



Prayer for the Week

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.



Colossians 1: 13-14

Love is patient, love is kind.
It does not envy, it does not boast,
it is not proud. It does not dishonor
others, it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered,
it keeps no record of wrongs.

1 Corinthians 13:4-5

Love does not delight in evil
but *rejoices* with the *truth*
It *always protects*, *always trusts*,
always hopes, *always perseveres*.

1 Corinthians 13:6-7



Café Church is in
recess. See you in
2026.



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"... When the shepherds came they had a place to park their sheep."



You're invited to

Christmas on the Corner

24th December 7pm

Out the front of:
Golden Grove Uniting Church
Corner One Tree Hill and Crouch
Roads, Golden Grove

Join us Christmas Eve for an outdoor
evening of carols, candles, children's
activities & community spirit.

6pm: Enjoy sausages & ice blocks
7pm: Carols begin

Bring a chair/rug, a smile, and your
Christmas spirit!

Join us again on **Christmas Day at
9:00am** for a joyful celebration of
Christ's birth

See you there!



"Dear Lord, plant Your love within us again—quietly, gently,
faithfully—that we may trust Your promises and rest in Your
care, as we await the coming of Your Kingdom."



Important Dates 2025

Youth 3:16 **In Recess**

Carols on the Corner

Wednesday 24th December 7:00 pm

Christmas Day Service

Thursday 25th December 9:00 am

Contact Information

For Church information, contact our Administrator, Cath McKechnie on the church number which is - **8251 4298**
For pastoral assistance contact—Your pastoral carer (listed on the hall notice board) Or Cath, James or a Church Council member.

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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.

Christmas Day

Preacher : James Reader : Tina Reading : Luke 2: 1 –20
Theme: Good News Of Great Joy

Today

Leader— Kathryn (am) James (pm)

Preacher— James

Reader— Alison

Welcome— Ray

Manager— Neil

Musicians – Brunetta

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

Editing— Rykhardt (Video)

Morning Tea— Faye & Sue

Next Week

Leader— Rykhardt (am) & TBA(pm)

Preacher— TBA

Reader— Joy B

Welcome— Andrew

Manager— Neil

Musicians— o/heads

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

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— David & Linda

The Weekly Word

Sunday 21st 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— Alison

Theme – Emmanuel

Reading: Matt 1:18—25

The Candle of Love *

During this final week of Advent, we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, made apparent in the birth of his Son. We reflect on the good news of God's love brought to us by the angel Gabriel.

God's unending, limitless love is a gift that can transform our hearts and lives. When we sit and reflect on how deeply He loves us, it enables us to freely love others, walk with confidence, and face the unknowns in our future. When we grasp the magnitude of God's love, wrapped in the gift of His Son, Jesus, it changes the way we view Christmas. The lights, the tree, the gifts, and the music are all lovely, but don't compare to the beauty of God's unconditional love.

"God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his one and only Son into the world so that we might live through him."—1 John 4:9
This is the last week to prepare our hearts for Christmas. Are you ready?

- Sometimes referred to as 'The Angel's Candle', recalling the angelic announcement.

Rev Gordon





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