

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

28th April, 2024

Next Week's Roster

5th May, 2024

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Rykhardt**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Welcome: **Faye**
Manager: **John**
Reader: **Barrie**
Musicians: **Brunetta & Ken**
Morning Tea: **David & Linda**
Audio Desk (am): **Ruan**
Audio Desk (pm): **Ralph**
Camera : **John**
Computer (am): **Lucinda**
Computer (pm): **James**
AV Editing: **Rykhardt**

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**

Leader (pm): **Lila**
Welcome: **Ray**
Manager: **Sue**
Reader: **Brunetta**
Musician: **David & Linda**
Morning Tea: **Ruan**

Audio Desk (am): **Lucinda**
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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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Keeping in touch with the G.G.U.C. family

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Sunday, 28th April, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Easter

Preacher:: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Ephesians: Living in Wonder**

New Testament Reading: **Ephesians 1: 15-23**



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



Know Him

Ephesians 1:15–19. It is remarkable that in all of his writings, Paul's prayers for his friends contain no appeals for changes in their circumstances.... They faced persecution, death from disease, oppression by powerful forces, and separation from loved ones.... Yet in these prayers you see not one petition for a better emperor, for protection from marauding armies, or even for bread for the next meal.

Paul does not pray for the goods we would usually have near the top of our lists of requests. Does that mean it would have been wrong to pray for such things? Not at all. As Paul knew, Jesus himself invites us to ask for our "daily bread" and that God would "deliver us from evil".... Rather, in them he reveals what he asked most frequently for his friends—what he believed was the most important thing God could give them.

What is that? It is - to know him better. Paul explains this with colour and detail. It means having the "eyes of their hearts . . . enlightened" (Ephesians 1:18). Biblically, the heart is the control centre of the entire self. It is the repository of one's core commitments, deepest loves, and most foundational hopes that control our feeling, thinking, and behaviour. To have the "eyes of the heart enlightened" with a particular truth means to have it penetrate and grip us so deeply that it changes the whole person.

In other words, we may know that God is holy, but when our hearts' eyes are enlightened to that truth, then we not only understand it cognitively, but emotionally we find God's holiness wondrous and beautiful, and... we avoid attitudes and behaviour that would displease or dishonour Him. In Ephesians 3:18, Paul says he wants the Spirit to give them "power . . . to grasp" all.... they received when they believed in Christ.... - it is to have a more vivid sense of the reality of God's presence and of shared life with Him.

Timothy Keller

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 25th 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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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 .

(My mum always says that I cut my teeth on the church pews.)

(Miranda Lambert)

APRIL HAS ALMOST DISAPPEARED

- **Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 28th April: 10.00 am (AGM)**
- **AGM: Sunday, 28th April (After Worship)**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 28th April: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm**
- **Beginning of Term Three: Monday, 29th April**
- **KYB: Monday, 29th April: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 2nd May: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **Working Bee: Saturday, 4th May: 8.00 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 5th May: 10.00 am (COMMUNION)**
- **KYB: Monday, 6th May: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 9th May: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **Cancer Care Morning Tea: Thursday, 9th May: 10.30 am**
- **Mother's Day: Sunday, 12th May**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 12th May: 10.00 am**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 12th May: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm**



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SAVE THE DATE FOR CANCER CARE

Women's Fellowship will be hosting

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

on Thursday 9th 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 to add your name, etc.

Any queries, please contact Sandy Walker.