

## *"A welcoming church"*

*"When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing." Luke 9:11*

*"When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them." Acts 15:4*

*"And thus you shall greet him: 'Peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have.'" 1 Samuel 25:6*

*"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7*



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# Pastor Greg Shares

## *God in our midst*

'The world has gone crazy!' is something I hear everyday. The Coronavirus pandemic has affected all of us in some way and we are witnessing things most of us have not experienced in our lifetimes. Empty shelves in the supermarket reminds me of Eastern Block countries in the Cold War. And social distancing is something my mother talked about when there were infectious outbreaks when she was a child. We all believed that our market economy and advanced health systems would protect us from these type of events. In the moments of worry and unease we can wonder, is God here and is he in control?

God's people have often wondered "Where is God?". In his note to pastors this week, Bishop David reminded us that the Israelites thought God had forgotten them when they were in the desert and had no water. Moses demonstrated God's power by striking a rock, after which fresh water flowed to the whole community (Exodus 17). We see that despite outward appearances, God was very much in control and would not allow his people to perish no matter what they endured. He was in their midst. While we take the precautions that our government recommends, we do not become downhearted or panicked because we know that a greater power is at work for our good. He is in our midst.

How we react to this situation will define us. Because we believe that God is in control and he will bring blessing from whatever crisis appears, we will bring good news of his work to all people. Because we are so loved and we have an eternal hope as an antidote to things that could cripple us, we will gladly fulfil Jesus' command to love one another as he loves us (John 13:34-35). This means that we will not seek to simply survive ourselves but we will gladly offer what we have to those in need. We will be agents of selflessness at a time where selfishness is everywhere. We will bear witness to our God who will sustain us and continue to be our great provider.

To Him be the glory!

# Where is God?



## **Easter at Golden Grove**

***View on our YouTube Channel [https://bit.ly/gglc\\_youtube](https://bit.ly/gglc_youtube)***

***Maundy Thursday***

***Devotion and Reflective Piece***

***Good Friday***

***LIVE Worship at 9:30am***

***Easter Sunday***

***LIVE Worship at 9:30am***

# From the Communications Team

Over the last year as a church community we have looked at how we can be a welcoming church. This was highlighted through a small group of people reading through a book called 'Growing Young' and the pastoral care team looking at a welcoming church book.

This edition of Life in the Vine will highlight this through the young people we have seen take their first communion, making new connections to the families that come along to our playgroup and mainly music program and in many other areas.

As many of you may know, Rosalie Hoklas has stepped down as Editor of the Life in the Vine. The Communications Team identified that this publication is an integral part of sharing what's been happening, so we will be putting these together as a team. We are incredibly thankful for Rosalie's many years of service towards this ministry.

We are always looking for new and better ways to spread God's word through our church communication channels. In pursuit of this ministry, the church website has received a facelift. It is now much easier to navigate, with an improved mobile device experience. Take a look at <https://www.gglc.org.au/>. We hope you enjoy the new website, and any feedback is appreciated!

If you haven't already, why not 'Like' us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/gglc.lca/>? The GGLC Facebook page is our other main channel of communication, where information about services, events and more is posted.

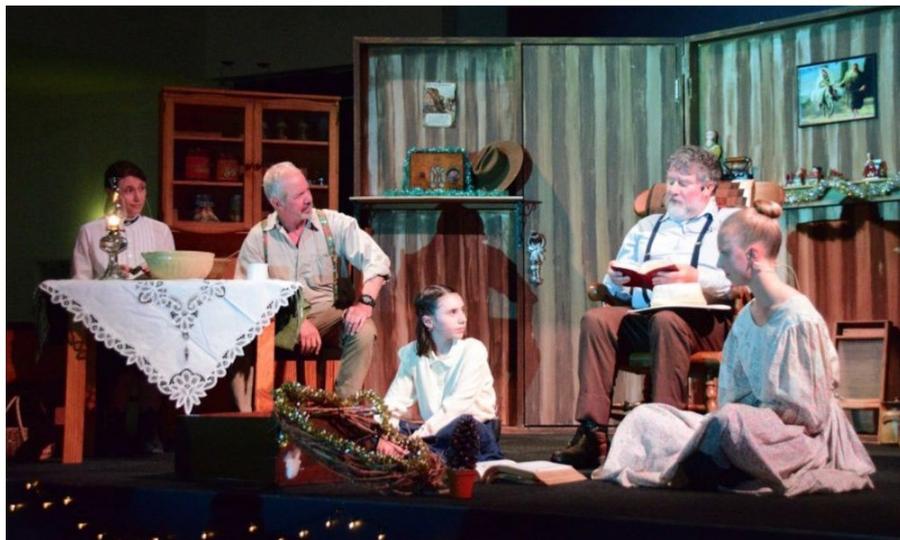
While you're checking out our other communication channels, check out our YouTube channel, GGLC YouTube. We will be using our channel to put up our weekly worship services.

