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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— James

Preacher— James

Reader— Sue

Welcome— Rykhardt

Manager— Neil

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Lucinda, Rykhardt,

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— Bob and Faye

Next Week

Leader— Kathryn (am & pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Joy B

Welcome— Lila

Manager— Ray

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— James and Ralph
(am & pm)

Editing— Jonathan (audio)

Morning Tea— Trevor and Sandy

The Weekly Word

Sunday 17th November 2024



Golden Grove Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

Today

Preacher—James

Reader— Joy B

Theme –Genesis: Lord of the Earth

Reading: Genesis 9: 1-17

God In the Trenches

Journalist Mark Day writes of the war-time songs sung by Australian soldiers, mentioning such songs as *The Mademoiselle from Armentieres*, *Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag*, *Wish Me Luck as You Wave Me Goodbye*, *Kiss Me Goodnight*, *Sergeant Major*. He says that "While the tunes linger in the mind, the lyrics remind us of the times: they are cheery and upbeat, trying to make the best of a bad situation... They also reflect an attitude of 'we're all in this together'."

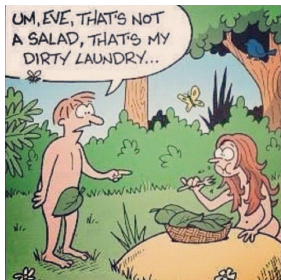
Martin Luther translated Job 7:1 as "life for man is warfare"! The Son of God, Jesus Christ, was born as one of us - our brother; He lived our life, suffered our pain, and died our death. God was saying to us, in life and its warfare, "we're all in this together"!

Someone once said, "Jesus stepped right down into the frontline trenches". This was the greatest act of solidarity, self-sacrifice, and love, to pay for the sins of all people, and win for us salvation and fulness of life. The forgiveness and peace that this achieved between God and humanity, also contains the promise and hope of peace between all people.

This week (November 11th) we remembered and gave thanks for all Australian servicemen and women who fought for our country in wartime, and for those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We also give thanks to the God who was in it all with them, for them - the same God who is with and for us always.

Therefore, we also may be - and need to be - *for Him!*

Grace and peace, Jonathan.



Hope Ministry Philippines Children's Fund

Due to recent developments in the Philippines, we have been advised by Luciano to temporarily halt the sending of any Sponsorship funds until further notice. We are actively working together to resolve this matter, and as a result, we do not intend to put out the *Philippine Jars* until we receive further instructions from Luciano to resume doing so.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this time and will keep you updated on any progress.



Trevor & Sandy Walker

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 17th November: David Mapp 0448 755 806

A reminder that we will be putting the food donation box out every Sunday up until Christmas to create hampers for those in need at Christmas. We are hoping 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 22nd November - Water Balloon War** 6:15 pm

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

Church Council Meeting **Tuesday 26th November** 7:00pm

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.

Our fire drill will take place on Sunday morning, 24th of November during the service. We will 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.



A Poem for Remembrance Day

"The inquisitive mind of a child"



Why are they selling poppies, Mummy?
Selling poppies in town today.
The poppies, child, are flowers of love.
For the men who marched away.

But why have they chosen a poppy, Mummy?
Why not a beautiful rose?

Because my child, men fought and died
In the fields where the poppies grow.

But why are the poppies so red, Mummy?



Why are the poppies so red?

Red is the colour of blood, my child.
The blood that our soldiers shed.

The heart of the poppy is black, Mummy.

Why does it have to be black?

Black, my child, is the symbol of grief.
For the men who never came back.

But why, Mummy are you crying so?

Your tears are giving you pain.

My tears are my fears for you my child.

For the world is forgetting again.



(Author Unknown)

(<http://www.anzacday.org.au/anzacservices/poetry/inquisitive.htm>)



Lest we forget

