

### 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 Leader 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

25th December, 2022

#### Next Week's Roster

1st January, 2023

Preacher:	<b>Jonathan</b>
Leader (am)	<b>Jonathan</b>
Leader (pm)	*****
Welcome:	*****
Manager:	<b>Neil</b>
Reader:	<b>TBA</b>
Musician:	<b>Heather</b>
Kidz Connect:	<b>Tina</b>
Morning Tea:	*****
Audio Desk (am)	<b>Ruan</b>
Audio Desk (pm):	*****
Camera :	<b>Lucinda</b>
Computer (am):	<b>Rykhardt</b>
Computer (pm):	*****
AV Editing	<b>Rykhardt</b>

Preacher:	<b>Gordon</b>
Leader (am):	<b>James</b>
Leader (pm):	*****
Welcome:	<b>Andrew</b>
Manager:	<b>John</b>
Reader:	<b>Joy B.</b>
Musician:	<b>Heather</b>
Kidz Connect:	<b>Tina</b>
Morning Tea:	<b>Ailsa &amp; Alison</b>
Audio Desk (am):	<b>Ruan</b>
Audio Desk (pm):	*****
Camera :	<b>Lucinda</b>
Computer (am):	<b>Rykhardt</b>
Computer (pm):	*****
AV Editing	<b>Rykhardt</b>

### Men's Breakfast

Café de Grove at Garden Grove

9.00 am

Tuesday, 27th December, 3rd January and 10th January

*(Trevor William Walker)*

## Golden Grove Gazette

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[www.goldengroveuniting.org.au](http://www.goldengroveuniting.org.au)

Sunday, 25th December, 2022

Christmas Day

Preacher:: Reverend Jonathan

Theme: How to Overcome Fear

Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 1-20

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ  
and nurture them through our church



### Good or Best

Many good things are said about Christmas. For example: "Christmas is a family time", or "it is better to give than to receive", or "Christmas is a time to remember the disadvantaged", or "Merry Christmas! And a happy new year!"

These are all good sentiments, and there is nothing wrong with any of them. But none of them say the unique thing - the best thing - that needs to be said about the birth of the Son of God as the baby of Mary of Nazareth.

The truly special thing that must be said about Christmas is that *Christ was born to be the Saviour of the world* (Mt 1:21). This means that He *saves us from* all our human brokenness and fear, and from the ultimate loss that stands behind them – i.e., our sin, death and hell. It also means that He *saves us into* wholeness, true relationships, abundant life, and hope that transforms our life and world now, and will be eternal.

You can't get any bigger or better than that!

At this time, dare to offer not just good sentiments *but the best news about Christmas* to family, friends and strangers.

*Grace and life, Jonathan*



## Prayer for Peace in Ukraine and Europe during Christmas time

*God of peace,*

*We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all who are caught up in violence and war,  
for all those suffering and afraid,  
that you will protect them and strengthen them.*

*We pray for world leaders,  
for wisdom, integrity and compassion,  
that you will guide their feet in the way of justice and reconciliation.*

*We pray for church leaders,  
for discernment, determination and courage,  
that they may speak words of truth and righteousness.*

*We pray for the people of Russia,  
for all those who plead for an end to violence and conflict,  
for all those who are persecuted for speaking against aggression,  
that you will console, support and guard them.*

*We ask for comfort for those who mourn,  
hope for those who despair,  
forgiveness for those who commit violence,  
and mercy for all who suffer.*

*In the name of Jesus Christ, our Prince of Peace.*

*Amen.*

H.Em. Card. Jean-Claude Hollerich SJ  
Archbishop of Luxembourg  
President of COMECE

Rev. Christian Krieger  
President of the Protestant Federation of France  
President of CEC



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- Christmas Day Service: Sunday, 25th December: 9.00 am
- Men's Breakfast: Tuesday, 27th December: 9.00 am: Café de Grove
- Jonathan's Annual Leave: 27th December to 10th January, 2023
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 29th December: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 1st January: 10.00 am
- Men's Breakfast: Tuesday, 3rd January: 9.00 am: Café de Grove
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 5th January: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Working Bee: Saturday, 7th January: 8.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 8th January: 10.00 am
- Men's Breakfast: Tuesday, 10th January: 9.00 am: Café de Grove
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 12th January: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 15th January: 10.00 am
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