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# Welcome!!!

# Highlights from Church Council

## Jon Schutz - GGLC Chairperson

Up to and including our most recent Council meeting in early March, COVID-19 had not featured in Council discussions, apart from poorly chosen similes along the lines of “we’d like to see our membership numbers hockey-stick like the coronavirus”. Jokes are cheap while we remain unaffected. As much as we hope and pray we can continue that way, there is the potential for things to change very quickly, and indeed, although to date we have no reports of infections in our community, unprecedented government directives are impacting each one of us individually and how we operate as a congregation.

In fact, this is the third time I have rewritten this article before LITV goes to press. We have shifted from mild directives on social distancing and gathering sizes to a shutdown of worship in the space of two weeks, completely changing how we think about worshiping and providing Christian fellowship within our congregation.

From Sunday March 29, GGLC services will be online only, until such time as Government restrictions are removed.

Cafe Connect remains open from 8am to 11am each school day for take-away only. We hope to make available options for ordering online and carpark pick-up shortly.

All groups within the church are encouraged to continue to meet using whatever means possible that will ensure the health and safety of all participants and comply with Government directives. For example, our youth and young adults groups will be meeting virtually using the Zoom conferencing system.

If anyone in our community needs assistance with technology - be it accessing the online worship services, or logging into an online meeting, or getting set up to connect with family and friends - please contact the GGLC office.

Please continue to pray for each other in these challenging times.

In 2019 we oversaw the final stages of the renovations, the commencement of Café Connect, the fete and official opening of Café Connect, a significant budget appeal and fundraising effort, two staff changes and one first grandson, and signed off on two government grants. With such a heavy business agenda, we spent most of our time on administration, leaving little time (or headspace) for governance.

From the beginning of 2020, we have returned to the governance agenda, and started working through a strategic planning process, with the goal to update our mission, vision and values statements and set strategic objectives for the near future. This is a step-by-step process and is likely to take most of this year (COVID-19 permitting).

Pastor Greg received and declined a call to Alice Springs in the early part of this year. I think I reflect the general feeling, not just within Council, that Greg’s four years of ministry to date have established a foundation, and many further blessings await Greg and Connie and the congregation through the coming years as we build on that together. Therefore everyone was very relieved when Greg reported that he had declined the call...

...and then Greg received a call to Darwin. Please remember Greg and Connie in your prayers as they consider this latest call.

Pastor Greg’s regular 3-4 year review was scheduled to happen on March 21 but has been deferred due to COVID-19. The review is being led by Pastor Steen Olsen and supported by several members of the congregation and the school principal.

The Teaching Weekend in mid-February on establishing relationships was very well received, and plans are in place to follow this up practically (such as by working with our greeters to ensure they are aware, for example, of what might be important to a new visitor to our church) and educationally (with follow-on sessions).

To assist with our pastoral care program, we will be asking for everyone to update their details with the church office or via our website. Details will follow.

On finances, it is too early in the year to see how we are tracking, but we know we have a challenging year ahead with gaps to be filled by fundraising. It may become more challenging as the economic impact of COVID-19 flows through. At the Half-Yearly Meeting, a suggestion was made that we could add a ‘sponsor-a-chair’ type fundraiser to help with the new chair repayments – this is currently being considered and information will flow through later in the year if it makes sense to proceed.

We have set the date for this year’s fete as October 18 and will continue to work toward that in the hope that the world environment improves by then.

Our website at <https://www.gglc.org.au/> has undergone some upgrades – in particular, it is much easier to use on a mobile device. Please take a moment to have a look.

