



Psalm for the Week

My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life.
Psalm 119: 50

Focus point: Search this word and soak in its meaning.

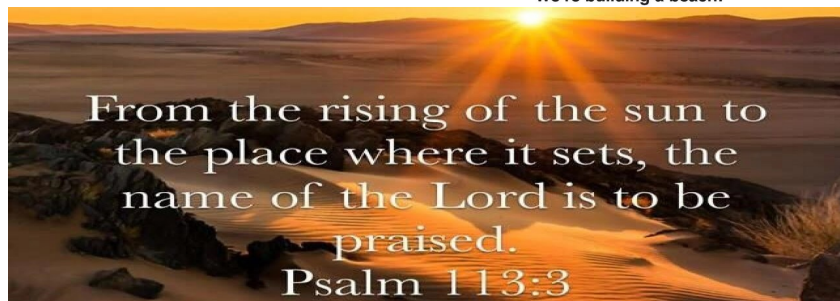
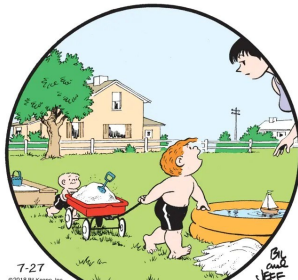
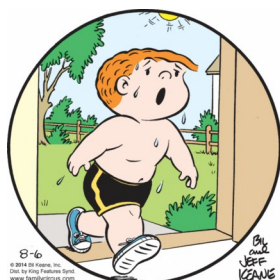
David Mapp

Cath would like to thank everyone for their love, prayers and kind thoughts during this worrying time for her. She understands and appreciates everyone's concern for her health but respectfully asks, however, that you refrain from contacting her so that she can concentrate on resting and becoming well. As soon as she has any news, she will put it on the Prayer Chain. Many thanks.



Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast has resumed meeting at Milk and Honey Café. Come and join us for great conversation, great food and great company.



New Year with God

U F Q A M K E O W B E M W P Q Y M U G R U W E H
F U S U N D A Y S C H O O L M R G A U X E Q Q Q
P P R A I S E H X L K G H O M A C Y B U P C R H
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C H F N J C Q Y A L T I O S X T I L A T G P A X
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Sunday School
Holy Spirt
Hebrews
Church
Prayer

Congregation
Sanctuary
Respect
Pastor
Jesus

Holy Bible
Offering
Worship
Praise
God



Important Dates 2025

Youth 3:16 In Recess

Jonathan Returns from Leave Sunday 18th January

Café Church returns Sunday 18th January

Church council Meeting Tuesday 20th January

Australia Day Monday 26th January

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.

Church Office email: office@goldengroveuniting.org.au

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 returning 18th January 2026.



Today

Leader— James (am)

Preacher— James

Reader— Brunetta

Welcome— Cath

Manager— Neil

Musicians— Brunetta

Technical Crew— Lucinda & Rykhardt (am)

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— Peter & Yvonne

Next Week

Leader— Jonathan (am & pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Ailsa

Welcome— Sue

Manager— Ray

Musicians — Brunetta

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

Editing— Rykhardt (video)

Morning Tea— Bob & Faye

The Weekly Word

Sunday 11th January 2026



Golden Grove Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

Today

Preacher— James

Reader— Brunetta

Theme – Out Of Egypt

Reading: Matthew 2: 7-18

Epiphany!

January 6, the Tuesday of this week gone past, marked an important date in the Christian calendar. In Western Christianity, the arrival of the Magi, or the 'Three Kings,' in Bethlehem to worship and present gifts to Jesus is celebrated on this day. Eastern Orthodox Christians also celebrate Jesus' baptism and His miracle at the wedding at Cana on the same day, but that's a story for another time!

Today, when the word 'epiphany' is used it means to have a sudden, inspired realisation. Originally, however, the word is derived from the Greek word meaning appearance or manifestation. It's the same word Paul uses in 2 Timothy 1:10 to refer to the appearing of Jesus Christ. There is a connection between the two. The Magi were sages from the east, certainly not Jewish, and yet as soon as the Jewish Messiah appeared, they had an 'epiphany' in the modern sense. They recognised the glory of God in Jesus and came to worship and present gifts to Him.

The story of the Magi reveals an important truth to us. Simply realising that Jesus is Lord isn't enough on its own; it calls for a response. Contrast their response with Herod's and, later in Jesus' life, the authorities who crucified Him. There is no middle ground with Jesus, once you see who He is. You either worship Him and build your life on Him as the living Rock, or you reject Him and go your own way. What is our response to the Epiphany of Jesus Christ?

James