

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

13th August, 2023

Next Week's Roster

20th August, 2023

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

Preacher:	James
Leader (am):	Neil
Leader (pm):	*****
Welcome:	Ray
Manager:	Neil
Reader:	Coral
Musician:	Brunetta
Morning Tea:	Bob & Faye
Audio Desk (am):	Ruan
Audio Desk (pm):	*****
Camera :	Lucinda
Computer (am):	Rykhardt
Computer (pm):	*****
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 \$4,500.00 has been very graciously received to date, from you, the congregation. Thank you.

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

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Sunday, 13th August, 2023

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Preacher:: Reverend David Kowalick

Theme: Faith Is Impossible

Bible Reading: Genesis 15: 1-3 and Matthew 14: 22-33



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



Rarely does a bumper sticker attract my attention – but this one did. As I inched closer to the vehicle in front of me at the traffic lights, the sticker, conveniently placed in the back window, caught my immediate attention. The question (opposite) has led me to reflect on my own relationship with Jesus.

Certainly, there have been ‘spiritual’ times when I have experienced God as being very close. Yet, on other occasions, I have ‘felt’ the relationship was weaker. Fortunately, however, feelings are a poor test concerning one’s relationship with God. Jesus promised, “I will never leave you nor forsake you”.

Someone once posed another question – “If God seems far away, who moved?”

Like any relationship, it must be worked upon. It must be nurtured and strengthened. “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” (James 4:8) If you come to Him, the Lord is ready and willing to draw you into a closer relationship.

Ways to draw closer to God include: reading the Bible and reflecting on its message, listening to worship music, starting a daily gratitude list, praying for others, recording in a journal what God has been speaking to you about during the day, and marvelling at the world He has created.

The deepest level of worship is praising God, despite pain, thanking God during a trial, trusting Him when tempted, surrendering while suffering, and loving Him when He seems distant.
(Reverend Gordon)

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 is now **\$15.95 each.**

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, 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!

A Message from Sally Stamp (alias Maxine Haines)

Thank you so much for all stamps and collections received so far this year. We have donated \$1,000 to Frontier Services for the Outback Pastors and pledged to pay freight for another shipment from South Pacific School Aid Inc. to the Pacific islands. \$2,000 was paid for freight earlier this year.