# Pastoral Care Team

2019 was a really productive and effective year for the Pastoral Care Team. God provided the wisdom we needed to develop several areas. This is just a very brief summary of those areas which are being implemented throughout 2020:

## Visiting Team:

Over the years GGLC has been blessed with some very dedicated members who have enjoyed visiting other members who are ill or might be struggling in some way. Unfortunately, many of those people are no longer able to make the visits. However, we have now been blessed again with a new team of members who are keen to support Pastor Greg with visiting members of Golden Grove. This Visiting Team will be officially installed at a service in the near future.

## Welcoming Church:

We believe Golden Grove Lutheran Church is a welcoming church, but we also believe as a congregation we can do even better. Over recent years the Ushers' role has increased considerably, so the ushers have been expected to set up morning tea at the same time as they are expected to greet people at the door. To ease this burden, the role has been split in two:

*Welcomers* who will greet people at the door as they arrive and help them to feel at home. When visitors or new members arrive, the Welcomers will make sure they know where the toilets are, what children's activities will occur during the service, how communion is distributed, where morning tea will be held after the service, how the café operates, etc. After the service they'll follow up and, if appropriate, introduce them to others in the congregation, or arrange a visit from Pastor etc

*Morning Tea people* who will be responsible for setting up the morning tea prior to the service, ensuring altar candles are lit, collecting the offering and distributing the individual communion cups etc

Training is being provided at the end of March, so we expect the new roles to be operating in April.

## Growing Young:

The Pastoral Care Team has worked closely with the Christian Education Team to develop GGLC as a "Growing Young" Church where members are encouraged to interact with each other across the generations. Older members in particular will be encouraged to develop relationships with our youth members, so the youth are able to feel a very real part of our congregation now – not seen only as "the future of our congregation". Both teams will be working closely with Joel to arrange opportunities for members to develop the Growing Young concept.

## Fellowship Event Coordinator:

Grant Hampel has been appointed to this role and is preparing to hold several events during 2020. He will be working closely with the school, with youth leaders, and with the Fete Committee to ensure as much cooperation as possible and to avoid duplication of efforts.

As mentioned above, the Pastoral Care Team is excited about developments in 2020, and we pray that God will continue to bless us with the wisdom to make decisions in line with his will.

Blessings,  
Dave Shrowder



# 'An Australian Christmas'

## Christmas Drama 2019

### Geordie Mills

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup> of December we performed a play called *An Australian Christmas* written by Margey Knapp. *An Australian Christmas* follows the journey of an Australian family in the Victorian era who discover the real meaning of Christmas. It begins with the family trying to celebrate Christmas by following a book called *A Victorian Christmas* that outlines the Christmas traditions celebrated in England. The family invite an old Swaggie into their home for the Christmas holidays, and through him they learn the true story of Christmas — the birth of Jesus Christ. The actors of the performance were Grant Hampel, Andrew Schmidt, Chelsea Friedrich, Amelia Mills, Gemma Malik, Neela Malik, Rohan Malik, Karen Saunders, Krissy Saunders and Tenay Saunders. The set was designed by Robert Mills, costumes by Elizabeth Mills and sound and lighting by Joel Schiller. Everyone involved had a great time and left with an overwhelming sense of achievement at the end of the final performance. It was a privilege to work with such an enthusiastic group of people.



# Establishing and Strengthening Relationships

## Ruth Zimmermann

The Teaching Weekend was held on Friday February 14 and Saturday February 15. Emma Graetz from Australian Lutheran College presented the workshop. The focus of the weekend was on *Establishing and Strengthening Relationships*. The Friday evening session provided some insights about communication in relationships. One of the first questions Emma asked was “What skills are involved in having a ‘healthy’ relationship?” There were numerous responses, but it was established that **trust is the foundation stone!** Emma reminded us of Psalm 118:8, ***It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in humans.***

Emma also pointed out that our calling is to be *relational*. In other words, we are a walking cross, in relationship with God (vertical) and in relationship with others (horizontal). Insights were provided on how to relate to others, including the importance of *active listening*. This was summed up beautifully in the quote, **“The next best thing to being loved is being listened to”**. Emma also outlined the differences between introverts and extroverts — introverts like to recharge their energies by themselves whilst extroverts seek the company of others — and this can determine how people respond in different fellowship situations. Mention was also made of the 5 Love Languages (Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, Receiving Gifts, Acts of Service, and Physical Touch). Different people express love in different ways and we can learn other people’s love language in order to communicate with them more effectively.

The sessions on Saturday concentrated on fellowship in community (Koinonia). Participants spent time examining what GGLC already does to create koinonia and then identified some additional ways to meet the needs of new and existing members. The final part of the day concentrated on learning about relationship strategies and practical ideas that could be employed by all members of the congregation.

