### From Our Pastor: Jonathan Button

Jonathan can be contacted at j.button@bigpond.com. 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.

#### Church Telephone Number: 8251 4298

This Week's Roster 21st April, 2024

28th April, 2024

Next Week's Roster

Preacher: Leader (pm): Welcome: Manager: Reader: Musician: Morning Tea: Audio Desk (pm): Camera : Computer (am): Computer (pm): AV Editing:	James Jonathan ********** Cath Ray Sandy Carol Ken & Owen Ruan ********** Lucinda Rykhardt *********	Preacher: Leader (am): Leader (pm): Welcome: Manager: Reader: Musician: Morning Tea: Audio Desk (am): Audio Desk (pm): Camera : Computer (am): Computer (pm): AV Editing:	Jonathan Rykhardt Jonathan Faye John Barrie Brunetta David & Linda Ruan Ralph John Lucinda James Rykhardt
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Third Sunday after Easter

Theme: Ephesians: Marked as Possession

Preacher:: James

Sunday, 21st April, 2024

New Testament Readings: Ephesians 1: 11-16 and John 10: 11-18



Mission Statement: We are a Gospel-driven,



connected, generous church family,

mission-minded and outwardly focused.

### Whose Are You?

In our society today the big question that we are posed is "*who are you*?". That is, we are pressed to "make a statement, project an image, tell or show us what is important about you". This is what everybody spends a huge amount of their time trying to do on social media, much to their emotional and psychological stress and pain.

In the Bible the big question is not "who", but "*Whose* are you?". What gives us real identity, value and purpose isn't what we can declare and make of ourselves, but rather *Whom we belong to*, and what they declare and make of us. Through the good news of Jesus Christ, God the Father declares that He has made us *His dear children*, and therefore *to share in an eternal inheritance* (Eph 1:11-14).

In this truth there is absolute contentment to be whom we are, freedom from all stress and pain of trying to be someone we are not, and the hope to be able to enjoy life to the full in God's good creation. It also means that we are able to share that good news with all our neighbours, free them from strain and stress, and help them to have all hope and enjoyment in life too.

Remember whose you are - you belong to God, a good, good Father. You are loved by Him. Bask in that. This is a fountain of thriving, flourishing grace, love, relationships, community and unfading joy. Spread it around Golden Grove, up your streets, in your neighbours' lives and houses. One day it's going to fill the earth.

Grace upon grace, Jonathan

## COMMUNITY BREAKFAST TO BE HELD AT GGUC

# ON SATURDAY 25TH 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.

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### SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Please remember to bring your AGM report with you next Sunday.
- Have you checked the Cancer Care and Community Breakfast lists on the table at the back of the hall?
- Have you collected a Samaritan's Purse box yet?
- Please remember that there are boxes for used stamps, plastic lids and aluminium ring pulls at the back of the hall.
- Max is still thirsty for empty drink bottles and cans.
- Neil and Ray still adore recyclable metal.

## APRIL IS SHRINKING SPEEDILY

- 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



The name of the lady above is Tia. She is twelve years old and she is looking for a new home, preferably with someone of senior vintage, who is seeking a quiet, affectionate and indoor companion. She is house trained and micro-chipped.

If you are able to help in finding a new home for her, could you please speak to David Bickerton on 0431 629 111? Thank you.

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# FOR SALE

As our historic sanctuary pews are no longer in service, they are now being sold to us at a cost of \$200.00 each. If you wish to purchase one, would you please speak to a member of the Church Council? Thank you.