

*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

19th May, 2024

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Jonathan**  
Leader (pm): **\*\*\*\*\***  
Welcome: **Ray**  
Manager: **Ray**  
Reader: **Joy**  
Musicians: **Brunetta**  
Morning Tea: **Bob & Faye**  
Audio Desk (am): **Ralph**  
Audio Desk (pm): **\*\*\*\*\***  
Camera : **Tim**  
Computer (am): **James**  
Computer (pm): **\*\*\*\*\***  
AV Editing: **Jonathan**

Next Week's Roster

26th May, 2024

Preacher: **James**  
Leader (am): **Rykhardt**  
Leader (pm): **James**  
Welcome: **Rykhardt**  
Manager: **John**  
Reader: **Lucinda**  
Musician: **Videos**  
Morning Tea: **Joy & Tina**  
Audio Desk (am): **Ruan**  
Audio Desk (pm): **Ralph**  
Camera : **John**  
Computer (am): **Lucinda**  
Computer (pm): **Ralph**  
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

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Sunday, 19th May, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Ephesians: The Power of the Spirit**

New Testament Reading: **Ephesians 3: 14-21**



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

## Ordinary Power from on High

Do we think of ourselves as just ordinary, everyday Christians? And that while some people in the Bible have some pretty amazing spiritual experiences, that those experiences are probably not really for us? And maybe we think of the events of Pentecost a bit the same way?....

At the end of Luke's Gospel, Jesus talks to His followers about the life they will live, doing all that He said, and being His witnesses in the world. But then He says that they must wait in Jerusalem until they are "*clothed with power from on high*" (Lk 24:49). By this, He means that they will be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, as recorded in Acts 2.

That was a truly amazing event accompanied by miracles, but the same Holy Spirit, and the same power they received, must be received by every single, ordinary Christian. This is essential, to reveal the truth of Jesus Christ to us, give us faith, and to enable us to follow and witness to Him.

The power of the Holy Spirit poured out at Pentecost is the ordinary power that every one of us must have to live a Christian life. That may mean that we experience miracles, or we may not. But our lives, our world and our hope will be made absolutely new and eternal! The Holy Spirit has been poured out on us to do just that (Acts 2:17). Ask Him !

*Grace and cheers, Jonathan.*

## OF MATTERS DIETARY.

- COMMUNITY BREAKFAST TO BE HELD AT GGUC  
ON SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024

**Thank you, members of the congregation, for putting down your names on the list in the hall in order to attend the Community Two Course Breakfast, which is being held on Saturday, 25th May. Could the money please be paid by TODAY? This is essential for catering purposes. Thank you.**

- WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

**Date: Saturday, 1st June**

**Time: 9.00 am until 11.00 am**

**Venue: Milk and Honey**

**Special Guest Speaker: Hannah Button**

**(Dual Crows Premiership Player)**

**Subject: Football and Faith**

- WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The proposed Luncheon at Regency Park is to be held on Thursday, 6th June. Would you please seek out Katherine McDonald for specific details? Thank you.

## MAY WE BASK IN THE INDIAN SUMMER

- Pentecost Sunday: Sunday, 19th May
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 19th May: 10.00 am
- Whit Monday: Monday, 20th May
- KYB: Monday, 20th May: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 20th May: 2.00 pm
- Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, 21st May: 7.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 23rd May: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3.16: Friday, 24th May: Paint 'n' Dip: 6.15 pm to 8.15 pm
- Community Breakfast: Saturday, 25th May: 8.30 am
- Trinity Sunday: Sunday, 26th May
- National Sorry Day: Sunday, 26th May
- Reconciliation Sunday: Sunday, 26th May
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 26th May: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 26th May: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 27th May: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 30th May: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3.16: Friday, 31st May: Trivia Night: 6.15 pm to 8.15 pm
- Women's Breakfast: Saturday, 1st June: 9.00 am to 11.00 am
- Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 6th June: Regency Park Eatery

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## A TRIBUTE TO YOUNG MAX

Max has been a pillar of our church for nearly forty-five years. It was towards the end of the 1970s that he and his beloved wife, Margaret, decided to make GGUC their place of worship. His love for our Lord went far beyond his strong faith, for he soon became famous, not necessarily for his small stature, but for his practical commitment to being involved in anything that would enhance his church. In the following years he began to rule the working bees with a reed of iron and a heart of gold. His barbecuing and pancake making were peerless. Now that he has joined our growing number of nonagenarians, he has had to reduce his workload a little. Thank you so much, dear Max, for all that you have done for us.