### Suggested resources (these resources are available for loan in our Church library)

- Holding your family together – Rich Melheim
- The five love languages – Gary Chapman
- The five love languages of Teenagers – Gary Chapman
- The five love languages, Men’s edition – Gary Chapman
- [www.christian-leadership.org](http://www.christian-leadership.org)



# Not Ashamed

## John Fielke

On Saturday 29th February, Sue and John Fielke attended the 2020 South Australian annual conference of the Australian Christian Lobby (ACL) at the Adelaide Convention Centre. Its theme was “Not Ashamed”. It was attended by 300 Christians of many denominations. It was the largest ACL South Australian conference ever. The day was filled with information, worship, praise and prayer.

I hadn't really known much about the ACL and its activities. It is a grass roots organisation to lobby politicians and influence both state and national politics based on Christian beliefs. Four hot topics at the moment that I learnt they are pro-active on are:

- The federal Religious Freedom Bill;
- The local (SA) Abortion bills;
- The local (SA) Prostitution bill;
- Gender identification and reassignment.



We had several SA based politicians attend the day. I was very impressed with Steve Murray MP for Davenport (Southern Adelaide) and his work on the abortion and prostitution bills. Did you know that the proposal in SA is to allow legal abortion up to birth?

With regard to the prostitution bill, we saw the influence of the ACL by the Sex Industry Network (SIN) members protesting with placards at the entry of the conference. The ACL is supporting MPs to work toward adopting the “Nordic model” where the purchaser of sex is prosecuted rather than the worker. The model also provides help for sex workers to leave the industry.

The Religious Freedom Bill is being supported by the ACL to allow the continuity of religious schools to be faith-based. This has been under debate/attack with many MPs trying to reduce the influence of the Church.

Did you know that a parent has no legal right to stop their child from seeking treatment and assistance to take puberty blocking chemicals and then undertake gender reassignment surgery? Whilst there are many services to help a child go through gender reassignment, the debate is over if anyone should be allowed to counsel a child about possibly not undertaking the process.

Following the conference, on 16 March Sue and I letterboxed 600 homes in an Adelaide electorate with the message “Every abortion ends a human life”. This was an ACL national one-day project that letter boxed 250,000 homes nationally by 700 volunteers.

The main message of the ACL conference was: if societal issues are of importance to you, firstly regularly write/email your local MP, and secondly join a political party (of your own preference) and be involved in the candidate selection process as it is the local party members who choose the candidates that get put to the electorate.

Resources you may like to look at:-

- Australian Christian Lobby [www.acl.org.au](http://www.acl.org.au)
- Human Rights Law Alliance [www.hrla.org.au](http://www.hrla.org.au) (ACL affiliate legal firm)
- Lachlan Macquarie Institute [www.lmi.org.au](http://www.lmi.org.au) (ACL affiliate providing Christian training. for select groups such as university students (GPS program) and Leadership for Civil and Public Service)
- Nordic Model Australia Coalition [www.normac.org.au](http://www.normac.org.au)

# Teen Missions

## Holly Schutz

Over the school summer holidays, 4 different teams of Australian and Kiwi teens went to Uganda, Nepal, Vanuatu and Scotland to work on a project to help out missionaries there and to preach the gospel. This was through an organisation called *Teen Missions Int'l Australia & New Zealand* (TMI). TMI's motto is "Training tomorrow's missionary today". They are all about getting teens involved in missionary work and growing and developing their faiths. This summer the program went for 6 weeks, involving 10 days of training (boot camp) with the teams in Brisbane, 3.5 weeks in the field and a few days of debrief preparing us to go home again.



This summer, Lauren Kahl and I went on the Scotland team. In Scotland, we stayed and worked in the Windmill Christian Centre in Arbroath, which is a youth centre where many church event and youth camps are held. There we were hosted by our missionary Amy, who runs the centre, and we were set to work painting the top and middle floor dorms. This involved the preparation work (laying down tarps, taping etc.), sealing any holes in the wall then sanding them down along with the skirting boards and then painting it all. God worked through us throughout the 3 weeks we were there and we managed to surpass Amy's expectations of the amount of work we got done. By the end of our time in Scotland, we had painted 17 dorm rooms, some halls and passageways, and assisted some of the staff at the windmill in painting the worship hall (we painted the ceiling blue!). I understand a mission trip to Scotland sounds strange, but in Scotland the number of Christian youth who are active in their faith is less than 2%, and they have many problems with drugs and alcohol. Much of the evangelism we did involved going to youth groups, presenting in churches and presenting to younger children.

