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Maintenance Programme

Reminder that you will find the blue envelopes on the table at the back of the church and in the hall, if you would like to contribute towards the ongoing cost of maintaining our church.

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.

** Payments can now be made by EFTPOS on Sunday.

Today

Leader— Jonathan (am & pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Chris De Brenne

Welcome— Lucinda

Manager— John

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Rykhardt & Ruan (am) , Ralph (am & pm)

Editing— Rykhardt (audio)

Morning Tea— Chris D and Katherine

Next Week

Leader— James

Preacher— James

Reader— Sue

Welcome— Rykhardt

Manager— Neil

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Lucinda, Rykhardt,

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— Bob and Faye

The Weekly Word

Sunday 10th November 2024



Golden Grove Uniting Church Mission Statement

We are a Gospel-driven, connected, generous church family, mission-minded and outwardly focused.

Today

Preacher—Jonathan

Reader— Chris De Brenne

Theme –Genesis: Lord of the Storm Reading: Genesis 6:5-13, 7:17-18

The Left, the Right, ...& the Heights

"... remember the heights from which you have fallen," [Rev 2:5]

The USA have just held their Presidential elections (in case you missed it!). In the lead up to the election a lot was said about the political Left and the political Right, and about how good or bad "the other side" is. The name of God was also invoked on both sides.

Yet God says, "...my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,.... As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Is 55:8,9)

There will be points where God's truth agrees with the political Left, and others where it agrees with the political Right. But there will equally be points where God's truth disagrees with Left, and others where it disagrees with the Right. God's truth stands above both, may inform them, and pass judgement on their falsehoods.

God calls us to listen above all to *His Word*, and therefore have our thinking and actions shaped primarily by *His truth*. This will enable us to see the truth and falsehood in all human thinking and actions, and know what to support, what to stand apart from, and what to oppose.

May the will of God, our good, good Father, be done in the USA, on planet earth, and in Australia, as in heaven!

Grace and cheers, Jonathan.



A prayer for you on your birthday:
May God bless you and grant you
long life, prosperity, and happiness
for all your days!



Community Breakfast

Date : 23rd November **Cost :** \$10 per head
Time : 8:30 for 9:00 am

Venue : Golden Grove Uniting Church Hall

Guest Speaker —Karen Norman, a missionary nurse working with orphans and disabled children in China for over 20 years.

Please RSVP by 16th August: David Mapp 0448 755 806

"Property Committee"



Our Property Committee, Neil Larcombe, Tim Checkley and John Wheatcroft, would like to hear from you if you can see anything that you feel needs fixing or replacing in and around the Church.

Thank you to members of the congregation who very kindly bring food on a Communion Sunday. With your support, this outreach programme has supplied food into Hutt Street to feed the homeless, families in the Community, and also families who are victims of domestic violence.



Now that it is getting close to Christmas, we will be putting the box out every Sunday collecting food up until Christmas. Last year we made 16 bags with food collected that went to people in need. We tried to put lollies, chocolate biscuits or a very small toys in them as treats for the children.
Thank you once again for your support of this outreach programme.

Advent Friend

Yes, it's that time of year again and the Advent Friend is back by popular demand. With many people struggling it can be a time to give someone a lift and focus on Advent. This is open for all men, women, youth and children of the congregation.

What does it mean?

For four weeks during Advent, if you participate, you will be given a name of a member of the congregation (you keep it a secret until the last Sunday in Advent) Each week it is suggested that you buy, make, or send a little note relating to the theme for the Sunday, e.g. HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE.

Also someone will be given your name and they will do something for you

When does Advent begin

Sunday 1st December, then for a further three weeks
8th December, 15th December, 22nd December

How can I participate?

Write your name on the sheet in the hall or email me halesy45@hotmail.com, mobile 0417865543 by **Sunday 17th November**. Then on **Sunday 24th November** you will be given your secret Advent Friend's name.

What do we do at the end of Advent?

On **Sunday 22nd December**, when you give your final gift, note etc you will write your name on it so the person knows who it is from.

Looking forward to many of you joining in and please contact me if you require more information.



Sandy Walker



Important Dates

Youth 3:16 **Friday 15h November - Movie and GYG *5:30 pm***

Pastoral Carer's Meeting **Tuesday 12th November** 7:00 pm

Church Council Meeting **Tuesday 19th November** 7:00pm

Community Breakfast **Saturday 23rd November** 8:30 for 9:00 am

Women's Breakfast **Saturday 7th December** 9:00 am

Church Council Elections, 2025

Notice is hereby given that a congregational meeting will be convened immediately following morning worship on **Sunday 8 December, 2024** to elect councillors and elders for the year commencing 1 January, 2025.

Nomination forms can be obtained from **today** from Cath McKechnie or myself, and need to be lodged by **12 noon, Sunday 24 November** (a fortnight from today).

Prospective nominees are asked to speak with Rev Jonathan regarding expectations and responsibilities of Church Council membership.

The names of those standing for election/re-election will be published in *The Weekly Word* the following **Sunday, 1 December**.

In conformity with UCA regulations,

only confirmed members and members-in-association may nominate, be nominated, and vote. A list of those eligible will be made available prior to the election; (If in doubt, check with Cath.)

nominees are required to stipulate on their Nomination Form a term of between 1 and 5 years for which they are seeking election;

proxy voting is not permitted; you must be personally present at the meeting to vote.



Andrew MacTier, Congregational Chair

Fire Drill.

One Sunday morning during November the Church we be doing a Fire Drill. This will take place during the service where we need you to get outside the Church as quickly as possible. The people at the front and up to the middle will leave via the door into the hall and quickly assemble in the car park and the people from the middle to the back of the church will assemble outside. The Fire Wardens will do a quick count to make sure everyone is accounted for and will then lead you back into the Church.

