

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

19th March, 2023

Next Week's Roster

26th March, 2023

Preacher:	<b>Jonathan</b>
Leader (am):	<b>James</b>
Leader (pm):	*****
Welcome:	<b>Faye</b>
Manager:	<b>Ray</b>
Reader:	<b>Chris DeB.</b>
Musician:	<b>Brunetta</b>
Kidz Connect:	<b>Tina</b>
Morning Tea:	<b>Bob, Faye &amp; Brunetta</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>Kathryn</b>
Leader (pm):	<b>Jonathan</b>
Welcome:	<b>Lucinda</b>
Manager:	<b>Neil</b>
Reader:	<b>Kathryn</b>
Musician:	<b>Brunetta</b>
Kidz Connect:	<b>Tina</b>
Morning Tea:	<b>David &amp; Linda</b>
Audio Desk (am):	<b>Ralph</b>
Audio Desk (pm):	<b>Ralph</b>
Camera :	<b>Tim</b>
Computer (am):	<b>James</b>
Computer (pm):	<b>James</b>
AV Editing:	<b>Rykhardt</b>

# Golden Grove Gazette

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

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Sunday, 19th March, 2023

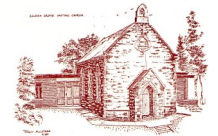
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Preacher:: Reverend Jonathan

Theme: The Blind See

Gospel Reading: John 9: 1-12

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ  
and nurture them through our church

## Awakening

The language of *awakening* has a great place within the traditions that formed the Uniting Church. It has been used to describe times of significant revival in the spiritual life and mission of the Church. Awakening is also about individual believers becoming fully aware of the truth and power of Jesus Christ and being transformed by it.

But no one wakes themselves. *You have to be stirred awake by something or someone other than yourself* – e.g., the dawning day, the blessed alarm clock, or a perhaps not altogether friendly mum or dad or spouse! The same is true spiritually. That's why Paul says, "once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light" (Eph 4:8). Before we could wake up, a great light needed to dawn in order to stir us.

This means that we don't become fully awake as Christians by trying harder to become fully awake! If we thought we could awaken ourselves, I'm afraid "*we'd be dreamin*"! No, we only become fully awake as Christians by coming back, again and again and again – every day – *to gaze upon the light* – Jesus Christ (Jn 8:12).

Gazing upon Jesus and His truth – which we have in the whole teaching of the Bible - will warm and stir us to be fully awake, fully alive – on fire! – for Jesus and what He loves. Then we will "live as children of the light" (Eph 5:8).

*Grace and cheers, Jonathan.*

**NEWS SPLASH: DANIEL'S BAPTISM**

**Next Sunday, 26th March, is our special Café Church event to celebrate Daniel Ebdens' baptism. Join us at 5.00 pm at our place (20 Linwood Court, Wynn Vale) for a relaxed baptism service at our swimming pool, followed by an optional pizza tea (\$5 a head or \$15 a family). Lock it in!**

*(Jonathan)*

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**CONGREGATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Next Sunday after the Service**

The AGM will be considering the various reports from across the congregation. If you do not already have a copy of them, please contact Cath McKechnie as soon as possible. Please read the reports before the meeting. They will be taken as read at the meeting, with the opportunity to ask questions when they are being considered. It would also be a good idea for all of us to bring our copy of the reports to the meeting.

*(Owen Davis, Congregational Chairperson)*

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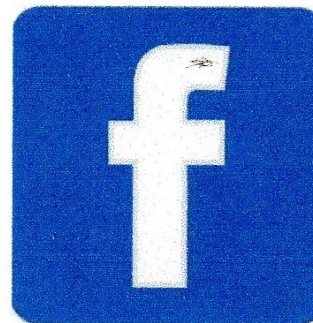
**MAUNDY MONEY**

Gifts in money were given by the sovereign on Maundy Thursday to the number of poor aged men and women that corresponded with his or her age. Broadcloth, fish, bread and wine were given in the reign of Elizabeth I, later, clothing and provisions. The clothing was replaced by money in 1725 as were the provisions in 1837. In due course the ceremony was transferred from the chapel at Whitehall to Westminster Abbey. Personal distribution of the doles ceased in 1688, until George V restarted it in 1932, as did Edward VIII in 1936. Queen Elizabeth II made a personal distribution in most years since 1953, and the ceremony is no longer held at Westminster every year. Thus, the 1979 service attended by the Queen and Prince Philip was held in Winchester Cathedral. The money is specially struck in silver pennies, twopennies, threepences and fourpences and is unaffected by decimalisation. Each recipient receives one complete set of coins for every ten years of the sovereign's age, with the odd years made up by coins to the appropriate value. Thus, in 1990, when Elizabeth II was in her sixty-fourth year, sixty-four men and sixty-four women each received six complete sets and one fourpenny coin. The coins bear the young head of the sovereign, as when first struck, throughout his or her reign.

**MARCH SURRENDERS TO APRIL**

- Fourth Sunday In Lent: Sunday, 19th March
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 19th March: 10.00 am
- Commissioning Service for Elders/Councillors: 19th March (during Worship)
- KYB: Monday, 20th March: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 20th March: 2.00 pm
- Tuesday, 21st March: Church Council: 7.00 pm (at Church)
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 23rd March: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3.16: Friday, 24th March: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Gardening)
- Fifth Sunday In Lent: Sunday, 26th March
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 26th March: 10.00 am
- Annual General Meeting: Sunday, 26th March (after Worship)
- Café Church: Sunday, 26th March: 5.00 pm (Daniel's Baptism)
- KYB: Monday, 27th March: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 30th March: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3.16: Friday, 31st March: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Disco)
- Working Bee: Saturday, 1st April: 8.00 am
- Cessation of Daylight Saving: Sunday, 2nd April
- Palm Sunday: Sunday, 2nd April
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 2nd April: 10.00 am
- KYB: Monday, 3rd April: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 6th April: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 6th April: 1.00 pm

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**You'll find up-to-the-minute news and important reminders.**

**See you on-line!**