

Vision Statement:

We see a Jesus-orientated church having a passion for the Gospel and compassion for the world expressed through dynamic worship, love in action, the empowering of the servant leaders and the growing of disciples.

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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

4th November, 2018

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Neil**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Welcome: **Renée**
Duty Elder: **Lucinda**
Reader: **Sylvia**
Musician: **Heather**
Stewards: **Cath & Graham**
Manager: **Ray**
Crèche: **Trevor**
Kidz Connect: **Sandy**
Morning Tea: **Lucinda, Richardt & Ruan**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **James**
Cleaning: **Chris, Ray, Tina, Tim & Tracey**

Next Week's Roster

11th November, 2018

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Welcome: **Sandy**
Duty Elder: **Lucinda**
Reader: **Tina**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Stewards: **Henk & Kevin**
Manager: **Ray**
Crèche: **Chris DeB.**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: **Coral, Katherine & Michelle**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **Alan**
Cleaning: *********

The Power of Prayer



Sarah, William and family wish to thank you for your prayers regarding William's operation. They would like you to know that the operation was successful and that the mesh was able to be removed in one piece. The operation was expected to take 5 hours but was completed in just over an hour, much to the surprise of the specialists and everyone else involved. Please continue to pray for pain relief and that William will be completely healed.

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

<http://goldengroveuniting.org.au>

Sunday, 4th November, 2018

Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **The Word that makes History**

Scripture Reading: **Revelation 10: 1-11**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

Australians Love God Less

Just on statistics alone, Australians love God a lot less than they used to. Declared belief in the Christian God, and membership of churches, has "dropped through the floor" in recent decades. Sure, some of that church involvement may have been just cultural, but a good amount of it would also have been real – Australians love God less!

Does this mean that Australians love people more?....

Loving other people is spoken about a lot these days – either romantically or sexually, or often as simply "letting a person do whatever they want, and not questioning or judging them", and sometimes as "doing good to people". The question is, is this *really loving*?... - i.e., is it really for the good and blessing of the other person? Even doing good to others can often be for selfish reasons – i.e., to get moral or material "pay-back".

Jesus said that the first commandment is to love God, with all our heart, mind, soul and strength; and the second, to love our neighbour as ourself (Mk 12:29-31). He meant that we are to follow them *in that order* – i.e., *that we can only love other people truly if we first truly love God*. This is because, when we love God, we love to do His good will, which tells us how to love others in a true and unselfish way.

We can all do this because God has first loved us, giving His Son Jesus Christ to pay for and forgive all of our selfishness through His death on the cross, reshaping our lives to love God and others truly (1Jn 4:7-12).

Grace and cheers, Jonathan

Christmas Tree Festival ★



*Let
Your
Light
Shine*

Thurs 29th Nov to Sat 1st Dec

See: Decorated trees, Nativities, Train layout, Wall hangings
Buy: Crafts, Biscuits & Cakes, Plants, Produce, Children's gifts
Enjoy: Morning/ Afternoon Teas, Light meals, Sausage Sizzle

A bi-annual event, hosted @ Tea Tree Gully Uniting, 600 Milne Rd, Banksia Park
 MANY CHURCHES ... ONE LOCATION
 with proceeds supporting our local Pastoral Care Workers / Chaplains

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2018

Volunteers are required for morning and afternoon teas at the Christmas Tree Festival.

**Friday Afternoon, 30th Nov. 1.30pm. - 5.00pm.
 and
 Saturday Morning, 1st Dec. 9.30am - 11.30am.**

Please see John Wheatcroft, if you are willing to help. Thank you very much.

MISSION AND WIDER WORK

We would like to thank our wonderful church family and your equally wonderful families and friends for the generous support of Operation Christmas Child. The operation exceeded all expectations, for we: beat our record!!
We packed 34 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. 7 more than last year!

Thank you so very much to all our lovely contributors for willingly embracing such a fantastic opportunity to bring happiness to some needy children at Christmas.

On behalf of those children, thank you, from the top to the bottom of our hearts.

(evidence supplied at right)



MISSION AND WIDER WORK FUND RAISING FOR 2018



18th November, 2018

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Only \$10 donation per person

There is a form on the table at the back of the hall.

For catering purposes, please enter your name if you are able to attend.

Please see Coral or Kay if you would like to make a salad.



Remembrance Day Centenary Concert

2pm Sunday 11th November, 2018

Houghton Uniting Church Hall

\$25 per person
(limited tickets available)

Ticket Sales: available from the unique
Sheila MacTier only



HOUGHTON, INGLEWOOD & HERMITAGE
MEMORIAL PARK INC

All proceeds to Houghton Community Centre

featuring
Lyn Harris

Brendan Williams

and

Various Local Performers

Afternoon Tea Provided



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Café CHURCH

Golden Grove Uniting Church

Join us for Cafe Church @ Golden Grove Uniting every **second** and **fourth** Sunday of the month.



