

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:** Ralph **Topic:** Wisdom for Everyday Life

Today

Leader— James (am & pm)

Preacher— James

Reader— Lucinda

Welcome— Sue

Manager— John

Musician – o/heads

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

Editing— Rykhardt (Video)

Morning Tea— Trevor & Sandy

Next Week

Leader— Sue(am)&James(pm)

Preacher— James

Reader— Marion

Welcome— Rykhardt

Manager— Ray

Musician – Brunetta

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

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— Ken & Owen

The Weekly Word

Sunday 9th 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— Lucinda

Theme – Lead Us Not into Temptation

Reading: 1 Cor. 10: 1-14

Are You Tempted?

What qualifies as 'temptation' for you? Is it hitting the snooze button on your alarm yet again? One more biscuit from the jar? An attractive member of the opposite sex? It may be different for each of us, but temptation comes for everyone. Every day, every hour, sometimes every minute, we have choices to make between right and wrong, wise and unwise. And, if we're truly honest with ourselves, we very often don't choose well.

Temptation isn't a popular topic, especially in church. None of us want to talk about the things that tempt us: we feel ashamed and fear that people will judge us. However, temptation is not sin. Jesus Himself was tempted, most notably in the wilderness by the devil (Matthew 4:1-11), but also throughout His human life. He experienced hunger, anger, pain, fatigue and everything else we do. Far from watching our struggle with temptation at a distance, He jumped right into it with us.

Of course, when we are tempted, we fall all too easily, unlike Jesus who did not sin. But the good news is Jesus lived his perfect, sinless life not for Himself, but on our behalf. "God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21). When temptation overtakes us, we praise God who sees Jesus' pure holiness instead of our filthy sin. What a relief! What grace! What love!

James



This week in Prayer

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayers of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16

Please pray for the Yr 12 students who are now sitting their exams. Especially keep Ruan and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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.



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.



Lead us not into temptation' often means, among other things, 'Deny me those gratifying invitations, those highly interesting contacts, that participation in the brilliant movements of our age, which I so often, at such risk, desire.'

-C.S. Lewis

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 lift 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

Youth 3:16 **Friday 14th November** **Nature Hike** 6:15 pm

MWW Pot Luck Lunch **Sunday 16th November**

Estia Service **Monday 17th November** 2.00pm

Church Council Meeting **Tuesday 18th November** 7:00pm

Women's Breakfast **Saturday 29th November** 9:00am

Golden Grove Uniting Church Council Elections for 2026

The election for Elders and Councillors for the year 2026 will be held immediately following morning worship next Sunday, 16 November. The meeting will be solely for the purpose of electing Church Council for 2026. (The AGM will be held early in 2026, when reports will be received.)

Those renominating will have an (*) against their names on the ballot paper:

ELDER:

Julia Delen
Andrew MacTier (*)
Sue Rhodes
Sandy Walker (*)

CHURCH COUNCILLOR:

Chris Holroyd (*)
Sheila MacTier (*)
Katherine McDonald (*)
Trevor Walker (*)

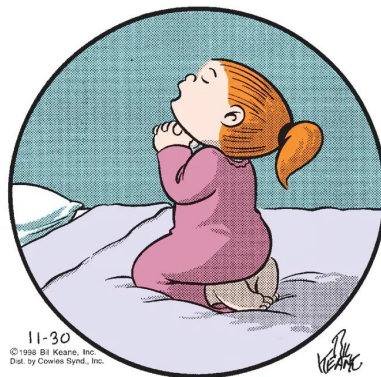
Proxy voting is not permitted; members must be present in order to vote. Only full members and members-in-association may vote.



The new Church Council will take office on 1 January, 2026

Temptation

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but deliver us from e-mail..."

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fasting	worship	spirit	hungry
angels	stones	temple	devil
bread	test	bow	