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Jonathan will be on annual from January 28th—February 3rd



Café Church is back next Sunday — January 26th 2025.



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

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Sue

Welcome— Cath

Manager— Ray

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Ruan, Rykhardt

Editing— Jonathan (audio)

Morning Tea— Trevor and Sandy

Next Week

Leader— Rykhardt (am),
Jonathan (pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Andrew

Welcome— Faye

Manager— John

Musician – Brunetta

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

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— Joy and Sue

The Weekly Word

Sunday 19th January 2025



Golden Grove Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

Today

Preacher—Jonathan

Reader— Sue

Theme –The wedding at Cana

Reading: John 2 :1-11

Jesus is Getting Married!

The first miracle Jesus performs is to keep a party going. It is a wedding in Cana. The wine is about to run out. In that culture wine was a symbol of joy; running out would be a cultural catastrophe for a wedding celebration. Jesus miraculously saves the day by turning water into barrels full of the very best quality wine!

Did Jesus just like doing show-stopper party tricks?

No, He was thinking about His own wedding day. "*But Jesus doesn't get married!*" Yes, He does! Jesus and His friends were once picked on for having too much fun, and not mournfully fasting and praying. Jesus answered, "how can the wedding guests fast when the Bridegroom is still with them?" (Mt 9:15)

Jesus is the Bridegroom, we, the people who love Him, are His Bride, and we are to be married to Him in the feast to end all feasts, that will last forever. We are the Woman He loves, and we have been made spotless for Him by His purifying, forgiving grace. Every human marriage is an image, a living parable, of this Great Eternal Marriage.

The miracle at Cana was a "sign" (Jn 2:11). It pointed to His whole purpose for coming into the world, suffering and dying (when the "wine" of His blood flowed), rising from the dead to eternal life, and promising to come again - i.e., to bring about the eternal marriage between Himself and the people who love Him.

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This means that our relationship with Jesus Christ should be deep, close, warm, passionate, faithful and joy filled. As an image of this, our marriages also should be deep, close, warm, passionate, faithful and joy filled. Are they? They can be.

Grace & blessing in Christ, Jonathan.

Could all conveners please have their completed reports to Cath by next Sunday 26th January to be compiled ready for the AGM.



The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

Psalm 28:7

Children's Ministry 2025

We are looking for enthusiastic people to assist with our children's ministry at Golden Grove Uniting for when children attend once the school term recommences. There are 'one off' activities in the Kids Connect cupboard to begin with. All resources supplied!

There are, understandably, strict guidelines when working with children:

There must always be two adults in the room, even if there is only one child.

Each adult must also have a "Working with Children" certificate which includes a Police Check. We are asking for volunteers who may already have their "Working with Children Check" or are prepared to apply for one, to help out on a Sunday when children attend morning service.



If you would like to help out with this programme, or just want to know more, please let Tina Stokes, Kathryn Button or Chris Holroyd know of your interest. We hope to develop a team of volunteers.



Women's Fellowship will be meeting in the hall for the first time in 2025 on Thursday 6th February at 1:00pm. Bring some ideas of what you would like to do during the year.

Working Bee

Saturday 1st February 8: am



Just to let you know that the editor will be away for the next couple of weeks but will attempt to produce something for the Sundays she is away. Please be understanding if it doesn't have all the information or articles usually printed.



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