

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

9th June, 2024

Next Week's Roster

16th June, 2024

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leader (pm): **Kathryn**
Welcome: **Bob**
Manager: **John**
Reader: **Owen**
Musicians: **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**

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): *********
Welcome: **Cath**
Manager: **Neil**
Reader: **Rykhardt**
Musician: **Videos**
Morning Tea: **Bob & Faye**
Audio Desk (am): **Ruan**
Audio Desk (pm): *********
Camera : **Lucinda**
Computer (am): **Rykhardt**
Computer (pm): *********
AV Editing: **Jonathan**

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.

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

www.goldengroveuniting.org.au

Sunday, 9th June, 2024

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher: Jonathan

Theme: Ephesians: A Foretaste of the Future

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 3: 1-13



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

Common Sense, or Mystery?

We like common sense. It tells us that *if we do A,B&C*, then we get *X,Y& Z* as a result. Like, for Christians, if we do the 10 commandments, or, for Moslems, if we obey the Koran, or for 21st century Australians, if we do what society thinks successful, then we will get rewarded (i.e., get good things from God, or from life).

The reason we like this common sense is because it makes us feel in control of life and its outcomes, and that makes us feel secure, and we hope that will bring us the good life and happiness. The problem is that this leads us either into despair when we fail, or arrogant pride when we think we succeed.

Yet the Bible tells us that Christian truth - the Gospel - is a "mystery" (Ephesians 3:1-13), not common sense - in fact it's kind of the opposite to common sense. The Gospel tells us that we, and all people have failed catastrophically to do the right thing and make a success of ourselves, but by faith in Jesus Christ we are declared just, forgiven and rewarded by His grace (Romans 3:21-26).

This Gospel makes no sense at all to common sense - it's "mystified" by it! And since we are all born with common sense, we shouldn't be surprised if we get confused by the Gospel at times. But God gives us the faith to believe it and the ability to understand it by the power of the Holy Spirit - *just ask Him*.

Being justified by grace liberates us from the despair or pride of having to make ourselves successful, and inspires and enables us to love and serve God and others with joy.

Grace upon grace, Jonathan.

A MESSAGE FROM KATHRYN

AN IMPORTANT EVENT

Please show your support! Let the Federal government know that Christian schools in Australia need to continue to be free to employ Christian staff by attending a free, important, uplifting event, this:

Wednesday, 12th June, at 7.00 pm

at Tyndale Christian School.

You will need to register here:

<https://mychristianschool.au/adelaide/>

Bring your family and friends. Let's fill the auditorium!

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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 Sunday two weeks ago. If you are able to please contribute to our maintenance, your donation can be placed in the offering bags. Thank you.

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This Gazette is the last one from the current editor. He is retiring from the position, after having been responsible for the last 785 issues over the past fifteen or more years. He has already passed his "use by date" and will in fact become an octogenarian later this year. However, he is truly delighted to hand over the reins to one of his former students, Tina. Yes; back in 1974, he was her class and English teacher in her first year of high school. Thus, the wheel has come full circle.

IF WINTER COMES CAN SPRING BE FAR BEHIND?

- 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
- Max's and Neil's Birthdays: Tuesday, 11th 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

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God of Hope,

we lift up the cities of the region: Gaza City and Tel Aviv, Ramallah and Ashkelon, Deir El Balah and Sderot, so long divided, yet so filled with life and creativity. Come again to breathe peace on your peoples that all may recognize you.



God of Mercy,

even now work on the hearts of combatants to choose life over death, reconciliation over retaliation, restoration over destruction. Help us resist antisemitism in all its forms, especially in our own churches. All people, Israelis and Palestinians, deserve to live in peace and unafraid, with a right to determine their future together.