

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

27th August, 2023

Next Week's Roster

3rd September, 2023

Preacher:	Jonathan
Leader (am):	Jonathan
Leader (pm):	Jonathan
Welcome:	Rykhardt
Manager:	Ray
Reader:	Joy
Musician:	Brunetta
Morning Tea:	Chris DeB. & Katherine
Audio Desk (am):	Ralph
Audio Desk (pm):	Ralph
Camera :	Tim
Computer (am):	James
Computer (pm):	James
AV Editing:	Rykhardt

Preacher:	Jonathan
Leader (am):	Kathryn
Leader (pm):	*****
Welcome:	Andrew
Manager:	John
Reader:	Kathryn
Musician:	Heather
Morning Tea:	Ken & Own
Audio Desk (am):	Ruan
Audio Desk (pm):	*****
Camera :	Lucinda
Computer (am):	Rykhardt
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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Sunday, 27th August, 2023

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Preacher:: **Reverend Jonathan**

Theme: **Generosity and God's Grace**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 18: 9-17**



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

God's Generosity – Our Poverty

We have nothing to offer to God.

The Pharisee in the parable (Lk 18:9-14) – both wealthy and very religious – thought he had much to offer to God, which he gave. Yet, Jesus points out that this was worthless and not accepted by God (v14a). The tax collector – an obvious sinner - knew that he had nothing to offer to God (v13).

Small children also know that they have nothing to offer; that's why they are always hassling their dads and mums to get them more things, and happily receive any 'gift horse' when it comes along (Lk 18:15-17).

Yet, God confronts our poverty with His radical, ridiculous generosity.

He sends out His goodness, grace and blessing to every person on the planet – to the very least (Lk 18:15-17) – even to the Pharisee who thought he had much, but actually had nothing; God justifies - makes right, 'ok' – the worst of sinners, who simply know their desperate need and ask for mercy (v13).

We have received a super-abundance of God's grace. To know this must transform our world and our lives into the shape of God's radical generosity. Out of these riches we do have an abundance to give!

Grace upon grace, Jonathan.

Holy Communion Sunday

As we are celebrating Holy Communion next Sunday, would we all please remember to bring our customary food donations for the needy in our community? Bless our congregation for its continuing generosity.

The Royal Adelaide Show

Christian Outreach at the Red Dove Café

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.

Samaritan's Purse Boxes (Coral)

The Samaritan's Purse boxes are now on the home stretch, and they will meet us at the finishing line before we know it. The beginning of October is not far off. Thank you again for your wonderful support this year. If you have a box at home and need a few more items to fill it, please help yourself to the boxes in the hall.

Women's Fellowship

Our next Women's Fellowship is on Thursday, 7th September, at 1.00 pm. We have a special guest speaker in Kathryn Button coming to address us. So, please come along for a wonderful time of fellowship.

*"For indeed, grace is the key to it all. It is not our lavish good deeds that procure salvation, but God's lavish love and mercy."
(Timothy Keller)*

AUGUST IS ABOUT TO SURRENDER TO SEPTEMBER

- 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
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 1st September: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Art Challenge)
- Working Bee: Saturday, 2nd September: 8.00 am
- Father's Day: Sunday, 3rd September
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 3rd September: 10.00 am
- KYB: Monday, 4th September: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 7th September: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 7th September: 1.00 pm
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 8th September: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Night Hike)
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 10th September: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 10th September: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 11th September: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Pastoral Carers Meeting: Tuesday, 12th September: 7.00 pm (via Zoom)
- Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, 19th September: 7.00 pm

Mission and Wider Work Luncheon

As no-one turned up for lunch on Monday, 21st August, it was decided that TODAY, after Worship, Mission and Wider Work would now be serving up a pot luck lunch, at a cost of \$10.00 per person. The committee would love to see as many people as possible come and join us TODAY for amazing food and a splendid time of fellowship. Thank you very much in anticipation. May the calories endure for ever, as we express our gratitude to Coral and her trusty team of culinary aficionados.

Timothy Keller

*"We need to remember that we are saved by grace when we fail.
But we need to remember it much more when we succeed.
God sees us as we are, loves us as we are, and accepts us as we are.
But by His grace He does not leave us as we are."*