

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.

Reverend Button can be contacted at j.button@bigpond.com.

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

4th June, 2023

Next Week's Roster

11th June, 2023

Preacher:	Jonathan
Leader (am):	Neil
Leader (pm):	*****
Welcome:	Cath
Manager:	John
Reader:	Coral
Musician:	Heather
Kidz Connect:	Tina
Morning Tea:	David & Linda
Audio Desk (am):	Ralph
Audio Desk (pm):	*****
Camera :	Tim
Computer (am):	James
Computer (pm):	*****
AV Editing:	Jonathan

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

Have you considered E-giving?

Envelopes with an "E" on the front, prayer requests or thanks

can be placed in the offering bags on a Sunday morning.

Please speak to Chris Holroyd if you require more information.

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

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Sunday, 4th June, 2023

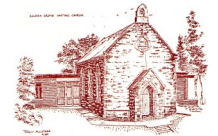
Trinity Sunday

Preacher:: **Reverend Jonathan**

Theme: **Trinitarian Life**

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 28: 16-20**

Mission Statement: To draw people



**to our Lord Jesus Christ
and nurture them through our church**

The Universe in a Toolshed

Some blokes in our church have toolsheds that contain everything... yes, *as well as the kitchen sink!*

C.S. Lewis tells how he once stood in a toolshed – I imagine it small and rickety, down the back of a mid-20th century English garden. It was daytime, yet the toolshed was unlit and all dark, apart from a gap above the door that let through a single beam of sunlight. He observed the beam thick with floating dust particles.

However, at one point he moved so that the beam fell on his eyes, and he looked up toward its source. Then instantly everything changed. Instead of looking at the beam, apart from it, *he was now looking along the beam, from the inside.* He was no longer seeing a mere beam of light in a dusty toolshed, but was absorbed into sparkling light, that played in the brilliant emerald green of the tree leaves outside, and millions of miles beyond that, into the fathomless, golden brilliance of the sun itself!

This is a great illustration of what it is like to know God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We cannot truly know them by just observing from the outside – e.g., by finding out all that there is to know about them in the Bible or theology. This would just be like “looking at the beam”.

Rather, we must *dwell in God,* and have Him *dwell in us,* through faith and by the power of the Holy Spirit (Jn 14:20). We can only know God from the inside! This is the equivalent of us “*looking along the beam*” - i.e., entering, living and “tasting” the very life of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is the promise of the Gospel to all who believe.

And since they created the earth, the sun, the universe and us, and are drawing it all towards a glorious goal, to have God is to have the whole universe and the best it has to offer!

So, however lowly your toolshed, the universe is yours!

Grace upon grace, Jonathan.



O blessed glorious Trinity,
 Bones to philosophy, but milk to faith,
 Which, as wise serpents, diversely
 Most slipperiness, yet most entanglings hath,
 As you distinguish'd, undistinct,
 By power, love, knowledge be,
 Give me a such self different instinct,
 Of these let all me elemented be,
 Of power, to love, to know you.

*Batter my heart, three-person'd God, for you
 As yet but knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend;
 That I may rise and stand, o'erthrow me, and bend
 Your force to break, blow, burn, and make me new.*

*(Some reflections on the Trinity,
 from John Donne: 1572-1631)*

EARLY JUNE DATES

- Trinity Sunday: Sunday, 4th June
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 4th June: 10.00 am
- KYB: Monday, 5th June: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 8th June: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 9th June: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Games Night)
- Thanksgiving and Blessings Service: Sunday, 11th June: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 11th June: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- King's Birthday: Monday, 12th June
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 15th June: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 16th June: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Movie Night)
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 18th June: 10.00 am
- Mission and Wider Work Soup Luncheon: Sunday, 18th June
- KYB: Monday, 19th June: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 19th June: 2.00 pm

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Mission and Wider Work

**M&WW will be holding its second fundraising function
 for the year on Sunday, 18th June, after Worship.**

**There will be a Soup and Bread Roll Luncheon with
 apple pie for dessert.**

The cost is \$10 per person.

Please put your names on the list in the hall.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

HOLY COMMUNION

**Thank you very much for today's generous
 donations for the needy in our community.**