

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:** Building Legacies

Today

Leader— James (am & pm)

Preacher— Rev. David Kowalick

Reader— Peter

Welcome— Andrew

Manager— Neil

Musicians – Brunetta & Ken

Technical Crew— Lucinda, Rykhardt,
(am) Ralph (pm)

Editing— Rykhardt (Video)

Morning Tea— David & Linda

Next Week

Leader— Kathryn(am)&James(pm)

Preacher— James

Reader— Ailsa

Welcome— Cath

Manager— John

Musicians— Brunetta & Ken

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

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— Ailsa and Tina

The Weekly Word

Sunday 23rd November 2025



Golden Grove Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

Today

Preacher— Rev David Kowalick

Reader— Peter

Theme – Christ Is King

Reading: Luke 23:33-43, Coll 11:11-20

Satan's Deadliest Trick

"So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth!"
Revelations 3:16 ESV

He's a deadly snake. Satan's snake. Be on your guard. He strikes with abandon. The old, the rich, the poor, the young—all are his prey. Who is this snake? Greed? Lust? Egotism? No. I'm unmasking the vilest of hell's vipers—complacency. **We're complacent to hope.** Many people settle for a stale, vanilla lifestyle that peaks at age seventeen. Hope? What's to hope for? Life is a pay check and a weekend. Nothing more.

We're complacent to death. Masked faces at a funeral endure the procession; weep at the burial; and then, a few hours later, giggle at the television comic.

We're complacent to God. Churchgoers pack the pews and sing to the back of someone's head. Fellowship is lost in formality. One, two, three times a week people pay their dues, endure a ritual, and walk out.

We're complacent to purpose. Never asking "Why am I here?" or, worse yet, asking why and being content with no answer.

Sometimes I want to stand at the corner of the street and yell, "Doesn't anyone want to know why? Why lonely evenings?, Why broken hearts? Why fatherless babies?" But I never yell it. I just stick my hands in my pockets and stareand wonder. The most deadly trick of Satan is not to rob us of answers. It's to steal our questions.

Max Lucado



This week in Prayer

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Women's Breakfast



We will be having a Christmas Themed, Women's Breakfast at **Milk and Honey** on **Saturday November 29th** at **9:00 am**. Wear your best Christmas outfits We will also partake in a collaborative Christmas activity. Look forward to seeing you all there. Please contact Chris Holroyd if you would like to attend.

GGUC Council Elections for 2026

Last Sunday's elections resulted in the following Church Council membership for 2026:

Councillors	Elders
Chris Holroyd	Tim Checkley
Coral Larcombe	Julia Delen
Neil Larcombe	Andrew MacTier
David Mapp	Linda Mapp
Trevor Walker	Sue Rhodes
	Sandy Walker



Jonathan Button, James Ross-Naylor and Cath McKechnie are permanent members of Church Council.

Candidates for re-election, Sheila MacTier and Katherine McDonald were unsuccessful, and Ralph Walcott did not stand for re-election.

Golden Grove UCA congregation thanks Sheila, Kath and Ralph for their dedicated and valuable work in Church Council over the last two years.

Andrew MacTier, Congregational Chair

Women's Fellowship

The Bridgeway hotel has been booked for this year's Women's Fellowship Christmas Lunch. If you would like to attend this function, could you please add your name to the list on the back table. Could you also write down if you require a lift there. To add to the fun, we ask that you bring a small gift to the value of \$5 for a Kris Kringle activity.



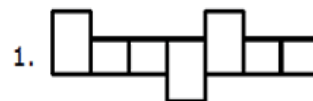
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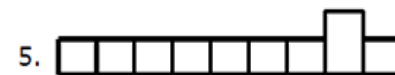
CHRIST THE KING

When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Luke 23:33 (NIV)

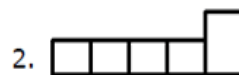
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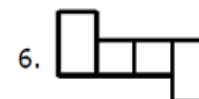
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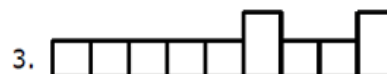
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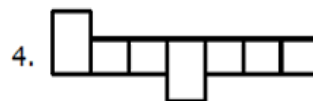
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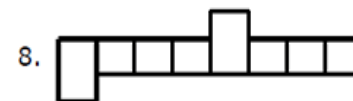
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Important Dates 2025

Youth 3:16 **Friday 28th November** **Water balloon fight** 6:15 pm

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

Advent Friend **Sunday 30th November** **Hope**

Women's Fellowship Christmas Lunch **Thursday 4th December**

Working Bee—**Saturday 6th December**