

From Our Pastor: Jonathan Button

Jonathan can be contacted at j.button@bigpond.com.

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

28th January, 2024

Next Week's Roster

4th February, 2024

Preacher:	Kathryn
Leader (am):	Rykhardt
Leader (pm):	James
Welcome:	Faye
Manager:	John
Reader:	Andrew
Musician:	Brunetta
Morning Tea:	David & Linda
Audio Desk (am):	Ruan
Audio Desk (pm):	Ralph
Camera :	John
Computer (am):	Lucinda
Computer (pm):	Ralph
AV Editing:	Jonathan

Preacher:	Jonathan
Leader (am):	Jonathan
Leader (pm):	*****
Welcome:	Lila
Manager:	Neil
Reader:	Chris DeB.
Musician:	TBA
Morning Tea:	Trevor & Sandy
Audio Desk (am):	Ralph
Audio Desk (pm):	*****
Camera :	Tim
Computer (am):	James
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

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Sunday, 28th January, 2024

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Preacher:: Kathryn

Theme: Living Wisely in 2024

Bible Readings: Psalm 111 and Mark 1: 21-28



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

The Fear of the Lord

I've been getting "back into the saddle" this week and thinking, how I can make this year the best that it can be? In other words, I've been seeking *wisdom*, accompanied by a fair bit of head scratching.

The Bible says that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Psalm 111:10). But then, *what does it mean to fear the Lord?*

In CS Lewis's land of Narnia, Mrs Beaver tells the visiting children about the one they hope will rescue them and put all things to rights: Aslan, the great lion. The children react with fear, saying that Aslan "doesn't sound safe". Mrs Beaver replies, "Of course he's not safe! But he's good."

The fear of the Lord means that, He's not safe, but He's good.

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God created us and sustains us, our lives are utterly dependent on Him. God is also utterly holy and rules all things in perfect justice (Psalm 111:9;3,7). If we separate ourselves from Him, or don't acknowledge His justice and our failures, we are not safe. God and His truth will catch up with us.

Yet this same God is also a *loving Redeemer*: He is "gracious and merciful", "ever mindful of His covenant" with His people, and "sends redemption" to them (Psalm 111:4,5,9). God's Son, Jesus Christ, gave His life to pay for all our failure and wrongdoing. As a result, God forgives and saves all who look to Him in faith and repentance and makes them His dear children now and eternally.

There is nothing in the universe as good as that.

This is wisdom: you and I can build a year, a life, an eternity on that.

Grace and cheers, Jonathan.

Women's Breakfast Programme

Ladies of the Church, would you please place in your diaries for 2024 the following dates:

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.

ENCOUNTERS FOR JANUARY AND EVEN FEBRUARY

- 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
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 1st February: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 2nd February: from 5.00 pm (Pool Party)
- Working Bee: Saturday, 3rd February: 8.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 4th February: 10.00 am
- KYB: Monday, 5th February: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 8th February: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 11th February: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 11th February: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 12th February: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 15th February: 8.00 am to 9.00 am

YOUTH 3:16 - 2024

Youth 3:16 recommences with a Pool Party
For ages 14-25
Friday, 2nd February, from 5.00 pm
Home of the Buttons, 20 Linwood Court, Wynn Vale
Sausage Sizzle and drinks provided
Bring bathers and towels
(and a folding chair, if you like)
Enquiries: Renée (0435 091 175)
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