

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

26th November, 2023

Next Week's Roster

3rd December, 2023

Preacher: **James Rykhardt**
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**

Preacher: **Jonathan Andrew**
Leader (am): **Andrew**
Leader (pm): *********
Welcome: **Bob**
Manager: **John**
Reader: **Lucinda**
Musician: **Heather**
Morning Tea: **Trevor & Sandy**
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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Sunday, 26th November, 2023

26th Sunday after Trinity

Preacher: **Dr James Ross-Naylor**

Theme: **Enter Life**

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 25: 31-46**



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

'Twas the month before Christmas....

Our Christmas tree isn't up yet. There are few signs in our house that Christmas is just over four weeks away: just two token, tiny nativity sets and a 15cm wooden 'tree'.

This is not for lack of interest. I love Christmas! Yet the preparations can feel like another thing to add to an already weighty cognitive load. How can we make space for family get-togethers, gift buying, cards, decorations, and events on top of the rest of a busy life? I would love tips from those of you already have your house trimmed and tinselled, and your presents ready and wrapped.

I *will* make space for all the Christmas things in the next weeks. The tree will be up shortly. My prayer is that we will also make space - real space - for celebrating the miraculous gift of Jesus. This is the baby so named Jesus 'because he will save his people from their sins' (Matt. 1:21). This is Immanuel, God with us. May we share with others the 'good news of great joy for all the people' (Luke 2:10b).

Talk about this as part of your chatter about Christmas preparations. Invite people to our Christmas services. Tell children and 'oldies' alike about the Christmas baby.

And I'll get on with the Christmas tree...

Kathryn

The Soul Café Bids Adieu to Gentlemen's Breakfasts

Sadly the Soul Café will be closing its doors permanently in early December. Our final two gatherings for the year will take place on Tuesday, 28th November and Friday, 1st December. The highlight of these two meetings will be the singing of Christmas carols under the stern leadership of Max the Maestro. From next year, the breaking of fasts 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.

Advent Friend Timeline



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

Women's Fellowship

Our last Women's Fellowship for 2023 will be held on Thursday 7th December, which has been booked at the Modbury Hotel for lunch at 12.00 noon. Please add your name to the list on the back hall table and indicate if you require a lift. It has also been suggested that you may want to do a little Kris Kringle to the value of \$5.00 to \$10.00, wrapped with no name on it, to bring on the day. Please speak with Katherine McDonald if you need further information. Thank you.

NOVEMBER HAS ALMOST DISAPPEARED

- 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)
- Working Bee: Saturday, 2nd December: 8.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 3rd December: 10.00 am
- First Sunday in Advent: Sunday, 3rd December (Hope)
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 7th December: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 8th December: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Pool Party)
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 10th December: 10.00 am
- Second Sunday in Advent: Sunday, 10th December (Peace)
- Church Council Elections: Sunday, 10th December (after Worship)
- Café Church: Sunday, 10th December: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 14th December: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 17th December: 10.00 am
- Third Sunday in Advent: Sunday, 17th December (Joy)
- Blue Christmas: Sunday, 17th December: 6.00 pm
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 18th December: 2.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 21st December: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 24th December: 10.00 am
- Fourth Sunday in Advent: Sunday, 24th December (Love)
- Lessons and Carols: Sunday, 24th December: 6.00 pm
- Christmas Day Service: Monday, 25th December: 9.00 am
- Jonathan's Leave Begins: Tuesday, 26th December
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 31st December: 10.00 am
- Jonathan Returns to Duty: Sunday, 14th January, 2924



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)