

Vision Statement:

We see a Jesus-orientated church having a passion for the Matthew 14: 13-21 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

6th August, 2023

Next Week's Roster

13th August, 2023

Preacher:	Jonathan
Leader (am):	James
Leader (pm):	*****
Welcome:	Lila
Manager:	Ray
Reader:	Chris DeB.
Musician:	Heather
Morning Tea:	David & Linda
Audio Desk (am):	Ralph
Audio Desk (pm):	*****
Camera :	Tim
Computer (am):	Rykhardt
Computer (pm):	*****
AV Editing:	Jonathan

Preacher:	David Kowalick
Leader (am):	Rykhardt
Leader (pm):	David
Welcome:	Lucinda
Manager:	John
Reader:	Chris H.
Musician:	Brunetta
Morning Tea:	Joy & Tina
Audio Desk (am):	Ruan
Audio Desk (pm):	Ralph
Camera :	John
Computer (am):	Lucinda
Computer (pm):	Ralph
AV Editing:	Rykhardt

- **The Royal Show - Christian Outreach:** The Royal Adelaide Show starts on Saturday 2nd September and concludes on Sunday 10th September. The Christian Outreach Stand, at the Jubilee Pavilion, Wayville, is once again asking for volunteers to assist on the stand during that week. For further information, please speak with Ray Holroyd.
- **Painting Fund Raiser:** Church Council would like to update you on the total donations received so far towards the painting of the Church. A total of \$4,270.00 has been very graciously received to date, from you, the congregation. Thank you.

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Sunday, 6th August, 2023

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Preacher:: **Reverend Jonathan**

Theme: **Feed the World**

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 14: 13-21**



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

Carbohydrate

Bread is a food group shunned by many in the West today. We may find it a little hard then to embrace the Bible's claim that 'bread' is the most precious thing in the universe – i.e., "*the bread of life*": Jesus Christ! (John 6: 22-59)

In Jesus' day things were different (better?). People who lived in first century Palestine had fewer dietary choices and were more aware of their dependence on the essential supports of life. And for them bread represented the most essential of those supports; it was *life itself*.

So, it was potent for Jesus to identify Himself as "*the bread of life*". This means that, without a vital relationship with Jesus we cannot be truly alive as human beings. We may breathe and act like human beings, but we will live a diminished life compared to what God intends. We must continually draw on the saving grace and life of Jesus Christ!

Jesus also said that He is "*the bread that comes down from heaven*" (John 6:33). This means that He supplies all fulfilment and the limitless riches of life – i.e., "abundant life" (John 10:10); the "heavenly feast" (Rev 19:7-9). This life will go on overflowing forever in the resurrection and the new heaven and earth. It also touches and transfigures our lives now with faith, hope, and joy.

This may even restore to us the present blessedness of carbs!

Grace and cheers, Jonathan.

GENEROSITY

Responding to God's Radical Grace in Community

**Sermon & Bible study series
Commencing August 27th, 2023**

An exciting series to encourage every church family member to gain a deeper grasp of God's radical grace to the world and us in Jesus Christ.

This also means working through the implications of God's generosity for every part of our lives and practice. That includes our giving to God's work, but that is only a small part of God's generosity, which aims to renew our lives, relationships and indeed the entire world.

The sermon series will run over 7 Sundays, commencing on Aug 27th. We will also offer a companion Bible Study Series alongside of this.

Please advise Jonathan (0467 683 333; j.button@bigpond.com) or Cath (0448 509 934; catherine.mckechnie@bigpond.com) if you would like to be part for a Study group for this 7 week series. The cost of the Bible study books will be \$27 ea.

Giving to Uganda

Several people have generously reached out to ask how they can give financially towards the needs in Uganda I outlined in the service last week. Thank you!

- If you would like to give to the work of New Hope International supporting vital Christian teacher training and community development, go to:
www.newhopeinternational.net/partner
- If you would like to contribute to surgery for the removal of Aida's goitre, or give specifically to the urgent needs of Simeka School (to feed children and/or towards a new, safe, classroom building) contact me confidentially at:
kbutton@csglobalconnect.org
or text me on 0408 825 970 so that I can let you know how we can go about this.
- Thanks again for your generosity towards the people of Uganda, and to all the other vital causes God has placed on your hearts. *(Kathryn)*

AUGUST DESCENDS UPON US

- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 6th August: 10.00 am
- KYB: Monday, 7th August: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 10th August: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 11th August: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Indoor Sports)
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 13th August: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 13th August: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 14th August: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 17th August: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 18th August: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Trivia Night)
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 20th August: 10.00 am
- KYB: Monday, 21st August: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 21st August: 2.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 24th August: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 25th August: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Scavenger Hunt)
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 27th August: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 27th August: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- Mission & Wider Work Pot Luck Lunch: Sunday, 27th August (after Worship)
- KYB: Monday, 28th August: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 31st August: 8.00 am to 9.00 am

A Message from Our Friend, Ethan



Our friend, Ethan Tripodi, sends warm greetings to all of us at GGUC. He is enjoying working in Missouri in USA in churches and as a missionary with Youth for Christ.

You can read about his work and subscribe to his newsletter if you wish via his website (www.ethantripodi.com). It's well worth a look and includes interesting reads, YouTube clips and resources.

Ethan invites us to pray for him and to consider partnering with him financially to support the ministry.

God bless you, Ethan!