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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.

Women's Fellowship will be meeting in the hall on Thursday 1st May at 1:00pm. A speaker from Aged care will be our guest for the afternoon.



Today

Leader— Rykhardt(am), James(pm)

Preacher— James

Reader— Alison

Welcome— Faye

Manager— John

Musician – Sotiata

Technical Crew— Lucinda & Ruan
(am) Ralph (pm)

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— Ken & Owen

Next Week

Leader— Jonathan (am & pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Joy B

Welcome— Lucinda

Manager— Neil

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Lucinda &
Rykhardt (am) TBA (pm)

Editing— Rykhardt (audio)

Morning Tea— Peter & Yvonne

The Weekly Word

Sunday 27th April 2025



Golden Grove Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

Today

Preacher— James

Reader— Alison

Theme – The Living One

Reading: Rev. 1:4—18



You Can Get Out of The Grave

How would life be different if we knew that we could get out of the grave?

Think of that.... that following our present life and death, that we could be raised to life again, with our recognizable body, yet transformed with strength and made glorious beyond our dreams, never to sicken or die, but to live forever; that we will share that life with those we love, God our Father and all of His people, in the best possible community; and in a physical world - the same creation we love so much now, yet healed, made eternal, and gloriously enriched by heaven itself - creation "heavenized"!

That is what the Bible and Christian truth tell us that we are in for!

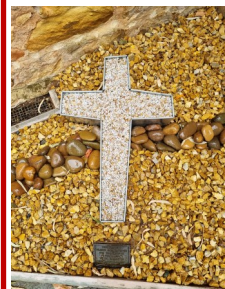
If God is leading us, humanity and the world to that goal, that has to fill our lives, relationships and work with the greatest meaning and purpose. That must enable us to face and go through every hardship, suffering and loss with a hope and joy that can never be destroyed. That has to prompt us to work for a positive future for all of our neighbours and the world.

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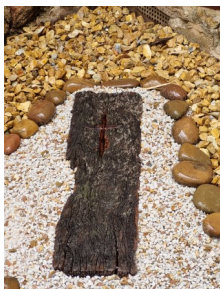
That must give us the assurance of full and eternal forgiveness, since Christ died and was raised to completely justify us by grace. That indeed has to enable us to face the deaths of others, and our own deaths, with the greatest hope!

The Word of God declares the truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead to eternal life, and the same kind of resurrection for all who believe in Him (just one example - 1 Corinthians, chapter 15). Hear that truth and believe it with all of your life!

Blessings, Jonathan.



A big thank you to Ashton McKechnie for the gift of the crosses that he made and placed artistically on either side of the church doors. They were a lovely Easter surprise. He Has Risen Indeed!



Help Us Protect Christian Education- Election Forum Tuesday, 29 April, 7pm. Tyndale Christian School- Salisbury East

Christian Schools Australia is hosting a series of Federal Election Forums in the lead-up to the election. Christian schools employ thousands of staff and educate countless young people, providing an environment where faith and values are honoured. To continue this important mission, schools need:

- The freedom to employ Christian staff (faith)
- Curriculum and programs free from harmful ideological agendas (flourishing)
- Government funding to keep schools accessible and affordable (funding)

These forums offer a chance for our wider Christian community to be visible and heard. We'll be inviting candidates from all major parties to discuss their positions on issues that directly affect Christian schools: **faith, flourishing, and funding**. These events are non-partisan —people won't be told how to vote — but they will be presented with key election commitments that are vital for the future of Christian education in Australia.

Please register by:

<https://www.csa.edu.au/electionforums>

Or show up at Tyndale Christian School on Tuesday night and register there. See Kathryn Button for further details.



As we know, Election Day is on Saturday May 3rd. As with every election, Golden Grove Uniting Church will be used as a polling Station. We will be tempting voters with a Sausage Sizzle as a fundraiser and will also have some stalls with various items for sale. Please come and support us.

Many thanks.



In Flanders' Fields

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.

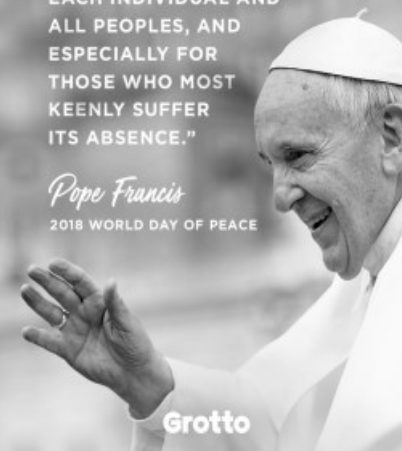
Major John McCrae, 1915



"PEACE, WHICH THE ANGELS PROCLAIMED TO THE SHEPHERDS ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT, IS A PROFOUND ASPIRATION FOR EVERYONE, FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL AND ALL PEOPLES, AND ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO MOST KEENLY SUFFER ITS ABSENCE."

Pope Francis

2018 WORLD DAY OF PEACE



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Important Dates 2025

<u>Women's Fellowship</u>	Thursday 1st May	1:00 pm
<u>Election BBQ & Stalls</u>	Saturday 3rd May	
<u>Pastoral Carer's Zoom Meeting</u>	Tuesday 6th May	7:00pm
<u>Youth 3:16</u>	Friday 9th May	Craft Night 6:15 pm
<u>Church Council Retreat</u>	Saturday 10th May	
<u>Women's Breakfast</u>	Saturday 17th May	8:30 am