

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

31st March, 2024

Next Week's Roster

7th April, 2024

Preacher: **James Rykhardt**
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**

Preacher: **Jonathan Kathryn**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leader (pm): *********
Welcome: **Andrew**
Manager: **Ray**
Reader: **Alison**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Morning Tea: **Joy & Tina**
Audio Desk (am): **Ruan**
Audio Desk (pm): *********
Camera : **Lucinda**
Computer (am): **Rykhardt**
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 note: Payments can now be made by

Electronic Funds Transfer on a Sunday.

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Sunday, 31st March, 2024

Easter Day

Preacher:: James

Theme: Easter: **The Beginning**

Gospel Reading: **Mark 16: 1-7**



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

Life From the Ashes

We've been transfixed in recent times by the images and reports of horror coming from the war in Gaza. These images represent what people often find most difficult about accepting faith in God - i.e., the fact of so much suffering in the world.

2000 years ago, the Christian Gospel anticipated this difficulty, and answered it. God Himself underwent the greatest and most unjust suffering. On Good Friday, God the Son, as the man, Jesus of Nazareth, was put to death on the cross. He who was truly innocent suffered unspeakable torture, and more than that, suffered infinitely, losing the presence of God (Mt 27:46).

He did this to pay for all human evils - including all the horrors of war, cancel and forgive them, restore us to a right relationship with God, peace with all people, and heal our brokenness. Jesus Christ entered the deepest, darkest suffering and loss so that we might be saved from it. He did this because that's how much He loves us!

Yet, because sin and evil are the cause of death, their destruction means that death itself was also destroyed. Therefore, God raised Him from the dead to eternal life on Easter Day, to grant that same resurrection to all who look to Him in faith and repentance.

Through faith we can know that God is working in and over all that we experience, to liberate us and the world from suffering, and bring us to the greatest fulfilment of our lives and world resurrected to eternal life. Many who experience the worst suffering know and celebrate this Gospel; we certainly can!

Grace in Christ, 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 Breakfast is less than a week away. Could you please let Chris Holroyd or Kathryn Button know by Friday, 5th April at the very, very latest if you will be in attendance? The final booking has to be made by then in order to facilitate catering requirements. Thank you.

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Our next Women's Fellowship is on Friday, 5th April. We are going to the Gawler Cinemas. The movie starts at 10.30 am and partners and friends are most welcome to join our group. The cost is \$20.00 inclusive (a cuppa on arrival and a luncheon of a sandwich, cake and cuppa at the conclusion of the movie). This editor can assure you that the sandwiches are heavenly and that the movie, "The Great Escaper" is a delight, most uplifting and timely.

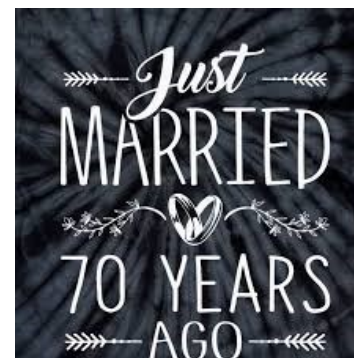
Could you please put down your name on the list on the back table in the hall TODAY, if you are going and require a lift in order that the final booking can be made? Thank you.

THE AUTUMN LEAVES ARE FOREVER FALLING

- Easter Day Service: Sunday, 31st March: 10.00 am
- Easter Monday: Monday, 1st April
- Special Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, 2nd April: 7.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 4th April: 8.00 am to 8.00 am
- 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
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 7th April: 10.00 am
- KYB: Monday, 8th April: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 11th April: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Last Day of Term One: Friday, 12th April
- Youth 3:16: Friday, 12th April: 6.15 pm to 8.15 pm (Bounce)
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 14th April: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 14th April; 6.00 pm to 7.00pm
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 15th April: 2.00 pm
- Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, 16th April: 7.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 18th April: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- AGM: Sunday, 21st April (After Worship)

The Platinum Couple

Today a very special couple are celebrating their seventieth wedding anniversary, a platinum occasion.



Dear Delcie and Neville, your church family congratulates you on reaching this milestone in your lives. May your abiding faith in God's amazing grace and your deep love for each other continue to enrich your lives. May you continue to enjoy the best health possible. All of us here wish you an abundance of God's blessings.