

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

11th February, 2024

Next Week's Roster

18th February, 2024

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

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): *********
Welcome: **Ray**
Manager: **John**
Reader: **Joy B.**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Morning Tea: **Chris DeB. & Katherine**
Audio Desk (am): **Ruan**
Audio Desk (pm): *********
Camera : **Lucinda**
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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, 11th February, 2024

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Preacher:: Dr James Ross-Naylor

Theme: Journey to the Cross: The Mountain

Gospel Reading: Mark 9: 2-13



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

A Prayer for Teachers

DEAR GOD, as countless teachers begin to prepare for each new day with their class of children, grant them an abundance of your wisdom. Prepare their hearts to welcome and love our children, and may we make sure to show them love and respect in turn. Give them grace as they help students who aren't thriving, courage to say what needs to be said, tools and knowledge on how and when to speak, love and strength when they feel weak, When they feel unseen, remind them that no moment goes unnoticed. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the gift of learning they share with our children. Bless them, LORD, and may they see even just a glimpse of how their faithfulness will have an impact on generations to come. AMEN.

(from the Lutheran Tract Mission)



FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

One night I dreamed I was walking
along the beach with the Lord.
Many scenes from my life flashed
across the sky. In each scene I
noticed footprints in the sand.
Sometimes there were two sets of
footprints, other times there was one
only. This bothered me because I
noticed that during the low periods of
my life, when I was suffering from
anguish, sorrow or defeat,
I could see only one set of footprints,
so I said to the Lord,
"You promised me Lord,
that if I followed you, you would walk
with me always. But I have noticed
that during the most trying periods of
my life there has only been one set of
footprints in the sand.
Why, when I needed you most, have
you not been there for me?"
The Lord replied,
"The times when you have seen only
one set of footprints,
my child, is when I carried you."



ALL OF OUR DATES WITH FEBRUARY

- KYB: Monday, 5th February: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 8th February: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 9th February: from 5.00 pm (Water Balloon Trivia)
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 11th February: 10.00 am
- Commissioning of Elders and Councillors: during the Above Service
- Café Church: Sunday, 11th February: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 12th February: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Shrove Tuesday: Tuesday, 13th February
- Church Council: Tuesday, 13th February: 7.00 pm
- Ash Wednesday, 14th February: First Day in Lent
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 15th February: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 16th February: 6.15 pm to 8.15 pm (Nachos and Movie)
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 18th February: 10.00 am
- KYB: Monday, 19th February: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 19th February: 2.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 22nd February: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 23rd February: 6.15 pm to 8.15 pm (Sports Day)
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 25th February: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 25th February: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 26th February: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 29th February: 8.00 am to 9.00 am

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Editor: As we have a number of congregants who are either retired, or still practising, teachers, I thought that the front page prayer (sent to me during the week by a friend with whom I taught at GPHS more than forty years ago) would be appropriate. She thought that I would like to share it with our church, as she did hers. The poem on the opposite page is one of many versions of the "Footprints" poem.

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*On the third day He was raised up with glory,
reigning on high, the risen Son:
we have new life, a new hope, a new future;
now we cry, 'Come, Lord Jesus, come!'*

Behold the Lamb of God.

(from one of today's hymns: TIS 260)