

### Vision Statement:

We see a Jesus-orientated church having a passion for the Old 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

2nd July, 2023

#### Next Week's Roster

9th July, 2023

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**

Preacher: **James**  
Leader (am): **Neil**  
Leader (pm): **David**  
Welcome: **Rykhardt**  
Manager: **Neil**  
Reader: **Barrie**  
Musician: **Brunetta**  
Kidz Connect: **Tina**  
Morning Tea: **Peter & Yvonne**  
Audio Desk (am): **Ruan**  
Audio Desk (pm): **Lucinda**  
Camera : **Lucinda**  
Computer (am): **Rykhardt**  
Computer (pm): **Rykhardt**  
AV Editing: **Rykhardt**

### Our 157th Birthday

Nobody living today would be able to boast that he or she is 157 years old. However, we could last Sunday when we celebrated that milestone, only thirty years younger than our state. Apart from a lovely service, of which Jonathan's impassioned prayers were a highlight, the morning tea was a wonderful time of fellowship. Ray's decoration of the celebratory cake was spectacular. Our thanks to the Church Council, aided by Katherine and Caroline, for their good work behind the scenes. However, a most special thanks to our esteemed administrator, young Cath, for her inspiration and for the many, many hours that she spent in organising this memorable occasion.

## Golden Grove Gazette

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

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Sunday, 2nd July, 2023

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Preacher:: Reverend Jonathan

Theme: The Testing of Abraham

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 22: 1-14



Mission Statement: We are a Gospel-driven, connected, generous church family, mission-minded and outwardly focussed.

### Honesty

#### *Psalm 13*

1 How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? 2 How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? 3 Look on me and answer, Lord my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death, 4 and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall. 5 But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. 6 I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me.

David is in agony and can't feel the presence of God. He cries out that God has ignored his pain and his sorrow. It is almost a howl, and the fact that it is included in the Bible tells us that God wants to hear our genuine feelings, even if they are anger at him. David never stops praying, however, and that is the key. As long as we howl toward God and remember his salvation by grace (verse 5), we will end at a place of peace. If Christians do that by hearing Jesus praying verses 1-4 on the cross, losing the Father's face as he paid for our sins, we will be able to pray verses 5-6 indeed.

Prayer: *"Tempest-tossed soul, be still; my promised grace receive"; 'Tis Jesus speaks—I must, I will, I can, I do believe."* [John Newton] Lord, this reminds me that believing the promise of your presence in my suffering takes time, and grows slowly, through stages in prayer. So, I will pray until my heart rejoices in you. Amen.

[Timothy Keller]

*Grace and peace, Jonathan.*

## New Mission Statement

Did you notice this on the front page? An early minute if you did?

## Communion Sunday

Thank you for providing food for the needy in our community by bringing your donations today. Please place them on the table at the back of the hall. May God bless you all.

## Mission and Wider Work

On Sunday, 18th June, after Worship, we shared a time of fellowship with a variety of soups (including tomato), crisp bread rolls, and a dessert of delicious apple pies and ice cream to follow. Thank you to members of the congregation who very kindly made soups. And wasn't there a wonderful selection of them!. With your support a total of \$410.00 was raised. Thank you once again, Coral and the Mission and Wider Work Committee.

## Operation Christmas Child

The Samaritan's Purse shoe boxes, if you require one, are on the back table in the hall. They need to be returned by October. However, if you prefer, you can bring items to help fill a box. Then these can be placed in the individually labelled boxes in the hall. Thank you once again this year for your amazing support.



## OUR JULY CALENDAR

- 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
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 9th July: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 9th July: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 13th July: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 16th July: 10.00 am
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 17th July: 2.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 20th July: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 23rd July: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 23rd July: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- First Day of Term Three: Monday, 24th July
- KYB: Monday, 24th July: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 27th July: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 28th July: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 30th July: 10.00 am

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## Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship Christmas in July lunch is being held on this **Thursday, 6th July**, at the Modbury Hotel, for 12.00 noon. Could you please see Katherine McDonald today, **WITHOUT FAIL**, in order to advise if you are coming (or going) and if you require transport? Katherine has to make the final booking on Monday (that is tomorrow). Please let her show the hotel that we are a well organised church.

