

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

24th September, 2023

Next Week's Roster

1st October, 2023

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

Preacher:	<b>Jonathan</b>
Leader (am):	<b>Jonathan</b>
Leader (pm):	<b>*****</b>
Welcome:	<b>Andrew</b>
Manager:	<b>John</b>
Reader:	<b>Tina</b>
Musician:	<b>Heather</b>
Morning Tea:	<b>Joy &amp; Tina</b>
Audio Desk (am):	<b>Ralph</b>
Audio Desk (pm):	<b>*****</b>
Camera :	<b>Tim</b>
Computer (am):	<b>James</b>
Computer (pm):	<b>*****</b>
AV Editing:	<b>Jonathan</b>

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.*

# Golden Grove Gazette

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

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Sunday, 24th September, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Theme: **Generosity and Wealth**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 18: 18-30**



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

**Money, money, money...It's a rich man's world!**

I heard that song dozens of times in the car in my youth, being the son and grandson of ABBA lovers. Of course, as a child, I had no concept of what it meant. The song tells the story of a woman who dreams of marrying a rich man so that she can, in her words, "fool around and have a ball". Eventually, she gives up on this dream and instead resolves to make her fortune through the casinos of Las Vegas. Given what we all know about gambling, it's not difficult to imagine how badly the story might end...!

Even though it might be easy to judge its (literally) poor protagonist, the song tells us a profound truth about our society. Money has an impact on our choice of career, our leisure, and even necessities like food and clothing. The economy is constantly a hot topic in our news and politics, and often the cause of division between the "haves" and "have nots". Any of us who are feeling the pinch of today's cost of living crisis will agree that ABBA got it right: it is indeed a rich man's world.

Luke 18 paints a picture of a young man who seems to have it made. Great wealth, a strong moral code, and the right priorities: inheriting eternal life. But he still lacks something! Jesus tells him to sell all he has and give to the poor, and he is saddened and discouraged.

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This throws down the challenge to us also. Riches are a good gift from the Father, but do we value and prioritise the gift above the One who gives it? Would we give up the security and comfort that our own wealth gives us to follow Jesus? To which world do we truly belong: the rich man's world or the kingdom of God?

These are difficult questions to ponder, but, as we see in Luke 18, Jesus doesn't shy away from asking difficult things of us – and he promises that, whatever we give, we will receive far more abundantly in His kingdom!

*(Doctor James Ross-Naylor)*

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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.

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.

SEPTEMBER IS ABOUT TO SURRENDER TO OCTOBER

- Café Church: Sunday, 24th September: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- 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
- Eight Hour Day Public Holiday: Monday, 2nd October
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 5th October: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 5th October: 1.00 pm (Cinema?)
- Working Bee: Saturday, 7th October: 8.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 8th October: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 8th October: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 12th October: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Referendum: Saturday, 14th October
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 15th October: 10.00 am
- Beginning of Term Four: Monday, 16th October
- KYB: Monday, 16th October: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 16th October: 2.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 19th October: 8.00 am to 9.00 am

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**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.

Name Tags

**Please see Jim if you do not have one or if you need a new one to replace your lost one or your "seen better days" one. Thank you.**