During the trip, God worked through our team repeatedly through prayer. For the first 2 weeks, we had no evangelism opportunities and had been working inside for the majority of our time. We prayed for opportunities to arise, and lo and behold, we had around 5 opportunities in the span of about one weekend. As always, God's timing was perfect as we had just enough time to finish most of our painting work in the first 2 weeks, which allowed us to fully focus and prepare for the opportunities that we had. God also healed our team leader's feet after a lot of prayer, and we had the chance to go to a prayer meeting on new year's morning with one of the churches that we went to. God worked through our team and the other 4 TMI teams a lot over this summer, and he developed our faiths considerably. It was amazing to experience a small taste of what missionary work was like and to devote an entire summer to God and his work.



# What's been happening in our community?

## First Communion December 29, 2019

On this day we saw four young people take Holy Communion for their first time. They were (L-R) Dean May, Owen May, Jasmin Rathjen and Christian Kent.



## School Staff Blessing February 2, 2020



## Church Staff Installation Jan 19, 2020

Robert Mills was installed as Office and Café Coordinator, while Joel was installed as Youth Coordinator.



# What's been happening in our community?

## Outdoor Breakfast February 9, 2020

Off the back of the success of our previous outdoor breakfast services we put on another one. Breakfast was cooked by Christiaan and Graeme. A small band led us in an acoustic worship and Natasha shared a devotion.



## BBQ Fundraiser at TTP March 14, 2020

We are grateful to all who came out and grabbed a snag from our community sausage sizzle at Tea Tree Plaza.

Over \$500 was raised to go towards our church ministry.



## Youth Carwash Fundraiser March 22, 2020

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our carwash. We washed 40 cars and raised over \$500. As Pastor Greg said in his message on February 15, our community is generous.

These funds will help us provide subsidies to parents for larger events.



# Update from the Voigts

G'day all, bet you didn't expect to read an article by me this year.

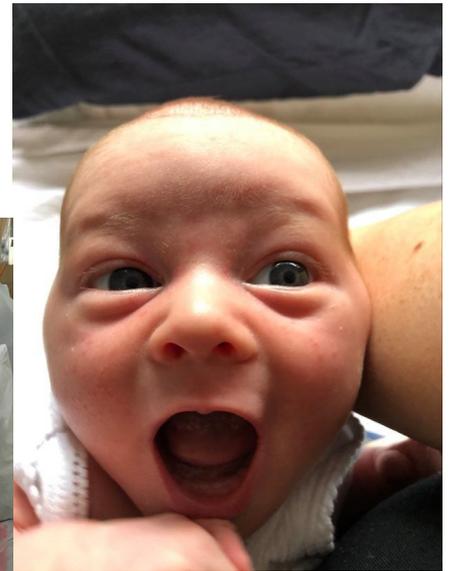
As you are all aware, I have moved to the Gold Coast with my family which has a new addition in Percy Jonah Voigt and he instantly brought much joy to our family. He is perfectly healthy and growing fast. Jessica is no longer working and is spending all her time being a mum and loving it.

Keira has started at her new school and loves her teacher and classmates. She has made friends fast (no surprises there - am I right?). As for myself I have started Bible College and getting back into study life after 11 years, but am loving the challenge of learning more than I imagined at this point, and looking forward to where this will lead me. (Maybe I'll go for Pastor Greg's job?? Haha maybe not)

We have settled in nicely and found a great church and community to be involved in.

So things with Team Voigt are going very well and we look forward to visiting and introducing you to little Percy.

God bless, the Voigt's



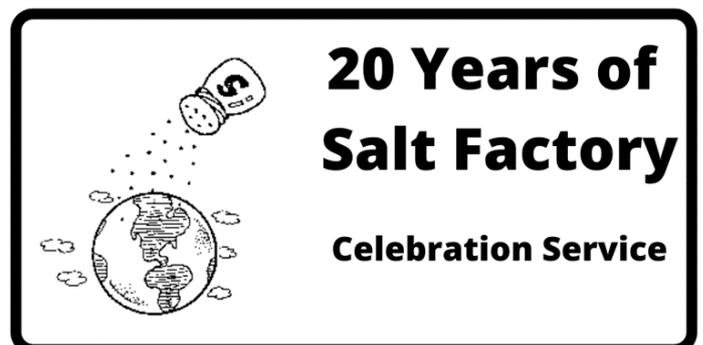
## Salt Factory

We formally kicked off the year with our first Prayer Healing Service which was held on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. At the end of the service there was an opportunity for anyone to receive prayer for anything happening in their life or any physical ailments and to see God do some amazing things.

