

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

24th March, 2024

Next Week's Roster

31st March, 2024

Preacher: **James**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Welcome: **Faye**
Manager: **Ray**
Reader: **Tina**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Morning Tea: **Ken & Owen**
Audio Desk (am): **Ralph**
Audio Desk (pm): **Ralph**
Camera : **Tim**
Computer (am): **Rykhardt**
Computer (pm): **James**
AV Editing: **Rykhardt**

Preacher: **James**
Leader (am): **Rykhardt**
Leader (pm): *********
Welcome: **Lila**
Manager: **Ray**
Reader: **Barrie**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Morning Tea: **David & Linda**
Audio Desk (am): **Ruan**
Audio Desk (pm): *********
Camera : **John**
Computer (am): **Lucinda**
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, 24th March, 2024

Palm Sunday

Preacher:: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Journey to the Cross: the Sword**

Gospel Reading: **Mark 14: 45-52**



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

Power Play

We're in a world of rising power-players, from the appalling to the beguiling. From nations flexing their political and military "muscle", to popular figures with cult-like followings.

Yet we're all power-players when we bring it down to the individual level. We all strive to be in control of our lives, circumstances, and the people to whom we relate. The extent to which we manage to do that gives us a sense of security and hope.

Exerting power and being in control is in fact the normal way that the world and we operate. This was fully on display when Jesus was arrested. Chief priests, soldiers and Jesus' betrayer came with force of numbers and weapons to overpower Him, and in His disciple, Peter, striking back with the sword.

But then Jesus displayed the "upside-down world" of his kingdom. He did not fight back with force or weapons against His oppressors, and He insisted Peter lay aside his sword, and reversed the injury he had inflicted.

This foreshadowed that Jesus would defeat evil oppression, not by destroying all evil doers, rather by suffering their oppression, to pay for, cancel and forgive it, and save them into a wholly new way of life based upon His love and grace.

To do this frees us from a "fight or flight" response to uncontrollable events, and from exerting control over others by getting our own way, putting others down and criticising them. It enables us to trust in the saving grace of Jesus and hold out grace to all.

Grace and cheers, Jonathan.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Women of the Flock

Women's Breakfast: Saturday 6 April 9-11am
Milk and Honey Café
Speaker: Hannah Redden on 'Big Little Miracles'
RSVP to Kathryn or Chris H. by 3 April

The Donkey: A Palm Sunday Poem by G. K. Chesterton

When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born ;

With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient, crooked will ;
Starve, scourge, deride me : I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools ! For I also had my hour ;
One far fierce hour and sweet :
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.

THE AUTUMN LEAVES ARE FOREVER FALLING

- 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
- Easter Day Service: Sunday, 31st March: 10.00 am
- Special Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, 2nd April: 7.00 pm
- Women's Fellowship: Friday, 5th April: 10.30 am (Gawler Cinemas)
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 5th April: 6.15 pm to 8.15 pm (Who Dun It?)
- Working Bee: Saturday, 6th April: 8.00 am
- Women's Breakfast: Saturday, 6th April: 9.00 am to 11.00 am
- End of Daylight Saving: Sunday, 7th April
- Last Day of Term One: Friday, 12th April
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 12th April: 6.15 pm to 8.15 pm (Bounce)
- Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, 16th April: 7.00 pm
- AGM: Sunday, 21st April (After Worship)

Five Purposes of Church

- **Worship**: Healthy churches will magnify the name of Jesus in all that they do.
- **Evangelism**: Healthy churches will focus on the mission of introducing unchurched people to Jesus.
- **Fellowship**: Healthy churches will bring people into membership of God's family, the Church.
- **Discipleship**: Healthy churches will help people become more like Christ.
- **Ministry**: Healthy churches will help people discover their shape for serving others.

(Ken Hasler)