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



Café Church is back!



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— 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

Next Week

Leader— James

Preacher— James

Reader— Bob

Welcome— Lila

Manager— Neil

Musician — Brunetta

Technical Crew— Ruan, Rykhardt

Editing— Rykhardt (audio)

Morning Tea— Chris De Brenne and
Katherine

The Weekly Word

Sunday 26th 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— Andrew

Theme —The Year Of the Lord's Favour

Reading: Luke 4 :14-21

Australia Day

Australia Day creates pretty mixed feelings, especially because of its impact on Aboriginal people and the hurt caused by colonization. Having lived in Port Augusta and having many Aboriginal friends, I totally get where these feelings are coming from. Some reckon the day should be a mix of both mourning and celebration—recognizing the painful past, but also celebrating what we have achieved.

A lot of churches are trying to do just that by weaving together sadness and joy in their Australia Day services. John Dixon notes that this is a bit like how we do things on Anzac Day—remembering the horror of war, but also celebrating peace and what we've overcome. The Christian church is well suited to do this, because the Gospel doesn't shy away from recognizing mistakes and wrongdoing, but also brings the message of forgiveness and redemption through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

Australia day can be a time to reflect on both the tough and the good parts of our history, honouring both, and opening the door to healing our community. As Christians, we can help by pointing to the Gospel's message, which holds both pain and hope, showing a way to bring them together.

Grace in Christ, Jonathan



Youth 3:16 will resume on 7th February. A Summer BBQ and Pool Party.



Could all conveners please hand their completed reports to Cath today so they can be compiled ready for the AGM.



Women's Fellowship

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 is 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



Important Dates 2025

- 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
- Sunday 16th February Commission service of Elders and Church Council Members
- Tuesday 18th February Church council meeting 7:00 pm
- Saturday March 1st Community Breakfast 8:30am

Name: _____ Date: _____

Australian Animals



DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the animal names in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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- COCKATOO
- CROCODILE
- DINGO
- DUGONG
- ECHIDNA
- EMU
- FRILLED NECK LIZARD
- GIANT CLAM
- KANGAROO
- KOALA
- LITTLE PENGUIN
- NUMBAT
- PLATYPUS
- POSSUM
- QUOKKA
- QUOLL
- TASMANIAN DEVIL

- THORNY DEVIL
- WALLABY
- WALLAROO
- WOMBAT
- YABBY

