

Contact Information

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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.

Café Church

6:00pm



A relaxed, contemporary service held every Sunday in the Church Hall. This week's team will be:

Leader: James **Technical Crew:** David **Topic:** Wisdom for Everyday Life

Today

Leader— Rykhardt(am)&James(pm)

Preacher— James

Reader— Owen Davis

Welcome— Ray

Manager— Neil

Musician – Brunetta

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

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— Faye & Bob

Communion Elders—Linda & Tim

Next Week

Leader— James(am & pm)

Preacher— James

Reader— Lucinda

Welcome— Rykhardt

Manager— John

Musician – o/heads

Technical Crew— Ruan, Rykhardt,
Tim (am) Ralph (pm)

Editing— Rykhardt (Video)

Morning Tea— Trevor & Sandy

The Weekly Word

Sunday 2nd November 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—Owen Davis

Theme – As We Forgive

Reading: Matt.18:21-35

Radical Love

It's very easy to be a 'hater' in today's world. A quick look this week at the top news articles showed everything from fiery political debates to feuds between celebrities to shocking alleged crimes. All this negativity then bleeds into daily life. If you went around on your average day carrying a tape recorder, you'd probably notice people spend far more time complaining, judging and lamenting than they do appreciating and loving.

What's the Christian response to this? We know all too well that we live in a broken and difficult world. The Bible tells us in no uncertain terms to expect trouble, and our experiences live up to that expectation. And yet we are called by God to a life of radical love, hope and joy, rejoicing in the fact of persecution (Matthew 5:12), shining a light for others to see (Matthew 5:16) and even loving those who hate us (Matthew 5:44). The ultimate expression of this radical love is forgiveness. There is nothing more difficult than choosing to love someone who has hurt us. It goes against our human instincts and all the 'wisdom' of the world. And yet we are told to forgive, time and time again, without counting (Matthew 18:22). Why? Because this is what God does for us! "Forgive us our debts," Jesus tells us to pray, "as we also have forgiven our debtors" (Matthew 6:12). When we forgive, we imitate and honour our heavenly Father, celebrating the fact that we ourselves have been forgiven and radically loved. Only by this can we show the world that love triumphs over hate.

James

Mission and Wider Work

On Sunday 16th November, after worship, we are holding a "Pot Luck Lunch" at a cost of \$10.00 per person. There is a list for you to add your name to, on the back hall table for catering purposes. All money collected goes to different charities, overseas and locally, so please add your name to the list. We look forward to seeing you there for a good time of fellowship.



We invite you to come and join us in the church hall for some fun and games on **Thursday 6th November** at 1:00 pm. Share some coffee, laughs and fellowship!

Special thoughts go out to all Year 12 students, especially our own Ruan Wilkinson, who will be spending the next few weeks studying for their end of year exams. Our prayers are with you.



Dear Congregation, thank you for your generosity this year! We were able to fill 31 Samaritan Christmas boxes with your individual gifts along with the 4 boxes already filled. They will bring great joy to many children. Not only that but a whopping \$385.00 was donated by our wonderful congregation, to help with the transportation of the boxes to their country of destination. Our boxes have now been safely delivered to the depot.



Prayer Focus



"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me."
Psalm 51:10-12

GGUC Rose Memorial Garden

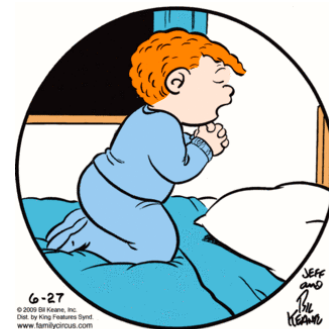
At its September meeting, the Church Council resolved that no additional rose plantings will take place after September 30th, 2025. The Rose Memorial Garden, established seventeen years ago, currently comprises approximately forty-five beautiful yellow Gold Bunny roses.

The gardens have now reached capacity.

However, rest assured that the maintenance and care for the existing roses will continue as usual.

Acting Chairperson

Trevor Walker on behalf of the GGUC Council



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"...forgive those who trespass against us. And leave us ninety-two temptations..."

A reminder that Church Elections will be held on November 16th following the Worship service. Nominations need to be in by today, November 2nd.



And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.

Mark 11:25
NKJV

'Awaken' Generate Presbytery Gathering November 8 2025

Register now for the next inspiring Generate Presbytery gathering on November 8 at Seeds Uniting Church, Aberfoyle Park. Workshops will help awaken God's future leaders, faith sharing, invitation, prayer and our heart for the community as well as for Alpha. Registrations close 2nd November.



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCkAc6XLPEn2zMrdSh09ftSZMQBC5cqdyD9SOB7VU50LFJdQ/viewform>

Help Needed!

Is there anyone in the congregation who would be able to store the church trailer for the month of December? Any questions or offers, please speak to Ray Holroyd.



I'll See You All Soon!

I'm about to take some way overdue Long Service Leave, starting Nov 1st, through to Jan 19th. Kathryn and I will be enjoying some time on holiday in the North Island of New Zealand, and around home and SA with family. I'll also no doubt let off a few fireworks.

I'm leaving you in the very capable hands of the Church Council, James, Cath and our Pastoral Care Team.

- James is increasing his time during this period and will be your main preacher.
- Pastoral needs and concerns can be attended to by contacting your pastoral carer (listed on the hall notice board), or Cath, James or a Church Council member.

They will be able to call on wider ministerial support where necessary.

I look forward to seeing you when I'm back on deck, to share God's exciting plans for us all at Golden Grove in 2026.

Grace & cheers, Jonathan



Advent Friend

Yes, it's that time of year again and even after 17 years, the Advent Friend is back by popular demand. With many people struggling, it can be a time to give someone a gift and help us to focus on Advent. This is open for all men, women, youth and children of the congregation.

What does it mean?

For four weeks during Advent, if you participate, you will be given a name of a member of the congregation (you keep it a secret until the last Sunday in Advent) Each week it is suggested that you buy, make, or send a little note relating to the theme for the Sunday, e.g. HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE.

Also someone will be given your name and they will do something for you.

When does Advent begin

Sunday, 30th November then for a further three weeks **7th December, 14th December, 21st December.**

How can I participate?

Write your name on the sheet in the hall or email me halesy45@hotmail.com, mobile 0417865543 by **Sunday 16th November**. Then on **Sunday 23rd November** you will be given your secret Advent Friend's name.

What do we do at the end of Advent?

On **Sunday 21st December**, when you give your final gift, note etc you will write your name on it so the person knows who it is from.



Looking forward to many of you joining in and please contact me if you require more information.



Sandy Walker

Important Dates 2025

<u>Youth 3:16</u>	Friday 7th November	Wacky Olympics	6:15 pm
<u>Women's Fellowship</u>	Thursday 6th November		1:00 pm
<u>Generate Presbytery Gathering</u>	Saturday 8th November		
<u>MWW Pot Luck Lunch</u>	Sunday 16th November		
<u>Estia Service</u>	Monday 17th November		2.00pm
<u>Church Council Meeting</u>	Tuesday 18th November		7:00pm
<u>Women's Breakfast</u>	Saturday 29th November		9:00am