

From Our Pastor: 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

12th November, 2023

Next Week's Roster

19th November, 2023

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
AV Editing:	Rykhardt

Preacher:	Jonathan
Leader (am):	Kathryn
Leader (pm):	*****
Welcome:	Rykhardt
Manager:	Neil
Reader:	Alison
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.

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

www.goldengroveuniting.org.au

Sunday, 12th November, 2023

24th Sunday after Trinity

Preacher:: **Jonathan Button**

Theme: **Out of the Goldfish Bowl**

Old Testament Reading: **Ezekiel 47: 1-9**



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

Swim Free, Little Fish

Remember Nemo, the ocean-going Clown Fish? By misadventure, he found himself confined to an aquarium in the office of a Sydney dentist. He looked out fearfully at a big, scary world, wondering if he could ever muster the courage to try and break free to return to the limitless expanse of his native ocean.

As Christians, we can find ourselves in a situation like this. Particularly in a secular world where we are increasingly the 'odd ones out', and Christian faith and churches seem to struggle, we can feel like we are 'fish in a goldfish bowl' looking out at a big, scary world! So, we concentrate on our own concerns, and hope to somehow ensure our survival. When we do this, we distance ourselves from non-believers, thinking of them as 'the opposition', or even as enemies.

When we live like this, we forget a crucial reality – i.e., the world belongs to Jesus Christ (Psalm 24:1; Philippians 2:9-11), He loves it (Jn 3:16), and He is at work calling people out of all nations to the farthest limit of the earth into His eternal family, and He calls every one of us to be a part of that work by sharing the good news with others (Matthew 28:16-20). This makes us go in friendship and love to all people, praying and trusting and seeing them touched by the love of Jesus.

You and I are destined by God to 'swim' with great hope and joy in the whole 'ocean' of Christ's global kingdom and mission, and not to be confined in a poky little 'goldfish bowl' of fear where life is hopelessly shrunken.

Join this little fish, and swim free with me!

Grace upon Grace, Jonathan.

Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, 19th November a Congregational Meeting will be held after Worship. If you could remain in your seats for the meeting before going out for morning tea, that would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Christian Women's Breakfast

On Saturday, 25th November, from 9.00 am to 11.00 am, at the Milk and Honey Café, 93 Wynn Vale Drive, Wynn Vale, once again we are having another Women's Breakfast. Come hear the heart-wrenching story of a miracle pregnancy and birth – or two. Please RSVP to Chris Holroyd on 0411 988 147 or to Kathryn Button on 0408 825 970 to confirm, not only your attendance, but also your breakfast order, by 22nd November, to Chris. The menu can be found at milkandhoneycafe.com.

Mission and Wider Work

On Saturday, 25th November, at 2.00 pm, at the Church, the Mission and Wider Work team will be holding its last function for the year. The programme consists of a movie, enhanced with pop corn, ice cream, tea or coffee, with or without sugar and milk, and scones, embellished with jam and cream. All of this indulgence will cost a mere \$10.00 per person. There will be a notice on the table at the back of the hall for you to add your name to the list. This is essential for catering purposes. We are looking forward to seeing you all there for a lovely afternoon of fellowship.

NOVEMBER IS HERE!

- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 12th November: 10.00 am
- Nomination Forms Available: Sunday, 12th November
- Café Church: Sunday, 12th November: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 13th November: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (Final)
- 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
- Congregational Meeting: Sunday, 19th November (After Worship)
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- Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, 21st November: 7.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 23rd November: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Christian Women's Breakfast: Saturday, 25th November: 9.00 am
- Mission & Wider Work Movie Afternoon: Saturday, 25th November: 2.00 pm
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 26th November: 10.00 am
- Closure of Nominations: Sunday, 26th November: 12.00 noon
- Café Church: Sunday, 26th November: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- 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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CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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

Nomination forms are available today.

Nominations close at 12.00 noon on Sunday, 26th November.

(Andrew MacTier, Congregational Chairperson)

