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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— Kathryn

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Chris De Brenne

Welcome— Lucinda

Manager— John

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Ruan, Rykhardt

Editing— Jonathan (audio)

Morning Tea— Faye and Bob

Next Week

Leader— Rykhardt (am) Jonathan (pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Joy B

Welcome— Rykhardt

Manager— Neil

Musician – Brunetta

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

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— Ken and Owen

The Weekly Word

Sunday 16th February 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— Chris De B

Theme –Blessing or Woe?

Reading: Luke 6: 17 - 26

I'm a Racist

I probably don't look racist. I've been very careful and trained myself over many years to not relate to people from other races differently than I do toward Anglos. But I still catch myself entertaining impulses and thoughts of bias against races other than my own.

I hope and trust that I'm a repentant racist. That is, that I am aware of and freely acknowledge my racism, confess it as a wrong, ask God and others to forgive it, and seek the Holy Spirit's help to overcome it. As this has happened, I have enjoyed more and richer relationships with many new friends from other races.

We see racism in people from every race. Racism is just one of the many sins that effect human beings. Paul simply said, "*all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*" (Romans 3:23). The Christian Gospel says that Jesus Christ has died and paid for all sins, justifying all who simply believe in Him.

It is likely that every human being on the face of the earth is racist to one degree or another. It would save us a lot of self-righteous anger and defensiveness to just accept that we are probably racist, believe that we are justified by Jesus Christ, and just get on with loving and being delighted by our every neighbour from every race.

Grace & peace in Christ, Jonathan.



Community Breakfast

Date : 1st March **Cost :** \$10 per head

Time : 8:30 for 9:00 am

Venue : Golden Grove Uniting Church Hall

Guest Speaker —Shouwn Oosting, member of The Crows Financial Risk Assessment Team, Board member of the South Australian Film Corporation, consultant, professional facilitator and over 25 years of experience in working in the State and Federal Public Sector. Passionate about reconciliation and improving outcomes for Australia's first Nations People.

Bookings essential.

Please RSVP by 27th February: David Mapp 0448 755 806

Mission at Golden Grove

Café Church combines a café setting, informal, contemporary worship, a conversational presentation of the Gospel and prayer with good coffee and food.

Some people find this style of worship suits them better. It is an environment where we can invite people with no church background, to share friendship, hear the Gospel, and begin to respond in faith.



The Church Council believes that it would be good to develop and grow Café Church to make it a weekly ministry. To do this we need a team of people willing to help with setup, technical assistance, catering, message input, and worship leading, etc. The plan is to have a good number of people who can be rostered to share the load around.

Café Church is an exciting mission project that will help more people come to know, experience and share the fullness of life that comes from faith in Jesus Christ.

If you would like to be a part of the team that helps make this happen, please let Jonathan (0467 683 333) or Cath (0448 509 934)

Fishers of Men

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mending
Andrew
Peter
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Disciples
Fishing
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James
John



Important Dates 2025

Youth 3:16 Friday 21st February **DIY pizza and Mario Kart** 6:15 pm

Sunday 16th February **Commission service of Elders and Church Council Members**

Monday 17th February **Church Council Meeting The Buttons'** 7:00

Saturday March 1st **Community Breakfast** 8:30am

Women's Fellowship **Thursday 6th March** 1:00pm

Women's Breakfast **Saturday 22nd March** 9:00 am