

*From Our Pastor: Jonathan Button*

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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

7th January, 2024

Next Week's Roster

14h January, 2024

Preacher:	<b>James</b>
Leader (am):	<b>Rykhardt</b>
Leader (pm):	*****
Welcome:	<b>Andrew</b>
Manager:	<b>John</b>
Reader:	<b>Barrie</b>
Musician:	<b>Brunetta</b>
Morning Tea:	<b>Joy &amp; Tina</b>
Audio Desk (am):	<b>Ruan</b>
Audio Desk (pm):	*****
Camera :	<b>John</b>
Computer (am):	<b>Lucinda</b>
Computer (pm):	*****
AV Editing:	<b>Rykhardt</b>

Preacher:	<b>James</b>
Leader (am):	<b>Kathryn</b>
Leader (pm):	*****
Welcome:	<b>Bob</b>
Manager:	<b>Neil</b>
Reader:	<b>Bob</b>
Musician:	<b>Brunetta</b>
Morning Tea:	<b>Peter &amp; Yvonne</b>
Audio Desk (am):	<b>Ralph</b>
Audio Desk (pm):	*****
Camera :	<b>Tim</b>
Computer (am):	*****
Computer (pm):	<b>Rykhardt</b>
AV Editing:	<b>Rykhardt</b>

# Golden Grove Gazette

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

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Sunday, 7th January, 2024

Epiphany Sunday

Preacher:: **Dr James Ross-Naylor**

Theme: **Wise Men Still Seek Him**

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 2: 1-12**



Mission Statement: We are a Gospel-driven, connected, generous church family, mission-minded and outwardly focussed.



## Pied Beauty

BY GERARD MANLEY HOPKINS

Glory be to God for dappled things –  
 For skies of couple-colour as a brindled cow;  
 For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;  
 Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;  
 Landscape plotted and pieced – fold, fallow, and plough;  
 And áll trádes, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;  
 Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)  
 With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;  
 He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:  
 Praise him.

## God's Grandeur

Gerard Manley Hopkins 1844 – 1889

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.  
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;  
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil  
Crushed. Why do men then now not reckon his rod?  
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;  
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;  
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil  
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;  
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;  
And though the last lights off the black West went  
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs--  
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent  
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

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### A Giving and Generous Church

We would like to show our deep appreciation to you, the GGUC congregation, for your abiding generosity throughout 2023. For your regular Sunday provisions for the needy in our community we are deeply indebted. You have given wonderful support to the Christmas hampers (sixteen hampers in total), the contents of which were considerably enhanced by our dear friends and neighbours at Estia. You have also been generous with your weekly offerings and your donations to the painting fund. And, you have devoted an inordinate amount of time and energy to the well-being of our much loved place of worship. May God continue to bless our church family.

## JANUARY JOINS US WITH JOY

- Epiphany: Saturday, 6th January
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 7th January: 10.00 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 11th January: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 14th January: 10.00 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 18th January: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 21st January: 10.00 am
- Jonathan's Return to Duty: Monday, 22nd January
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 25th January: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Australia / Survival Day: Friday, 26th January
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 28th January: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 28th January: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- KYB Conference: Monday, 29th January
- Commencement of Term One: Monday, 29th January
- Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, 30th January: 7.00 pm

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### The Three Magi



Tradition has it that the magi, Balthazar, Casper and Melchior, visited Mary and the baby Jesus and presented them with three gifts: frankincense (a hardened resin from the trunk of a *Bowellia* tree), gold, and myrrh (a sap-like resin from the bark of a *Commiphoria* tree). Today we shall have the opportunity to join in singing “We Three Kings of Orient Are” (composed by John H Hopkins in 1857).