

From Our Minister: Jonathan Button

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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

5th November, 2023

Next Week's Roster

12th November, 2023

Preacher:	Jonathan
Leader (am):	Jonathan
Leader (pm):	*****
Welcome:	Lucinda
Manager:	Ray
Reader:	Sandy
Musician:	Heather
Morning Tea:	Peter & Yvonne
Audio Desk (am):	Ralph
Audio Desk (pm):	*****
Camera :	John
Computer (am):	James
Computer (pm):	*****
AV Editing:	Rykhardt

Preacher:	Jonathan
Leader (am):	Jonathan
Leader (pm):	David
Welcome:	Ray
Manager:	John
Reader:	Tina
Musician:	Brunetta
Morning Tea:	Chris DeB. & Katherine
Audio Desk (am):	Ruan
Audio Desk (pm):	Ralph
Camera :	Lucinda
Computer (am):	Rykhardt
Computer (pm):	James
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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.

Please note: Payments can now be made by

Electronic Funds Transfer on a Sunday.

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

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Sunday, 5th November, 2023

Holy Communion Sunday

Preacher:: **Jonathan Button**

Theme: **Mission Is-possible**

New Testament Readings: **Matthew 28: 16-20 and Philipians 2: 5-11**



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

Mission Is-possible

We can think of mission as something that some other Christians do, in some other part of the world. We can then also think that if we send them some money and pray for them that we've "done our bit" for mission. Then we put it out of our mind until the next "mission speaker" reminds us about it.

Of course, there's nothing wrong with praying and giving money to support all sorts of mission projects in other parts of the world – this is good, and we should. But this is only a small part of the mission that Christ calls every Christian to be a part of, in every part of our lives, right where we are.

What is mission?... Mission is the love of God in Jesus Christ going out to every corner of creation, and *our street corner*, into the lives of all our neighbours, including those we might think enemies of God, so that they would receive His saving grace and eternal life that starts now.

God is doing this mission right now in our community of Golden Grove by the power of the Holy Spirit, touching and moving people to hunger for and seek Him (John 6:44). He gives us the privilege, and command, to join Him in that mission, by being friends to all people, and when the opportunity arises, in whatever simple way we are able, telling them the good news of Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:16-20).

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And this is not a hard burden for us (Matthew 11:28-30); the Father, Son and Holy Spirit do all the hard stuff! All we do is bear witness to what they are already doing!

If each of us simply pray for this, and do it, we will be blown away by seeing people come to faith in Jesus Christ, and our whole community blessed.

Grace upon grace, Jonathan.

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ELECTIONS

These to be held immediately after worship Sunday morning, 10 December.

Nomination forms available next Sunday, 12 November.

These will

- list current Elders and Councillors, who are willing to accept re-nomination (just one this year), and
- invite nominations for new Elders and Councillors.

Note: Nominations close 12 noon Sunday 26 November.

(Andrew MacTier, Congregational Chairperson)



What we can learn from small children:

Generosity is sharing your apple.

NOVEMBER IS HERE!

- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 5th November: 10.00 am (Communion)
- KYB: Monday, 6th November: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 9th November: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 10th November: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (DIY Subway)
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 12th November: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 12th November: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 13th November: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 16th November: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 17th November: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Water Fight)
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 19th November: 10.00 am
- KYB: Monday, 20th November: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 20th November: 2.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 23rd November: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 26th November: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 26th November: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 27th November: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 30th November: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 1st December: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Christmas Party)
- First Sunday in Advent: Sunday, 3rd December (Hope)
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 8th December: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Pool Party)

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Holy Communion Sunday

Today we not only celebrate Holy Communion, but we continue to provide food contributions for the needy from our generous congregation members. As was stated last week, in response to several requests regarding the frequency of these donations, it has been decided to place the containers at the back of the hall each week until at least Christmas. May the spirit of the season of generosity and giving remain with us always. Thank you very much.