On February 15<sup>th</sup> we had Holly, Lauren and Anthony speak about their recent trip with Teen Missions overseas. It was great to hear their experiences and what the cultures of Scotland and Nepal are like.

On March 29, we were going to have Ben Rowe who runs a program called *Streetlight* at the Elizabeth Shopping Centre. But unfortunately we had to cancel it. Keep an eye out later in the year when we get him in, you won't want to miss it.

Planning is underway for our 20 years of Salt Factory celebration which was scheduled to be held in June where we will look back at our 20 years of history and how we have come to be who we are today through the direction God has taken us. But unfortunately we will have to postpone this celebration, likely to next year due to the current circumstances.



## Meet our new Youth Coordinator



Hello all. My name is Joel Schiller and I am the new Youth Coordinator for the church. I have been part of the church congregation since I was born and I started my schooling at GGLPS. I have a real passion for sharing the Good News to all ages, particularly the next generation of young people.

Here are a couple more things about me:

**Hometown** Wynn Vale

**AFL Team** Adelaide Crows

### How many people in your family?

I have my Mum, Dad and a younger brother who works at the Golden Grove Out of School Hours Care (when I was introduced to the students at school chapel I learnt that basically all the students know him). My brother also has a dog named Ace who is an American Stafford Senior Terrier.

### Favourite Bible verse

John 10:10 - The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I (Jesus) have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. As Christians, there are a lot of benefits that Christ has given us through his work on the cross, and one of those things is to experience life abundantly and not be weighed down by the pain and anguish that the world throws at us.

### What do you like to do in your spare time?

I have recently completed a degree in Environmental Science and a large part of why I studied for that degree is I have a passion for the environment. I love to go on walks in nature and the occasional camping trip up to the Flinders Ranges.

## G G Lutheran Youth

GGLC Youth had quite a massive last term, particularly with our last event of the year which was a Youth Awards Night. The night had many of our youth share their experiences from the year. Some of the areas our youth talked about included *A Night to Remember* and the *Metro Christian Life Week* camp. I thought it was a nice way to finish off the year and allow our wider community to understand what we do at youth group and help us celebrate the year.

We started off the term with our annual opening *BBQ and Games Night*, which was a great way to start off the year. On this night I shared the theme for the year, which is "How is the Bible relevant in today's day and age?". I feel that younger people question the Bible's relevance; so I, with the help of the youth leaders, will address this beginning with looking at what it means for us to be called. As Paul Voigt mentioned in his last youth report, we have implemented a *Get Real* night which allows the youth to open up more on a personal level and share their experiences in life if they want to. It's an opportunity for us to support one another as a youth group. At Easter every year we run *A Night to Remember* where the youth can stay the night after the Maundy Thursday Service. The night is focussed on us journeying together in understanding what Christ did at Easter and what it means to us. The night consists of a movie themed around the Easter message and Stations of the Cross, where youth can have time alone and contemplate what Christ did for them, and ends with some very tired people the next morning at the Good Friday service.

I am truly looking forward to how God uses the youth leaders and myself this year to build His Kingdom.

Joel Schiller, Youth Coordinator





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*... in our community all people matter*

It is always a delight to begin a new school year - there is a strong presence of freshness, vitality and enthusiasm. We are already half way through the term and I would venture to say that that feeling is still throughout the school. As you can tell we have had a wonderful start to the new year and I certainly look forward to what lies ahead.

A few things to share with you:

Our year 5 /6 classes have attended their annual camp. This year it was held at Woodhouse. The aim of the camp was to build on the social skills and relationships which have been a focus for the start of this year. It was great to have Joel attend and develop further the relationship between the youth and our students.

The Foundation students were very excited to receive their Bible at Worship on the 21st Feb. This is a wonderful thing for the congregation to do and it is definitely appreciated, so thank you.