COME and EXPERIENCE:

- ★ Relaxed contemporary worship, cafe style
- ★ The Good News of Jesus Christ
- ★ Child and young family friendly (noise allowed!)
- ★ Coffee, tea, and yummy raisin or cinnamon toast supplied
- ★ Friendship

WHEN: Every second and fourth Sunday

TIME: 6.00 'til 7.00pm

WHERE: Golden Grove Uniting Church hall

All Welcome!



Cafe CHURCH

upcoming dates...

2018

28th October
11th November
25th November
9th December

2019

13th January
27th January
10th February
24th February
10th March
24th March
14th April
28th April
12th May
26th May
9th June
23rd June

Dates for the Fast Fading Year

- Close of Council Nominations: Sunday, 4th November: 12.00 noon
- Newcomers Lunch: Sunday, 4th November: After Worship
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 5th November: 2.00 pm
- Day of Prayer: Thursday, 8th November: 8.00 am to 6.00 pm
- Wedding: Saturday, 10th November
- Remembrance Day: Sunday, 11th November
- Remembrance Day Concert: Sunday, 11th November: 2.00 pm
- Elders and Pastoral Carers Meeting: Tuesday, 13th November: 7.00 pm
- Presbytery and Synod Meeting: 15th to 17th November
- M&WW Sausage Sizzle: Sunday, 18th November: After Worship
- Church Council: Tuesday, 20th November: 7.00 pm
- Church Council Elections: Sunday, 25th November: After Worship
- Craft Group Break-Up: Tuesday, 27th November: 12.00 noon
- Working Bee: Saturday, 1st December: 8.00 am
- Wedding: Saturday, 8th December
- Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 6th December: 12.30 pm
- Day of Prayer: Thursday, 13th December: 8.00 am to 6.00 pm
- Carols Service: Wednesday, 19th December

Today's Hymns and Songs

Come as you are (Together in Song 693)

As the deer panteth for the water (Together in Song 703)

Shout to the Lord (Together in Song 738)

In Christ alone (Songs of Fellowship 1346)

Across the lands (Getty Hymn Book)

Be known to us (Together in Song 514)

We have a Gospel to proclaim (Together in Song 245)

May the feet of God walk with you (Together in Song 779)

Election of 2019 Church Council

The election of Elders and Councillors for the year 2019 will be held immediately following morning worship on Sunday, **25th November, 2018.**

The meeting will be solely for the purpose of electing Church Council members for 2019. The AGM will be held early in 2019, when reports will be received.

The sequence of events will be as follows:

- **21-10-2018 Nomination forms available.** These forms will contain the names of Elders and Councillors who are willing to accept re-nomination as well as provision for new nominations.
- **4-11-2018 Nominations close at 12.00 noon.**
- **11-11-2018 Names of nominees published in the Golden Grove Gazette.**
- **25-11-2018 Election of Elders and Church Councillors.**

Please note: in conformity with Uniting Church regulations, **only Full Members and Members- in-Association may nominate, be nominated and vote.**

Proxy Voting is not permitted. A member must be present in order to vote. A list of those eligible to vote will be issued before the election. Please inform me of any inaccuracies immediately. If you are not sure of your voting status, please check with me.

The new Church Council will take office on **1st January, 2019.**

Please see me if you require any further information.

John Wheatcroft (Council Chairperson)

Programme for Evening Services

Leader: Jonathan: Each Week

Communion Service: Week 1 Café Service: Weeks 2 and 4



Philippines Child Education Scheme: Latest News from Gordon

Pat and Ceri are now supporting Edgar Curaza, Von and Geoff are the new supporters of Harold Garcines, and Joan and Bill are supporting Joan Curaza, as their previous child has left Luciano's district.

We now have 22 sponsors, supporting 26 children! Well done, and thank you, Golden Grove Uniting Church.



A Tribute to Cissie Campbell, Norrie's Grandmother

Earlier this year, Norrie's grandmother, Cissie, died at the age of 103. This is part of the tribute paid to her at her funeral. "As Cissie, by her selflessness over many years, provided for the various needs of all types and classes of people, so she herself found great spiritual friendship and comfort in the church family in Carlisle Road Presbyterian Church throughout her whole life. But, above all, she found the best friend anyone could have was Jesus Christ, when she was led to give her life to Him through the preaching of the Reverend John Girvan. Her faith in the Saviour can be summed up in two of her favourite hymns, which we are singing here at this service today, *When I survey the Wondrous Cross* and *Rock of Ages, cleft for me.*"