

There are still some copies available of Robert Iles' two books launched in October this year, "Kierkegaard and The Church Today" and "The Life and Writings Of George Robert Iles". They are available for \$10 a copy and would make a wonderful Christmas gift. Please speak with Owen if interested.



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### 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— Marion

Welcome— Cath

Manager— Neil

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Ruan, Lucinda (am) & James and Ralph (pm)

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— Peter and Yvonne

### Next Week

Leader— Kathryn

Preacher— James

Reader— Owen

Welcome— Faye

Manager— John

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Ruan, Rykhardt,

Editing— Rykhardt (video)

Morning Tea— Bob and Faye

## The Weekly Word

Sunday 8th December 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— Marion

Theme –Ready for anything

Reading: Luke 3: 1-6

### **Advent**

Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of – throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself.

C.S. Lewis



### Blue Christmas Service

A blue Christmas Service will be held next Sunday, 15th December, at the church at 6:00 pm for those who find this time of the year difficult. Come and share this time with others who understand these emotions.



### Church Council and Elders Election

**Reminder** that voting will be held to elect new Church Council Members and Elders straight after the service **this morning**. Only congregation members and associate members are able to take part in voting.



### Church Council and Gospel Mission

Our Church Council meet monthly to work on leading us in our Gospel Mission. If you would like to receive a copy of the confirmed minutes, just request them through Cath McKechnie. (Administrator: [Catherine.McKechnie@bigpond.com](mailto:Catherine.McKechnie@bigpond.com))

### Old Church Pews

We have now sold a total of 12 of our old church pews. If anyone in the Church Family would still like to buy one, please let me know, as we now have them advertised for sale on Market Place.



### Share the Good News!

There are a supply of excellent, free Christmas tracts and brochures you are encouraged to take and share with family, friends, shop assistants—anyone this Christmas season! Take a heap!

We have good news of the birth of Jesus to share!



## Advent Word Search

W	E	G	T	H	M	K	I	C	X	J	Q
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A	Y	A	D	V	I	M	P	D	H	O	P
R	J	O	S	E	P	H	E	L	O	V	E
Y	E	B	A	N	C	O	A	E	O	G	A
P	S	X	G	T	H	P	C	S	P	K	C
Z	U	G	M	L	O	E	Z	E	A	Y	E
Y	S	Q	P	U	R	P	L	E	X	R	A

### Words to Find

Words can be found left to right and up and down.

- Advent
- Wreath
- Candles
- Purple
- Hope
- Peace
- Joy
- Love
- Mary
- Joseph
- Jesus



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A reminder that the food donation box is out every Sunday up until Christmas to create hampers for those in need ,



### Important Dates

Youth 3:16 **Friday 13th December - Friendsmas** 6:15 pm

Advent Friend **Sunday 15th December (Joy)**

Blue Christmas **Sunday 15th December 6:00pm**

Advent Friend **Sunday 22nd December (Love)**

Christmas Eve Carols **Tuesday 24th December**

Christmas Day Service **Wednesday 25th December 9:00 am**

Max Reed

Max Reed's Funeral Service will be held on **Saturday 14th December, at Golden Grove Uniting Church** at 11:00 am. As is our custom, could members of the congregation attending, please bring a plate to share for a "cuppa" after the service. The Funeral will be live streamed, as per details below.

We invite you to view the live streaming event for

## The Funeral Service for Max Reed



The live stream for this event is scheduled to begin on:  
**Saturday, December 14th 2024 at 10:45 AM (Australia/ Adelaide)**

This is a public event, no PIN is required

**Simplicity Funerals**

Congratulations Caroline!



It's been a big year for our girl, Caroline. She has turned 18, graduated High School, attended her School Formal and won an award for diligence in AFI for her school level. She has also started her first full time job, working three days a week.



We are so proud of you, Caroline!

May God continue to bless you in all that you do.

