

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

26th March, 2023

Next Week's Roster

2nd April, 2023

Preacher:	Jonathan
Leader (am):	Kathryn
Leader (pm):	Jonathan
Welcome:	Lucinda
Manager:	Neil
Reader:	Kathryn
Musician:	Brunetta
Kidz Connect:	Tina
Morning Tea:	David & Linda
Audio Desk (am):	Ralph
Audio Desk (pm):	Ralph
Camera :	Tim
Computer (am):	James
Computer (pm):	James
AV Editing:	Rykhardt

Preacher:	Jonathan
Leader (am):	Jonathan
Leader (pm):	*****
Welcome:	Ray
Manager:	John
Reader:	Sandy
Musician:	Heather
Kidz Connect:	Tina
Morning Tea:	Peter & Yvonne
Audio Desk (am):	Ruan
Audio Desk (pm):	*****
Camera :	Lucinda
Computer (am):	Rykhardt
Computer (pm):	*****
AV Editing:	Jonathan

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Sunday, 26th March, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Preacher:: Reverend Jonathan

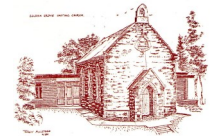
Theme: Fiercé Love

Gospel Reading: John 11: 1-7, 17-27 and 38-44

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ
and nurture them through our church



Death Is Horrible

There's a heresy that says that death is just an ordinary, natural part of life, and that we can learn to accept it and feel OK about it. This is usually the main message spoken at funeral homes – i.e., that we shouldn't think of the person as dead but rather as still with us, "in our hearts", or "just at the back of the room".

When Jesus' friend Lazarus died, and many were mourning, it says that He was "greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved" (Jn 11:33). The Greek phrase translated here means that Jesus *physically shook with rage!* It is followed by the shortest verse in the Bible – "Jesus wept" (v35).

What do these startling verses mean?...

God created and ordained humanity for life and not for death. Death is a horrible, ghastly intruder into God's good and beautiful creation. The Father – and therefore His Son Jesus – hate death with a vengeance! Sin led to death (Gen 3:19; Ro 6:23). Therefore, Jesus came into the world to obliterate sin by paying for it, and so to abolish death and banish it from the creation forever (Is 25:7)!

Jesus wept and shook with rage because of the terrible, alien bondage and indignity into which death had brought His dear brothers and sisters, and the Father's dear children, and marking that He was on His way to destroy it forever!

Grace and cheers, Jonathan.

NEWS SPLASH: DANIEL'S BAPTISM

This evening is our special Café Church event to celebrate Daniel Ebden's 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).

(Jonathan)

SALLY STAMP TELLS US WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR

USED STAMPS DONATIONS

Sally Stamp asks that people continue to send stamps to the Uniting Church Office, to help with this ministry. The group also suggests that people consider asking local businesses to save their stamps, with doctors' surgeries being one of the best sources of stamps! Any donations of private collections no longer required are also gratefully received.

In 2022 donations were made to the following: South Pacific School Aid Inc. (\$4,700), Frontier Services (\$1,000) and The Grove U/C Kids Craft Group (\$1,000).

(from the UCA Newsletter)

WORKING BEE

The next working bee will be held on Saturday, 1st April, commencing at 8.00 am. Last Monday night's storm caused a considerable amount of damage, including dismembered branches, a host of twigs pilfered from luckless trees and a rich carpet of homeless and disoriented leaves, many of which found a safe haven in the gutters of our church roof. The last are demanding youngish and sprightly workers to prowl the roof in order to facilitate their removal. Would you please help? Thanks very much.

MARCH SURRENDERS TO APRIL

- 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
- Maundy Thursday: Thursday, 6th April: Service at 7.00 pm
- Good Friday: Friday, 7th April: Service at 9.00 am
- Youth:3.16: Friday, 7th April: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Ice Skating)
- Holy Saturday: Saturday, 8th April
- Easter Day: Sunday, 9th April: Service at 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 9th April: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- Easter Monday, Monday, 10th April
- KYB: Monday, 10th April: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 13th April: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Final Day of Term One: Friday, 14th April

HOLY COMMUNION: As next Sunday is Holy Communion Sunday, would you please remember to bring your regular food donations and place them on the table at the back of the hall? Thank you very much for your continuing generosity.

Women's Fellowship: The next Women's Fellowship will be held on Thursday, 6th April, at 1.00 pm, in the Church Hall. Just a friendly reminder to bring either a baby picture or a very young picture of yourself. Myra will be doing the devotions on the day.