

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.

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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

10th September, 2023

Next Week's Roster

17th September, 2023

Preacher: **James**
Leader (am): **Rykhardt**
Leader (pm): **David**
Welcome: **Bob**
Manager: **Neil**
Reader: **Lucinda**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Morning Tea: **David & Linda**
Audio Desk (am): **Ruan**
Audio Desk (pm): **Ralph**
Camera : **John**
Computer (am): **Lucinda**
Computer (pm): **Ralph**
AV Editing: **Rykhardt**

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): *********
Welcome: **Cath**
Manager: **Ray**
Reader: **Marion**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Morning Tea: **Bob & Faye**
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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Keeping in touch with the G.G.U.C. family

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Sunday, 10th September, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Preacher:: **Doctor James Ross-Naylor**

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

Gospel Reading: **Luke 14: 7-24**



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

No Strings Attached

Has the government been regulating the airways to provide extra 'smooth flying' for Qantas? Has Qantas provided complimentary business class passage for government politicians?... Will we ever know?

We get a little heated and cynical about this sort of thing. After all, we citizens try and do the right thing. However, when we do something for someone else – i.e., give them a compliment, offer to help with a job, or invite them to dinner - and it is not reciprocated, we take offence.

This means that whatever good thing we did was not done out of the goodness of our heart. It was a favour expecting a kickback: "*you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours*"! We nurse these offences, the resentment builds, and eventually we pay back – i.e., snub them, no longer offer to help, or move them to the 'uninvited' list.

Love in the Bible is loving *with no need of anything in return*; it is loving *just for the heck of it!* (Luke 14:12-14) Why? Because *that is how God has loved us*. When we hated God, that's just when He loved us the most; Jesus Christ died for us to give us salvation and fullness of life – the most loving gift in the universe (Romans 5:6-11).

The secret is that this kind of love will bring the greatest possible response of love, not because it expects a return, but precisely because it doesn't. It is the most winsome thing.

We have been loved, and so can love, *like that*.

Grace upon grace, Jonathan.

Samaritan's Purse Boxes

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. Coral would like to 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.

Mission and Wider Work

On Sunday, 27th August, after Sunday Worship, the Mission and Wider Work held a Pot Luck Lunch. A huge big thanks goes to you, members of the congregation, for your wonderful support with your donations and attendance. With your help an amount of \$440.00 was raised for Uganda.

A Prayer For Revival in Our Land

Loving Lord Jesus, it saddens us to see the way that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is being compromised in our land. As a nation we seem to have moved so far from the true Gospel of grace, and our churches and fellowships seem to be embracing many alternative and compromised teachings that are not true to Your Word.

Revive this land, we pray. Stir up the hearts of those who have come to trust in Jesus Christ but who have been enticed to follow a different gospel or who have chosen to walk the way of the compromised. Let those who are Your blood-bought children be stirred in their hearts to seek the truth and to draw ever closer to the Lord Jesus. And, Lord, for those who once trusted You but have now wandered far away, we pray that You will speak to their hearts, revive their spirit and draw them back into close fellowship with You. Revive this land, we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

(from "Knowing Jesus")

SEPTEMBER WILL SOON GIVE WAY TO OCTOBER

- KYB: Monday, 11th September: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Pastoral Carers Meeting: Tuesday, 12th September: 7.00 pm (via Zoom)
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 14th September: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 15th September: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Indoor Games)
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 17th September: 10.00 am
- KYB: Monday, 18th September: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 18th September: 2.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 21st September: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 22nd September: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Laser Tag)
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 24th September: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 24th September: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 25th September: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 28th September: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Last Day of Term Three: Friday, 29th September
- Beginning of Daylight Saving: Sunday, 1st October
- Labour Day Public Holiday: Monday, 2nd October

Coming Soon: Women's Breakfast

On Saturday, 23rd September, at 8.30 am,
we shall be holding a relaxed women's breakfast,
open to all women in our community.

Venue: Kings Community Centre, Wynn Vale Drive, Wynn Vale

Food: By Milk and Honey Café

Guest Speaker: *Marriage and Family in Uganda*

Invite your friends.

See Kathryn or Chris H. for further details.