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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— James

Reader– Owen

Welcome– Faye

Manager— Neil

Musicians – Brunetta

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

Editing— Rykhardt (Audio)

Morning Tea— Peter & Yvonne

Communion Elders— Linda & Tim

Next Week

Leader— Rykhardt(am) & James(pm)

Preacher— James

Reader– Joy B

Welcome– Lucinda

Manager— Ray

Musicians– Brunetta

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

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— Katherine & Chris De B

The Weekly Word

Sunday 7th December 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

Theme – The Good News Of Repentance

Reading: Matt 3:1-12

The Candle of Peace #

When we light the Candle of Peace, we recall Jesus' promise: "*My peace I give to you… not as the world gives.*" Advent reminds us that true peace is found in the calm presence of Christ within.

Christ's peace is not escape from trouble, but the calm presence of God within it. As the Candle of Peace burns, may you feel the steadying grace of Christ guiding you through busy days and anxious moments.

Let us ask ourselves this Advent: How can I be an instrument of God's peace? It may mean offering a word of encouragement to someone who is struggling. It may involve seeking reconciliation with someone we have been estranged from.

Advent peace is not merely the absence of hurry or conflict but the presence of God. Christ's peace is not contingent on external circumstances but is anchored in God's unchanging character. It is the deep assurance that God holds us, even when life feels unsettled.

Often called the "Bethlehem Candle "

Rev Gordon

Thought for the Week

The word 'Christmas" was first recorded in Old English in 1038 as Cristesmasse and in 1131 as Cristes-messe. It is a shortened form of Christ's Mass, a term for "Mass of Christ" or a celebratory service of Christ.

Meaning: The term combines Christ (from the Greek Kristos) and mass (from the Latin missa), meaning "Mass of Christ".

Origin: The word was formed in English by combining "Christ" and "Mass".

Advent theme for next week is Joy.

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A wonderful time of food, fellowship and artistic endeavour was had last Saturday morning, when we met at Milk and Honey for the Women's Christmas Breakfast. You can see our amazing works of art around the church hall.

Thank you Helen and Chris for lighting our first candle for Advent—the candle of Hope. We hope you are having a wonderful time in Adelaide, Helen, and we look forward to catching up with you over coffee today.

Bryan Mason

Bryan Mason, whom many of you will remember, died on Saturday. His funeral will take place at 2:30, Wednesday 10 Dec. at Ivan Butler Funerals, 26 OG Rd Klemzig.
(For live streaming details, check IBF website.)

Andrew MacTier (for Jane & Roger Bean)

Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, in the busyness and noise of this season, speak Your calming word into my heart.

Important Dates 2025

Youth 3:16	Friday 12th December	Christmas Party	6:15 pm
Advent Friend	Sunday 14th December	Joy	
Estia Nursing Home Service	Monday 15th December		
Church Council Meeting	Tuesday 16th December		7:00 pm
Carols on the Corner	Wednesday 24th December		7:00 pm
Christmas Day Service	Thursday 25th December		9:00 am