The P. & F. have had a busy start to the year hosting a Welcome BBQ for new families and Foundation students and a Quiz Night (funds raised went to the CFS). Our termly MOT (Middle of Term breakfast) was held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – hot cross buns were eagerly eaten by all.

School Council: School Council continue to be hugely supportive in their role with a clear understanding of governance and management. Some key objectives this year include:

- Finalisation of the Constitution

- Marketing (have you seen our ad in the TTP cinema?)

- Deep exploration of the Leadership Framework, 'Growing Deep'

- Publishing a comprehensive School Council Handbook

The yr 5/6 students are assisting with Playgroup once again this year.

The (school) Ministry sub-committee is still to meet for this year.

When we do we will focus on the joint Partnership Covenant.

It is a joy to be able to work in a strong community where Christ is at the centre. I pray that God will continue to bless GGLPS and this community as we go forward in reflecting Christ's love and forgiveness for all.



# Children's Ministry

As with most things this year, Coronavirus has interrupted our children's programs dramatically. The Government's advice to 'stay home' has seen the cancellation of our Playgroup, Mainly Music and Junior Youth programs. While it is sad that we can no longer offer ministry to children by gathering together, we are looking at options that allow us to share experiences using some online platforms. There will be regular updates on our website and Facebook page.

Playgroup started with a bang this year with all of our regular community returning, We also welcomed some new families who were quickly made to feel at home by our wonderful volunteers and caregivers. Natasha ran an animal-themed program that incorporated listening skills, body awareness and co-ordination as the children learned through play. It was wonderful to see the children enjoy the activities so much.

Until the cancellation of worship services, our children's program in worship was delivered in the worship space during the service. Everyone was delighted to have the children in worship for the whole time and the kids benefited from both the activities designed for them while engaging with the whole congregation in worship. This initiative is part of our commitment to intergenerational ministry with more to come! During the 'shutdown' Natasha will present a children's message during our live streamed worship service and there will be activities on our website.

Looking forward to the blessings the Lord will bring us,

Pastor Greg



**Mission statement:** Giving all people opportunities to fish in a Christ centred environment.

The **GGAF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** was held Sunday 2nd February and attended by 26 members.

The following were re-elected to the **Committee**: President – Graeme Hoklas; Vice President – Louise Sumner ; Secretary – Christine McCulloch; Treasurer – Chris Simanis; Other Committee Members – Ian Zimmermann, Geoff Hill, Keith Scott and Peter Van Loggem. Rob Pointon has stepped down from the Committee. We sincerely thank Rob for his efforts and support over the last few years.

**Events Program for 2020** — *New to the program this year is Kingston in the South East for the 4 day trip in July. We return to Meningie for the annual camp.*

- 4th April** West Lakes/Tennyson Beach 9am
- 23rd May** Waitpinga Beach 10am
- 22nd June** Tackle Night 7.30pm
- 10-13 July** Kingston (South East)
- 1st August** Pt Hughes 10am
- 12th September** River Murray (venue to be advised)
- 9th-11th October** Annual Camp  
Lake Albert Caravan Park, Meningie
- 18th October** Community Fete at Wynn Vale
- 8th October** Warren Reservoir
- 21st November** Presentation Night 7pm

Note: Events may be subject to change

Annual Membership cost remains at \$15 for Seniors and \$5 for Juniors (15 years and under)



**CRABBING at WEBB BEACH** on Saturday 8th Feb attracted 31 crabbers. Following a crabbing demonstration by Zimmo, 59 crabs were caught in fine weather and cooked in Zimmo's gas copper. Everyone enjoyed a healthy feed at the beach and afternoon socialising. Thanks to Zimmo & Ruth for a wonderful savoury platter & delicious watermelon. Largest crab winners were:



**Male Crab:** Graeme Hoklas **Female Crab:** Peter Van Loggem.

**COCKLING at GOOLWA BEACH** on Sunday 15th March. On a cool day 39 cocklers ventured to Goolwa to hunt and gather cockles — many of them young children keen to also play and swim. Cockle numbers were very sparse in our normal hunting ground to the right of the car park. However, those who 4 wheel drove to the left up to 6 kilometres had excellent luck bagging hundreds of large cockles. Thanks to Sue Prideaux for the use of her holiday house for the sausage sizzle lunch and the school for use of their BBQ trailer.

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*(Editor's note: Events have changed due to COVID-19. Please check with Graeme for the latest information).*

