

*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

21st January, 2024

Next Week's Roster

28th January, 2024

Preacher:	<b>Gordon</b>
Leader (am):	<b>Kathryn</b>
Leader (pm):	*****
Welcome:	<b>Cath</b>
Manager:	<b>Ray</b>
Reader:	<b>Alison</b>
Musician:	<b>Brunetta</b>
Morning Tea:	<b>Bob &amp; Faye</b>
Audio Desk (am):	<b>Ruan</b>
Audio Desk (pm):	*****
Camera :	<b>Lucinda</b>
Computer (am):	*****
Computer (pm):	<b>Rykhardt</b>
AV Editing:	<b>Rykhardt</b>

Preacher:	<b>Kathryn</b>
Leader (am):	<b>Rykhardt</b>
Leader (pm):	<b>James</b>
Welcome:	<b>Faye</b>
Manager:	<b>John</b>
Reader:	<b>Andrew</b>
Musician:	<b>Brunetta</b>
Morning Tea:	<b>Chris DeB. &amp; Katherine</b>
Audio Desk (am):	<b>Ruan</b>
Audio Desk (pm):	<b>Ralph</b>
Camera :	<b>John</b>
Computer (am):	<b>Lucinda</b>
Computer (pm):	<b>Ralph</b>
AV Editing:	<b>Jonathan</b>

*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.**

# Golden Grove Gazette

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

[www.goldengroveuniting.org.au](http://www.goldengroveuniting.org.au)

Sunday, 21st January, 2024

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Preacher:: **Reverend Gordon**

Theme: **New Beginnings**

Old Testament Reading: **Psalm 77: 1-2 and 11-20**



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

## NEW BEGINNINGS

Our theme for today's message is "New Beginnings", a phrase filled with hope, promise, and the excitement of untold possibilities.

In this space of new beginnings, we have the opportunity, to pause and reflect on the chapters behind us. Just as an author crafts a narrative with many elements, our lives have been woven together by moments of joy, sorrow, victories, and challenges. These experiences have shaped us into the community we are today - a family bound by love, resilience, and unwavering faith.

Yet, as we cherish the collation of our past, we're also called to embrace the blank pages ahead. The beauty of a new beginning lies, not only in turning the page, but in daring to write a story illuminated by God's grace, guided by His wisdom, and inspired by His love.

January offers us a chance to shed old limitations, to unfurl our wings like eagles, and soar into the vast expanse of God's divine purpose. It's an invitation to let go of fear and uncertainty, trusting that our Heavenly Father is orchestrating a symphony of new beginnings in each of our lives.

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Together, let us approach this season with open hearts and steadfast faith, embracing the transformative power of God's grace. May this time of new beginnings be marked by unity, growth, and a deepening of our connection with one another and with our Creator.

May this year be marked, not just by the passage of time, but by profound personal and communal transformation.

*(Reverend Gordon)*

### Farewell to Elizabeth

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Elizabeth Scott-Bradley, a patient sufferer now at rest. After a long and painful illness, she passed away at the Modbury Hospital, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January. We shall always remember her generous heart, her warm smile and her beautiful Scottish accent. Her church family extends its deepest sympathy to her husband, Kent, and the other members of her family. Her funeral service will be conducted by Pastor Jonathan on Thursday, 27th January, commencing at 10.00 am, at Golden Grove Uniting Church. May you rest in peace, safe in the arms of Jesus, dear Elizabeth.

*Death hides, but it does not divide,  
They are but on Christ's other side.  
Thou art with Christ and Christ with me,  
In Him I am still close to thee.*

Elizabeth Urch (Born 1921): "Ladders up to Heaven"

### ENCOUNTERS FOR JANUARY

- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 21st January: 10.00 am
- Jonathan's Return to Duty: Monday, 22nd January
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 22nd January: 2.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 25th January: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Australia / Survival Day: Friday, 26th January
- Women's Breakfast: Saturday, 27th January: 8.30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 28th January: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 28th January: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- KYB Conference: Monday, 29th January
- Commencement of Term One: Monday, 29th January
- Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, 30th January: 7.00 pm
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### Women's Breakfast Programme

Ladies of the Church, would you please place in your diaries for 2024 the following dates:  
Saturday, 27th January, Saturday, 20th April.  
Saturday, 3rd August and Saturday, 16th November.

On these days you will be able to enjoy  
food and fellowship  
at the Milk and Honey Café.

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16 (KJV)"*

*"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity."  
1 Corinthians 13 (KJV)*