

**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**

21st May, 2023

**Next Week's Roster**

28th May, 2023

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

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

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

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Sunday, 21st May, 2023

Ascension Sunday

Preacher:: **Reverend Jonathan**

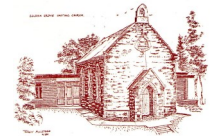
Theme: **What is Jesus up to Now?**

New Testament Reading: **Acts 1: 1-11**

**Mission Statement:** To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ  
and nurture them through our church



## **He Carries Us All the Way**

This is the week we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. This is not some abstract thought. It means that Jesus is physically in heaven at the Father's right hand advocating on our behalf. He is praying for us right now.

*Hebrews 7.25 tells us 'He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.'*

*...The divine Son never ceases...to bring his atoning life, death and resurrection before his Father in a moment-by-moment way. Christ "turns the Father's eyes to his own righteousness," wrote Calvin, "to avert his gaze from our sins.... that by his intercession he prepares a way and access for us to the Father's throne."*

*Do we realise what this means? Note the blessed realism of the Bible. This is the explicit acknowledgement that we Christians are ongoing sinners. Christ continues to intercede on our behalf in heaven because we continue to fail here on earth. He does not forgive us through his work on the cross and then hope we make it the rest of the way. Picture a glider, pulled up in the sky by an airplane, soon to be released to float down to earth. We are that glider: Christ is the plane. But he never disengages. He never lets go, wishing us well, hoping we can glide the rest of the way into heaven. He carries us all the way.*

*....Our prayer life stinks most of the time. But what if you heard Jesus praying aloud for you in the next room? Few things would calm us more deeply.*

An extract from Dane Ortund, Gentle and Lowly, Crossway, 2020 (pp.83-84).

*(Grace and peace, Jonathan)*

# LADIES OF THE CHURCH

## SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Biggest Afternoon Tea for Cancer Awareness Month  
and Dressed for Success Fashion Show

Time? 1 o'clock for 1.30 start

Where? In the church hall

Cost? \$5 donation (or whatever you wish to donate)

There will be door prizes, lots of fun, a chance  
to add to your wardrobe for the winter  
AND  
donate to a special cause.

Please bring along friends, relatives and neighbours.

For more information, please see Sandy.



## SOME AUTUMNAL DATES

- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 21st May: 10.00 am
- KYB: Monday, 22nd May: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 25th May: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Cancer Awareness Biggest Afternoon Tea: Thursday, 25th May: 1.00 pm
- National Sorry Day: Friday, 26th May
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 26th May: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Scavenger Hunt)
- Pentecost Sunday: Sunday, 28th May
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 28th May: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 28th May: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 29th May: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 1st June: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 1st June: 1.00 pm (Favourites)
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 2nd June: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Art Challenge)
- Tea Tree Gully Council Expo: Friday, 2nd June
- Working Bee: Saturday, 3rd June: 8.00 am
- Trinity Sunday: Sunday, 4th June
- Thanksgiving and Blessings Service: Sunday, 11th June
- Mission and Wider Work Soup Luncheon: Sunday, 18th June

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## FREE COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER EXPO STALL

We have been successful in registering to be part of the Community and Volunteer Expo, to be held at the Golden Grove Recreation Centre on Friday, 2nd June, from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm. This Expo is about Community Connection and helping people find activities and purpose.

We ask you, as members of the congregation, to encourage not only you, but possibly family, friends and neighbours, regardless of gender, to visit our Church stall as well as other amazing community group stalls.

Children are especially welcome. No entrance fee is required and no ticket or registration. Tea, coffee and face painting (just think of that, Caroline) will be available at no cost.

