

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

14th April, 2024

Next Week's Roster

21st 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**

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

# Golden Grove Gazette

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

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

Sunday, 14th April, 2024

Second Sunday after Easter

Preacher:: James

Theme: Ephesians: Safe in the Plan

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 1: 8-11



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



## .Make It So, Number One!

[Eph 1:3-11]

There is a great line often repeated in the television series *Star Trek: The next Generation*. In each episode, there is usually some galactic crisis and Captain John Luc Picard of the Star Ship *Enterprise* calls his commanding officers together to sort things through and form a strategy. After setting out a plan, Captain Picard turns to his number one officer, Commander Will Rikker, and says, "Make is so, Number One."

That is a great line. It is a faint echo of the eternal Word, which precedes all worlds and time and space, spoken by [God] the Father in conversation with His true and faithful Son in the Spirit. "I want them at-one with Me - make is so, Number One!"

Therein is the necessity of the incarnation and death of the Son of God. It lies precisely in the Father's heart. It lies in His unflinching determination that we should be blessed and included in the relationship of total belonging love that He shares with the Son and the Holy Spirit. It lies in His unswerving faithfulness to His purpose.

There was certainly a major obstacle standing in the way of the plans of the Father.... You were in the far country and He wanted you at home. You were broken, alien and wrong, and He had determined you to be healed, at-one with and right for Him.

Therefore [the Father said to the Son].... "Go into the far country, plunge yourself into their ruin.... darkness and estrangement,.... Crucify that false and broken humanity which is so enslaved to the evil one. Revolutionise their whole being and situation - convert it, transform it utterly."

The Father made up His mind about us from all eternity. And He will not change. He is uncompromising in His love. Thus, in utter opposition to our alienation, He sends His Son to eliminate it.

*C. Baxter Kruger.*

## **SAVE THE DATE FOR CANCER CARE**

**Women's Fellowship will be hosting**

**Australia's Biggest Morning Tea**

**on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30 am in the church hall.**

**This invitation is open to all**

**the congregation and their families and friends.**

**Cost of \$5.00 (or a donation of your choice).**

**To assist with catering there will be a list in the hall on**

**which you can add your name, etc.**

**Any queries, please contact Sandy Walker.**



**CancerCare**



**Women's Fellowship**

## **HAVE YOU QUEUED UP FOR THE M&WW BARBECUE?**



**It takes place next Sunday, 21st, after Worship. The cost is \$10.00 per person. If you intend to participate in a wonderful time of fine food and flavoursome fellowship you must sign on the dotted line at the back of the hall by 12.00 noon today. This is essential for catering purposes.**



## **THE AUTUMN LEAVES BRING US GENTLY INTO APRIL**

- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 14th April: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 14th April; 6.00 pm to 7.00pm
- 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

## **COMMUNITY BREAKFAST TO BE HELD AT GGUC**

**ON SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024**

**Seated by 8.30 am for 9.00 am start**

**COST: \$10.00 PER HEAD**

**Guest Speaker: Kiara Johnson**

**On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May, we shall be catering for a community breakfast at our Church. This will consist of a two course breakfast and will also include a guest speaker.**

**We ask you, members of the congregation, for your support. We are looking for a number of volunteers, to not only assist on the day, but to support with your attendance, as well as your bringing along any family or friends who would like to join us.**

**A list for you to start putting down your name, if you intend to attend, will be on the back hall table, as we need to know numbers for catering purposes.**

**If you would like to assist and require further information, please speak with David Mapp.**