

From Our Pastor: James 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

10th March, 2024

Next Week's Roster

17th March, 2024

Preacher: **James**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Welcome: **Cath**
Manager: **John**
Reader: **Sandy**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Morning Tea: **Trevor & Sandy**
Audio Desk (am): **Ralph**
Audio Desk (pm): **Ralph**
Camera : **John**
Computer (am): **Rykhardt**
Computer (pm): **James**
AV Editing: **Rykhardt**

Preacher: **Jonathan Jonarhan**

Leader (am): **Andrew**
Leader (pm): **John**
Welcome: **John**
Manager: **John**
Reader: **Owen**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Morning Tea: **Bob & Faye**
Audio Desk (am): **Ruan**

Audio Desk (pm): **Lucinda**
Camera : **Rykhardt**

Computer (am): **Jonathan**
Computer (pm): **Jonathan**
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

www.goldengroveuniting.org.au

Sunday, 10th March, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Preacher:: James

Theme: Journey to the Cross: the Feast

Gospel Reading: Mark 14: 12-25



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



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Each week we see this printed on the front of our Gazette. It's a statement of what our church is about – or at least where it is heading, by the grace of God. Yesterday our new church council met to unpack what this means for us in the months and year ahead. What does it mean to be:

- Gospel-driven
- Connected
- Generous
- Mission-minded
- Outwardly focussed.

Our new paint and chairs are a small part of our mission focus. They are outward signs of new beginnings. But God's work of restoration is much more about our hearts. In Ezekiel God makes this promise to His people:

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. (36: 25,26)

PT Forsyth said, "That which goes deepest to the conscience (i.e., the grace of Christ, cleansing our hearts and forgiving us) goes widest to the world (truly meets and fills the world's greatest need)."

Pray that as God softens our hearts and cleanses us from any idols, we will be the people He has made us to be. Pray for our church council and for their leadership. And let's look forward with confidence and expectation to all that He has for us.

Kathryn Button

Lenten Boxes

Today is the fourth Sunday in Lent. The three main things people focus on during Lent are prayer, fasting (abstaining from something in order to reduce distractions and focus more on God) and giving, or charity. Today you will again find Lenten boxes on our morning tea tables.

Over the next few weeks we should do our best to fill them with whatever small change (or even larger change) we have. If we would like to take one home and contribute to it at our convenience, please feel free to do so. May the peace of God overwhelm us as we sacrifice coffees, chocolates, doughnuts, popcorn, potato chips and Tim Tams to the good, old fashioned alms for those in need.

Samaritan's Purse Boxes

These boxes have been placed on the table at the back of the hall. Please feel free to take as many as you want and fill them at your leisure during the year up to October. Now is a good time to start shopping for suitable items as so many stores are still having post-Christmas sales. It also avoids last minute panic later in the year. Thank you for participating.

Mission and Wider Work Programme for 2024

Would you please record in this year's diary the following dates:



- Sunday, 14th April: Barbecue
- Sunday, 14th July: Soup and Rolls
- Sunday, 20th October: Pot Luck Lunch

Please note there are only three functions this year.

THE AUTUMN LEAVES ARE GENTLY FALLING

- Fourth Sunday in Lent: Sunday, 10th March
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 10th March: 10.00 am
- Holy Communion to be included in the Above Service
- Café Church: Sunday, 10th March: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- AGM REPORTS DUE BY MONDAY, 11TH MARCH
- Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, 12th March: 7.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 14th March: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 14th March: 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 15th March: 6.15 pm to 8.15 pm (Olympics)
- Fifth Sunday in Lent: Sunday, 17th March
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 17th March: 10.00 am
- KYB: Monday, 18th March: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 18th March: 2.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 21st March: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 22nd March: 6.15 pm to 8.15 pm (Escape Room)
- Palm Sunday: Sunday, 24th March
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 24th March: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 24th March: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 25th March: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 28th March: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, 28th March: 7.00 pm
- Good Friday Service: Friday, 29th March: 9.00 am
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 29th March: 6.15 pm to 8.15 pm (Amazing Race)
- Holy Saturday: Saturday, 30th March
- Easter Day Service: Sunday, 31st March: 10.00 am

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2024 Church Council

The members are Jonathan Button (*ex officio*), Cath McKechnie (Administrator/Elder), Neil Larcombe (Chairperson), Tim Checkley (Deputy Chairperson), Chris Holroyd (Treasurer) Coral Larcombe, Sheila MacTier, Katherine McDonald, Ralph Walcott, Trevor Walker (Councillors), Ray Holroyd, Andrew MacTier and Sandy Walker (Elders).

