

## 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

2nd June, 2024

### Next Week's Roster

9th June, 2024

Preacher: **James**  
Leader (am): **Jonathan**  
Leader (pm): **\*\*\*\*\***  
Welcome: **Andrew**  
Manager: **Ray**  
Reader: **Marion**  
Musicians: **Brunetta**  
Morning Tea: **Peter & Yvonne**  
Audio Desk (am): **Ruan**  
Audio Desk (pm): **\*\*\*\*\***  
Camera : **Lucinda**  
Computer (am): **Rykhardt**  
Computer (pm): **\*\*\*\*\***  
AV Editing: **Jonathan**

Preacher: **Jonathan**  
Leader (am): **Kathryn**  
Leader (pm): **Kathryn**  
Welcome: **Bob**  
Manager: **John**  
Reader: **Owen**  
Musician: **Brunetta**  
Morning Tea: **Chris DeB. & Katherine**  
Audio Desk (am): **Ruan**  
Audio Desk (pm): **Ralph**  
Camera : **Tim**  
Computer (am): **Rykhardt**  
Computer (pm): **James**  
AV Editing: **Rykhardt**

## Maintenance Programme

On the table at the back of the Church and on the table in the back hall you will find blue envelopes marked Maintenance Programme that Neil spoke about last Sunday. If you are able to please contribute to the maintenance, your donation can be placed in the offering bags. Thank you.

A big thank you to all those people who attended and donated to this year's event. We raised \$494 on the day and reached \$700 with further online donations. A great effort, needless to say! Also a big thank you to everyone who provided food for the morning tea. We had a most enjoyable morning.

(Sandy Walker)



# Golden Grove Gazette

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

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Sunday, 2nd June, 2024

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher:: James

Theme: Ephesians: United to One Another

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 2: 19-22



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

## The Divided, United

Every day our TV screens and news feeds make it painfully clear that the members of the human race are in conflict with one another. Ethical thinking for the whole of history has assumed that human beings are in conflict, and that our chief problem is how to get them unified, living harmoniously together.

The Christian message starts from an opposite position: Jesus Christ has undone all the things that separate us and cause conflict by paying for the sins of the world through His death on the cross. Through faith in Him, we may know full forgiveness from God and with all people and enjoy the goodness and benefit of harmony in our relationships.

That of course is easier said than done! We need to prayerfully depend on the grace of Jesus (our "chief cornerstone" - Ephesians 2:20) and the power of the Holy Spirit and put that into action every day.

If we want to offer the gift of unity to the conflicted world around us (and we do! - that is the mission that God has called us to), *we must first live it out among ourselves within the church family*. We cannot be genuine witnesses to the love of God for the world, if we don't genuinely love our Christian brothers and sisters (1Jn 4:20).

That means not judging/looking down on others, holding grudges, no "payback" for wrongs done, nor "kickbacks" for favours, not forming cliques, "cutting out" others, but seeing ourselves as equal with everyone, forgiving and being generous to all, befriending all - and that's just a start.

*Grace upon grace, Jonathan.*

## A TRIUMPHANT INAUGURAL COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> May, marked the debut of a new project of outreach, that of an occasional Community Breakfast, organised and led by David Mapp. There was an attendance of forty-three diners (or breakfasters), including a large troop of Lifestyle villagers. The exercise was a model example of team work at its best. David would like to thank the horde of willing volunteers, including his wife, Linda, and our church Administrator, Cath. The hall was splendidly arranged and decorated. The breakfast itself was sumptuous, with an entrée of three different cereals, fruit, toast and orange juice. The main course comprised bacon, hash browns, baked beans and scrambled eggs. And, there was an abundance of tea and coffee whenever required. The guest speaker, Kiara Johnson, gave an inspiring address, during which she enlightened so many of us about the difficulties faced when going into bat along the labyrinthine paths trodden by the bureaucrats. The morning's fellowship was first-rate. In fact, Kiara said that everyone was so friendly. Those who missed the experience are urged to participate next time. There are two more breakfasts scheduled for this year, one on Saturday, 24th August and the other on Saturday, 23rd November. Please record those dates in your diaries. In the meantime, congratulations on a job very well done, David.



## IF WINTER COMES CAN SPRING BE FAR BEIND?

- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 2nd June: 10.00 am
- KYB: Monday, 3rd June: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 6th June: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 6th June: Regency Park Eatery
- Expo at the Arts Centre: Friday, 7th June: 10.00 am to 2.00 pm (Our Stall)
- Youth 3.16: Friday, 7th June: Team Challenge: 6.15 pm to 8.15 pm
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 9th June: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 9th June: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- King's Birthday: Monday, 10th June
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 13th June: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Church Booked by a Film Crew: 13th and 14th June: Christian Music Video
- Youth 3.16: Friday, 14th June: Baking: 6.15 pm to 8.15 pm
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 16th June: 10.00 am
- KYB: Monday, 17th June: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 17th June: 2.00 pm
- Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, 18th June: 7.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 20th June: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3.16: Friday, 21st June: Disco Party: 6.15 pm to 8.15 pm
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 23rd June: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 23rd June: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- KYB: Monday, 24th June: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 27th June: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Youth 3.16: Friday, 21st June: Games Night: 6.15 pm to 8.15 pm
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 30th June: 10.00 am



The proposed Luncheon at Regency Park is to be held on Thursday, 6th June. There is a list on the table at the back of the hall, on which you must indicate that you are coming, and, most importantly, that you require a lift. Thank you.

*(The title at the top of the page is a line from Percy Bysshe Shelley's time-honoured poem, "Ode to the West Wind".)*