

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

17th September, 2023

Next Week's Roster

24th September, 2023

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): *****
Welcome: **Cath**
Manager: **Ray**
Reader: **Kathryn**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Morning Tea: **Bob & Faye**
Audio Desk (am): **Ruan**
Audio Desk (pm): *****
Camera : **Lucinda**
Computer (am): **Rykhardt**
Computer (pm): *****
AV Editing: **Jonathan**

Preacher: **James**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leader (pm): **James**
Welcome: **Faye**
Manager: **John**
Reader: **Owen**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Morning Tea: **Peter & Yvonne**
Audio Desk (am): **Ralph**
Audio Desk (pm): **Ralph**
Camera : **Tim**
Computer (am): **Rykhardt**
Computer (pm): **Ralph**
AV Editing: **Rykhardt**

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, 17th September, 2023

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Preacher: Reverend Jonathan

Theme: Generosity and Ministry

Gospel Reading: Luke 9: 49 to 10: 2



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

TRY-HARD

We either try hard to serve God and others and do the right thing, or we don't serve God or others, because we find being a try-hard impossible, and so give up. But the true basis for serving has nothing to do with being a try-hard.

God serves us before we ever think of serving God or others. Public Christian worship used to be called "Divine Service". It was commonly thought this meant *us serving God* (the Divine); however, in Christian theology it means *God* (the Divine) *serving us*.

Jesus said, "I came not to be served, *but to serve, and to give my life as a ransom for many*" (Mt 20:28). His giving of His life, to death, for love of us, conquers all our lovelessness, and fires and empowers us to give all of ourselves in loving service to God and others.

Try-hard service is burdensome, heartbreaking, in fact impossible, leading to despair, or enmeshes us in the delusion of self-made success, leading to demonic pride.

Christian service is 100% grace, yet it is also 100% us, because we participate 100% in everything that Christ is doing. We are like surf boards picked up and riding the crest of the tidal wave of Jesus' gracious action.

Bon voyage, Jonathan.



GGUC is Good at Recycling



Tea Bag Strings: These are no longer required by the lady who has been knitting scarves and shawls with them. She would like to thank all of those tea drinkers who have been so assiduous in collecting the wee morsels for her.

Cans and Bottles: Thank you so much for much for your regular avalanches of cans and bottles. Max has been a most pleased recipient of them. And it does keep him out of mischief after all. However, he would appreciate receiving rinsed containers, with their tops or ring pulls removed.

Plastic Jar and Bottle Tops: Ailsa and Faye are the ladies in charge of this collection. They are constantly pleased by the congregation's response. However, it is a good idea that we remove any cardboard inserts beforehand.

Used Stamps: We are doing very well here. Thank you so much. Our special thanks to Lila who is the collection agent at her village. It would be good if you could cut, instead of tearing, off the stamps, as they are of no use if they are torn or have some of the perforations removed. Jim gives them a final trim or inspection before he posts them to Yvonne Windsor, who then takes them to Synod.

Metallic Matters: Ray and Neil are the boys to watch here. The latter is able to make money for the church by collecting aluminium ring pulls from drink cans. Both gentlemen, when they are masquerading as Steptoe and Son, are magnetised and mesmerised by any pre-loved metal lurking on the roadside. As their fame has spread, they have also enlisted some telephone contacts. Thanks very much, Neil and Ray.

SEPTEMBER WILL SOON GIVE WAY TO OCTOBER

- 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)
- Women's Breakfast: Saturday, 23rd September: 8.30 am
- 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 Very 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.

