

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

2nd April, 2023

Next Week's Roster

9th April, 2023

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

Preacher:	Jonathan
Leader (am):	Jonathan
Leader (pm):	*****
Welcome:	Ray
Manager:	Neil
Reader:	Barrie
Musician:	Brunetta
Kidz Connect:	Tina
Morning Tea:	Ailsa & Tina
Audio Desk (am):	Ralph
Audio Desk (pm):	*****
Camera :	Tim
Computer (am):	James
Computer (pm):	*****
AV Editing:	Jonathan

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Sunday, 2nd April, 2023

Palm Sunday

Preacher:: Reverend Jonathan

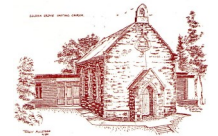
Theme: Palm Sunday

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21: 1-11

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ
and nurture them through our church



Loser

We can be committed to the cause that faithfully serves God and upholds His truth, yet false forces that undermine Him can seem to win out and defeat us. This is understandably painful and demoralising. Yet we should neither be overly surprised, nor despair.

The One we follow as Lord was the greatest seeming loser of all. God's King and Messiah, the Saviour of the world, was mercilessly slain in the most miserable and shameful death, gloated over by His enemies. That perhaps makes us look on our losses in not such a disastrous light!

This paradox was prefigured on Palm Sunday in the strongest irony, as Jesus, the triumphal King of the Universe, was hailed as such while riding on a juvenile donkey! To worldly power this looks plainly ridiculous. However, the true Lord, Saviour and King wins His victory not by power and force, but by the weakness of dying on a cross.

But Jesus *only seemingly lost*; dying to pay the price for the world's sin, He overcame evil with love, destroyed sin, reversed death, secured our resurrection from the dead, the making of the new heaven and earth and the fulfilment of God's eternal purposes!

We follow in Jesus' footsteps; through faith in Him, He turns our weakness and defeats into revelations of His ultimate victory that revive and strengthen us.

Grace and love, Jonathan.

DANIEL'S BAPTISM: 26TH MARCH, 2023



Daniel emerges from the waters of Lake Button to be anointed by Jonathan.



Jonathan and the Church Council pray for Daniel.

OUR DATES FOR THE BEGINNING OF 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
- 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
- Pastoral Carers Meeting: Tuesday, 11th April: 7.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 13th April: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Final Day of Term One: Friday, 14th April
- Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, 18th April: 7.00 pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY

The day before Good Friday is so called from the first words of the antiphon for that day: *Mandatum novum do vobis* ('A new commandment I give unto you.' John 13: 34), with which the ceremony of the washing of the feet begins. This is still carried in Roman Catholic cathedrals and monasteries. It became the custom of popes, Catholic sovereigns, prelates and priests to wash the feet of poor people. In England the sovereign did the same as late as the reign of James II (reigned from 1685 to 1688). The word has been incorrectly derived from *maund* ('a basket'), because on the day before the great fast it was an ancient church custom to bring out food in 'maunds' to distribute to the poor. (The 'new commandment' was 'that ye love one another'.)

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship will be held on this 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.