

Vision Statement:

We see a Jesus-orientated church having a passion for the New Testament 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

15th October, 2023

Next Week's Roster

22nd October, 2023

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

Preacher: **James**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Welcome: **Faye**
Manager: **John**
Reader: **Andrew**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Morning Tea: **Trevor & Sandy**
Audio Desk (am): **Ruan**
Audio Desk (pm): **Ralph**
Camera : **Lucinda**
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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, 15th October, 2023

Thanksgiving Sunday

Preacher:: **Reverend Jonathan**

Theme: **Mission: Gospel-Driven**

New Testament Reading: **Romans 1: 13-21**



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

Mission: Gospel-Driven

What is the Gospel (the essential Christian message)?...

If we are Christian believers, we need to have an answer to that question – both for ourselves, and to tell any others who want to know. An answer needs to come from what the Bible teaches and could be put in a number of ways.

Most briefly, the Gospel is that *God saves sinners by grace through Jesus Christ.* (see Ephesians 2:1-10)

"Salvation from sin" doesn't only mean being forgiven of wrongdoing, but humanity and creation ultimately being healed of all forms of brokenness. In short, *"salvation"* includes everything that wrecks life being overcome; and all that we most dream of for the world and ourselves that is true and good, being fulfilled, forever.

"Grace" means that: God alone does it – we can't; He does it because He loves us; it is for all who will receive it by faith and repentance. *"Through Jesus Christ"* means that this could only be accomplished through His birth, suffering, death, and resurrection from the dead to eternal life.

We ought and will do many good things as Christians to benefit others and the creation. Yet the truth of the Gospel is the most important message in the universe for us and all people to know, believe, and live in the good of. Believing it, and holding it out for all others to believe in, is central to our purpose for being on planet earth – our reason for being: *our mission* (Matthew 28:18-20).

There is no greater privilege, no greater blessing, no greater joy than to bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. *Do it!*

Grace and cheers, Jonathan.

Thanksgiving Offering

Over the past seven weeks we have been focussing in our worship, Bible study and prayer on the radical generosity of God through Jesus Christ.

Such generosity from God towards us has to draw from our hearts limitless thanksgiving, and change our lives to be radically generous.

This means being generous with our love, forgiveness, friendship, time, abilities and money. In light of God's extravagant giving to us in Jesus, we ask every member of the church family to prayerfully consider what things you are thankful to God for, and how you want to give in response in all areas of your life.

Today we invite you to express your thanksgiving in a special offering. Please write on a piece of paper what you are most thankful for. (Don't write your names on them. They will remain anonymous.)

Bring your written thanksgivings with your regular Sunday offerings. During the Worship we shall invite everybody, who would like to, to bring their offerings forward and place them in an offering basket at the front of the church.

You may also like to fill out a Ministry Gifts Survey form (available at the entrance of the church), and include this with your other offerings today. You can do this if you have not filled out one recently.



OCTOBER HAS SPRUNG FORTH

- Sunday Morning Thanksgiving Service: 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
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 20th October: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 22nd October: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 22nd October: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 23rd October: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 26th October: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 27th October: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 29th October: 10.00 am
- KYB: Monday, 30th October: 10.00 am to 11.30 am

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Samaritan's Purse Boxes

Thank you to the ladies of the Thursday Bible Study group who set the organising of the boxes in motion. Thank you, as well, to the members of the congregation who have either taken a box to be filled or who have brought gifts to help fill the boxes.

Some of the boxes are a little short on things to help fill them up. If you still wish to bring box fillers, suggestions for some items are as follows: rulers, tennis balls, tooth brushes, soap, note books, sticker books, clothes such as t-shirts, shorts or even a pair of thongs.

The age groups are 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old and 10-14 years old for both boys and girls.

Thank you all once again. **(Coral, Coordinator)**

