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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— Neil

Preacher— TBA

Reader— Alison

Welcome— Andrew

Manager— John

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Ruan, Rykhardt

Editing— Rykhardt (audio)

Morning Tea— Peter and Yvonne

### Next Week

Leader— Kathryn

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Barrie

Welcome— Bob

Manager— Neil

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Ralph, Tim, James,

Editing— Rykhardt (video)

Morning Tea— Ken and Owen

## The Weekly Word

Sunday 5th January 2025



### Golden Grove Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

### Today

Preacher—TBA

Reader— Alison

Theme –The Beautiful God

Reading: Psalm 27

### God's Great Gifts

Why did he do it? A shack would have sufficed, but he gave us a mansion. Did he have to give the bird's a song and the mountains a peak? Was he required to put stripes on the zebra and the hump on the camel? .... Why wrap creation in such splendour? Why go to so much trouble to give such gifts?

Why do you? You do the same. I've seen you staking the malls and walking the aisles. I'm not talking about the obligatory gifts....I'm talking about the extra-special person and that extra-special gift.... Why do you do it?...You do it so the heart will stop. You do it so the jaw will drop. You do it to hear those words of disbelief, "You did this for **me**?"

That's why you do it. And that is why God did it. Next time a sunrise steals your breath away or a meadow of flowers leaves you speechless, remain that way. Say nothing and listen as heaven whispers, "Do you like it? I did it just for you."



Max Lucado

"The Great House Of God"

Café Church is on a break but will return on January 26th 2025.



Mission and Wider Works

Yet again, a big thank you to the members of the congregation for your amazing support in raising money for **Mission and Wider Work**. The money raised in 2024 went to the following:

The Philippines Sponsorship child— \$360

The Smith Family— \$304:50

The Bible College (supplying books to Library)— \$304:50

New Hope Mission Uganda— \$304:50

Thank you all once again from the Mission and Wider Work Committee



Jonathan will be on annual leave from December 28th— January 8th and then from January 28th—February 3rd 2025.



Important Dates 2025

Youth 3:16 **HOLIDAY BREAK**

Monday 20th January **Service at Estia Nursing Home** 2:00pm

Sunday 26th January **Australia Day**

\* All reports to be complete by conveners ready for the AGM\*

Monday 27th January **Public Holiday for Australia Day**

Tuesday 28th January **Beginning of the school year -Term 1**

Saturday 1st February **Working Bee**

Thursday 6th February **Women's Fellowship** 1:00pm

Saturday March 1st **Community Breakfast** 8:30am

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Countdown  
Confetti  
Midnight  
Balloons

Celebration  
Fireworks  
January  
Happy



New Year  
Clock  
Cheers  
Goals

Party Poppers  
Noisemaker  
Resolution  
Sparklers



On Saturday morning 11<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am we will be taking down the Christmas Decorations. If you would like to, and have the time to help, we would love to see you there.

