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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.

Chris Short found these amusing but true adages she'd like to share.

"7 days without prayer makes one weak."

"Kneeling in church keeps you in good standing. "

Thanks, Chris.



Today

Leader— Kathryn (am) & James (pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Marion

Welcome— Rykhardt

Manager— John

Musician – Brunetta

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

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— David & Linda

Next Week

Leader— Rykhardt(am), James(pm)

Preacher— James

Reader— Owen

Welcome— Andrew

Manager— Neil

Musician – Brunetta

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

Editing— Rykhardt (audio)

Morning Tea— Chris De Brenne & Katherine McDonald

The Weekly Word

Sunday 18th May 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— Marion

Theme – A New Heaven and a New Earth

Reading: Rev. 21:1—6

All Things Bright & Beautiful... Forever!

Louis Armstrong sang, "It's a beautiful world". It's true, *it is*. Even in face of all the horror, injustice, pollution, disaster, evil and death! There is an irrepressible beauty that can still be seen following, and even in the midst of, all of these things.

God originally declared of His whole creation, "It is very good" (Gen 1:31). God bound Himself in love to His creation, so that ultimately, He would cleanse, heal, renew and make it glorious, forever (Ro 8:21-25) - "a new heaven and a new earth" (Rev 21:1; Is 66:22-23).

In the resurrection, in the new heaven and earth, we will have bodies, the same recognizable "us", but much, much better, greater and more glorious than our present bodies, in particular free of pain and sickness, and deathless. And we will walk on dirt and grass, in forests and mountains, sky above us, rain and sunshine falling on us, birds and beasts around us.

That is a kind of eternity that I can look forward to! It kicks the idea of eternity as a spirit in a non-physical heaven out of the park! This hope also makes us positive about our world and its future and motivates us to happily look after it as best as we can.



Grace upon grace, Jonathan.



40th Anniversary Ruby Wedding

Congratulations, Andrew and Sheila, on 40 years of marriage! May God bless you both and make your love ever stronger in the years ahead.



Estia Prayer Group

We have been holding a Thursday Morning Prayer Group at Estia Nursing Home from 9-10 am, in the small side-lounge. If you wish to attend, we can meet you at the entrance to direct you. Contact Ray Holroyd if you have any questions.



There will be a Service at Estia on Monday 19th May at 2:00 pm.



Women's Fellowship

A tentative booking has been made at the TAFE Regency Park for a two course lunch on Thursday 5th June at a cost of \$36.00. If interested, a list will be on the back hall table for you to put your names down. If you need a lift, you will need to be at the church for 11:15am ready to leave at 11:30, to be seated at TAFE for 12:15.

Working Bee

Saturday 7th June 8: am



Mission and Wider Works Lunch

On Sunday 1st June, the Mission and Wider Works committee are holding a Soup and Rolls lunch after the Service. If you would like to join us for great fellowship and a lovely meal, could you please write your name on the list at the back of the hall for catering purposes. The cost will be \$10 per person and all proceeds go to the charities we support throughout the year. We look forward to sharing lunch with you.



The New Jerusalem--Revelation 21:9-14, 22-27

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Mount of Olives	twelve tribes	twelve angels	New Jerusalem
Apostle John	Glory of God	twelve gates	white robes
Lamb of God	foundations	high walls	new heaven
new earth	apostles	shine	south
north	west	east	

Important Dates 2025

Youth 3:16 Friday 23rd May DIY Pizza and Mario Kart 6:15 pm
Mission and Wider Work Lunch Sunday 1st June
Women's Fellowship Thursday 5th June 1:00 pm
Working Bee Saturday 7th June
Church Council Meeting Tuesday 17th June 7:00 pm