

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.

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

25th June, 2023

Next Week's Roster

2nd July, 2023

Preacher:	James
Leader (am):	Jonathan
Leader (pm):	Jonathan
Welcome:	Lucinda
Manager:	John
Reader:	Chris H.
Musician:	Brunetta
Kidz Connect:	Tina
Morning Tea:	Trevor & Sandy
Audio Desk (am):	Ruan
Audio Desk (pm):	Lucinda
Camera :	Lucinda
Computer (am):	Rykhardt
Computer (pm):	Rykhardt
AV Editing:	Rykhardt

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

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, 25th June, 2023

Third Sunday after Trinity

Preacher:: Reverend Jonathan

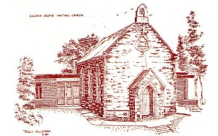
Theme: The Time Lord

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 13: 1-14

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ
and nurture them through our church



Time Lord

I hope there're some Doctor Who fans in our congregation, because the Bible says that Jesus Christ is the ultimate Time Lord! – i.e., 'Jesus Christ is the same *yesterday, today, and forever*' (Heb 13:8); and Jesus says, "*I am the Alpha and the Omega*, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Rev 22:13)

This means that Christian truth will never be 'out of date', or 'left behind by history'. How can it be? – the One who gave us the truth is the One who will be revealed as Lord at the end of history, to reign as such *forever*. The truth that Jesus gave us in the Bible is *light years ahead of us*. When we abandon that truth, then we are out of touch with where history is really headed.

This also means that Jesus' saving mercy will never cease to be relevant, however much people protest that there is no such thing as God's law or sin, that wrong doesn't need to be confronted, much less forgiven. Which also means that Jesus' saving mercy will never cease to be available to us, and never cease to give us fullness of life.

Finally, this also means that the world and history can't escape the most positive possible future. At the *end* and *forever* Jesus plans to raise all who hope in Him to eternal life, and make the world and universe new and eternal, healed of climate change, and free of nuclear contamination, warfare and death!

I'd like to see even the Doctor do that!

Grace and cheers, Jonathan.

HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY

As we celebrate Holy Communion next Sunday (2nd July), it will be the day to bring our regular donations of food for the needy in our community. In the hall, there will be receptacles in which to place our goods. Thank you so much for your continuing generosity.

MISSION AND WIDER WORK LUNCHEON

Thank you to all those who participated in the consumption of delicious home-made soup, crunchy bread rolls and highly valued apple pies, garnished with icecream, last Sunday. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, A special thanks to our kitchen toilers. Coral will inform us of the total amount raised for mission work in next week's Gazette.

THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S AND THE FULLNESS THEREOF

The foundation stone of Golden Grove Presbyterian Church was laid by the Reverend Ralph Drummond on 24th July, 1865. The church was opened on 25th June, 1866 by the Reverend John Gardner. The Roman numerals (MDCCCLXVI) on the façade of the church are a testimony to this. In 1977 this proud Presbyterian church was inaugurated into the Uniting Church in Australia.

Today we welcome some very special guests, among whom there is at least one whose connection with our church goes back several decades down through a family line.

As we celebrate our 157th birthday, we also acknowledge that the land on which this church is built is the traditional land of the Kurna people, and we respect their spiritual relationship with their country.



Church Picnic
(left)



Church Choir
(right)

JUNE SEGUES WITH JULY

- Golden Grove Uniting Church's 157th Birthday: Sunday, 25th June
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 25th June: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 25th June: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 26th June: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 29th June: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 30th June: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Illumination)
- Working Bee: Saturday, 1st July: 8.00 am
- Beginning of NAIDOC Week: Sunday, 2nd July
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 2nd July: 10.00 am
- KYB: Monday, 3rd July: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 6th July: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 6th July: Christmas in July Luncheon
- Last Day of Term Two: Friday, 7th July
- Conclusion of NAIDOC Week: Sunday, 9th July
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 9th July: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 9th July: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- First Day of Term Three: Monday, 24th July

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NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC Week is an Australian observance lasting from the first Sunday in July until the following Sunday. The acronym NAIDOC stands for *National Aboriginals and Islanders Day Observance Committee*. This was previously known as *National Aborigines Day Observance Committee* (NADOC).

NAIDOC Week has its roots in the 1938 Day of Mourning, becoming a week-long event in 1975.

NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The week is celebrated not just in the Indigenous Australian communities but also in increasing numbers of government agencies, schools, churches, local councils and workplaces.

Interestingly, the adjective, "Aboriginal", is now recognised as a noun, replacing the term, "Aborigine", which, although it means "original inhabitant, was often used in a pejorative sense.