

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

19th November, 2023

Next Week's Roster

26th November, 2023

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**

Preacher: **James**
Leader (am): **Rykhardt**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Welcome: **Andrew**
Manager: **Ray**
Reader: **Joy**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Morning Tea: **Ken & Owen**
Audio Desk (am): **Ruan**
Audio Desk (pm): **Ralph**
Camera : **Tim**
Computer (am): **Lucinda**
Computer (pm): **James**
AV Editing: **Rykhardt**

Advent Friend Timeline



(Sandy Walker)

19th November: Last Day for Placing Name on Sheet at the Back of the Hall

26th November: Receiving of Secret Advent Friend's Name

3rd December: Delivery of Hope Gift

10th December: Delivery of Peace Gift

17th December: Delivery of Joy Gift

24th December: Revelation: Love Gift

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Sunday, 19th November, 2023

25th Sunday after Trinity

Preacher:: **Jonathan Button**

Theme:: **Enter Joy**

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 25: 14-30**



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



The Israel of God

In the last month our emotions and thoughts have been in turmoil as we have watched TV broadcasts of the horrific war in the Middle East. We've seen lives and communities torn apart on all sides of the conflict. As Christians we must want to see peace come to all who suffer, as quickly as possible (Matthew 5:9).

The Bible tells us that the people of Israel had a special role in God's purposes in the time of the Old Testament. This was so that they would be an example of how God can love and chose and bless a radically sinful group of people. As such they were to be a "light to the nations" (Isaiah 49:5-7) – i.e., a signpost of how God intends to love and chose and bless sinful people out of all the nations of the earth, including Palestinians and even good Aussie pagans.

When Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay for sin and win full salvation, He did so for Israel, Palestine, and all the nations of the earth. At that point Israel's special role in God's purpose was fulfilled, since the King of Israel, Jesus, finally gave the light of God's salvation to every nation. Since then, the blessing that belonged to Israel now belongs to all believers in Christ, whom Paul calls "the Israel of God" (Galatians 6:16).

Because of what Christ has done, the dividing hostilities between Israel and Palestine, and between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australia, and between all other nations, have been overcome, and reconciliation and true, loving community made a reality for all who will believe it, receive it and do it (Ephesians 2:11-22).

In the name of Christ, let us pray and work for peace.

Grace and peace, Jonathan.

Christmas 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.

The Soul Café Bids Adieu to Gentlemen's Breakfasts

Sadly the Soul Café will be closing its doors permanently in early December. Our final three gatherings for the year will take place on Tuesday, 21st November, Tuesday, 28th November and Friday, 1st December. The highlight of the last meeting will be the singing of Christmas carols under the stern leadership of Max the Maestro. From next year, the breakfasts will be held at the Milk and Honey Café, as neither Le Café de Max nor Le Café de Jonathan will be operational by then.

NOVEMBER IS DISAPPEARING

- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 20th November: 2.00 pm
- 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)

Congregational Meeting

Our Congregational Meeting will be held after Worship today. If you could please remain in your seats for the meeting before going out for morning tea, that would be much appreciated. The subject of the meeting is: a briefing on the issues currently affecting our church property.

(Andrew MacTier, Congregational Chairperson)



CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

These to be held immediately after worship on Sunday morning, 10th December. Nomination forms are now available. Nominations close at 12.00 noon on Sunday, 26th November.

(Andrew MacTier, Congregational Chairperson)