

*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

7th April, 2024

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
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**

Next Week's Roster

14th April, 2024

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

*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.**

## Golden Grove Gazette

Keeping in touch with the G.G.U.C. family

[www.goldengroveuniting.org.au](http://www.goldengroveuniting.org.au)

Sunday, 7th April, 2024

First Sunday after Easter

Preacher:: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Ephesians: Bathed in Blessing**

New Testament Readings: **Acts 4: 32-35 and Ephesians 1: 1-8**



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

### Curious Cats

My friend, Robyn, has a cat called Mabs. Mabs greets Robyn wildly every day when she gets home from work, purring and rubbing up against her legs. This is also Mabs' way of demanding food, which Robyn promptly gets and places in a bowl in the enclosed porch - Mab's domain.

However, when Robyn goes back inside the house, Mabs invariably follows her, continuing to madly purr, rub and meow. At which point Robyn retorts, "Mabs, you stupid cat, your bowl is just through that door full of yummy food - *just go and eat it!*" Yet it still usually requires her to pick up Mabs, take her out to the bowl, and just about rub her nose in it, to get her to register the food, eat and enjoy!

Sometimes we can be like Mabs! Paul tells us that *we have been blessed in Jesus with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms* (Eph 1:3 - often summarised as "*salvation and fullness of life*"), yet we can go about our lives as though we have little or no good things to celebrate. With this we also agitatedly cry out and complain that we deserve much more.

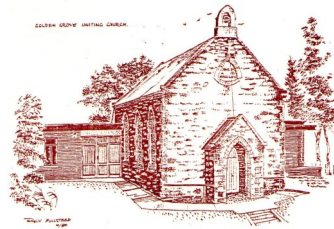
If God has already given us every possible good gift, the only things that can stop us knowing and enjoying them are: 1. not accepting that we are desperately in need of God's gifts because we think we are managing ok by ourselves; or, 2. we haven't seriously tried trusting that every blessing is already ours, and living as though this is true.

Let's see how great our need is, and not pretend that we can "make it" by ourselves; and trust that God will enable us to see and enjoy every good gift that He has given to us in Jesus. Our "bowl" is full of "yummy food", and we need to "*just go and eat it!*"

*Grace upon grace, Jonathan.*

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)*

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The Fat will soon be in the Fire

On 21st of this month, the Mission and Wider Work Committee will be presenting one of its famous barbecue luncheons. Please make sure that you remain after the worship service in order to attend and enjoy the food and fellowship. There is a list on the table at the back of the hall, where you will be able to acknowledge your proposed attendance at this occasion.



The cost is \$10.00 per person.

For catering purposes an early response is essential.

THE AUTUMN LEAVES BRING US INTO 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
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 21st April: 10.00 am
- Mission and Wider Work Barbecue: Sunday, 21st April (After Worship)
- Anzac Day: Thursday, 25th April
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 25th April: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 28th April: 10.00 am
- AGM: Sunday, 28th April (After Worship)
- Café Church: Sunday, 28th April; 6.00 pm to 7.00pm
- Beginning of Term Three: Monday, 29th April
- KYB: Monday, 29th April: 10.00 am to 11.30 am

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Mission and Wider Work Programme for 2024

Would you please ensure that you have the following dates recorded in this year's diary:

Sunday, 21st April: Barbecue

Sunday, 14th July: Soup and Rolls

Sunday, 20th October: Pot Luck Lunch

Please note that there are only three functions this year.

