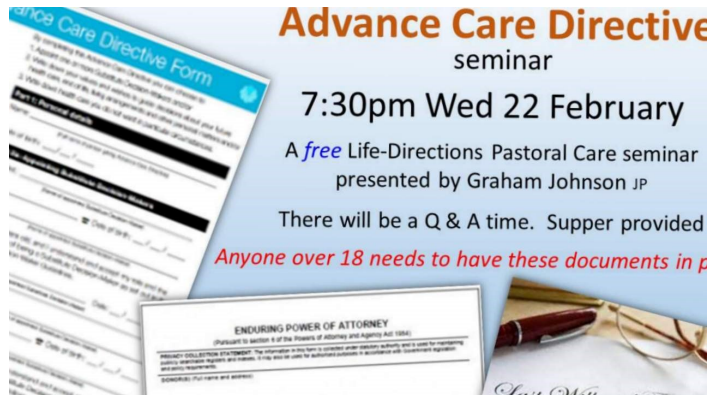
It gets harder to watch the TV news. The tragic scenes from the Turkiye and Syria earthquake become more and more devastating. Human beings cannot see other people in pain and distress and feel no different; some of the pain transfers to us.

One of our gut reflexes is to look away and try not to think about it too much. And while acknowledging the tragedy, to nonetheless reason that the causes lie in failings of the governments of those lands, or that it's simply too far away from us for us to realistically engage with. Or we might "throw" a donation in that direction to ease our sense of discomfort.

I can't say what our responses should be; donations are meaningful and helpful, and this week Australian teams of specialist volunteers have travelled to the earthquake zone to help in the recovery and humanitarian work. And because we believe in the God of Jesus Christ, who enters into our greatest human suffering to bring us His saving grace, we pray that all who suffer will know His presence, and for God to send the help that is needed.

These are all good and important things to do. But they won't take away the pain that we feel because the people of Turkiye and Syria are hurting. And that is actually a good and important thing. It testifies that God has placed within us a genuine love for all our neighbours.

Grace and peace, Jonathan.



Advance Care Directive seminar

7:30pm Wed 22 February

A *free* Life-Directions Pastoral Care seminar presented by Graham Johnson JP

There will be a Q & A time. Supper provided

Anyone over 18 needs to have these documents in place

Hello local Churches,

We are holding another *free* informative Pastoral Care seminar on **ADVANCED CARE DIRECTIVES**

Also including **ENDURING POWER OF ATTORNEY & LAST WILL & TESTAMENT**

Wednesday 22 February 7:30pm
Gully Church (TTG Uniting)
 600 Milne Road, Banksia Park

The seminar will be presented by Graham Johnson JP, who has had many years dealing with, and training on, these subjects. There will be free documents to take away, so that you can start the process of making formative plans for your future. A Q & A session is planned and a light supper will be provided. *Everyone over the age of 18 should have these documents in place.*

An Invitation from Coral Larcombe, M&WW Coordinator

At last we are emerging from the lockdown. Thus, we are celebrating with one of our famous sausage sizzles, after Worship on Sunday, 26th February. There is a list, on which to place your names, on the back table in the hall. For catering purposes bookings are essential. Do not miss out!!!

FIERY FEBRUARY HAS US IN ITS GRIP

- **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**
- **Mission and Wider Work Barbecue: Sunday, 26th February**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 26th February: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 27th February: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
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Reading the Bible Daily

Jonathan continues to encourage 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. ...**
2. **Join a Group – The right kind of group will provide both accountability and encouragement to keep reading. ...**