But most important of all is not our words, but God's. They are sweeter than honey (Psalm 19:10), a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Psalm 119:105). God's Word created the heavens and the earth, came to dwell with us as Jesus Christ, and remains with us even today by the Holy Spirit, who reminds us of what Jesus says (John 14:26) and helps us when we don't know what to say (Luke 12:12, Romans 8:26). Let's listen to the voice of the Spirit and speak words of life to one another and to the world!

James

New Coffee Machine

Thanks to grant funding from Uniting Foundation, we have been able to buy a new commercial coffee machine to add first class café hospitality to our church life and mission activities.

We invite any church family members who would like to add "Barista" to their list of accomplishments to register interest with Trevor Walker or Jonathan Button. We will shortly be running a free barista training session for any who would like to be involved.

When we're up and running the barista coffee will have a cost (we're working on competitive pricing). Conventional tea and coffee will continue to be available free, or optional donation.

Looking forward to the taste test!

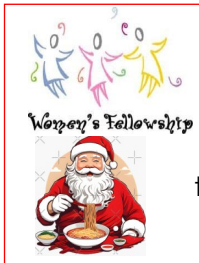
"so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. .
Romans 12:5

GGUC 160th Birthday

Golden Grove Uniting Church will turn160 years old on Wednesday 24th June but the celebration will be held on Sunday June 28th. There will be a number of Special Guests attending to help us acknowledge this milestone. A special morning tea will be held after the service with a cake to commemorate this auspicious occasion. Could members of the congregation please bring a plate to share on the day. Keep this date in your diary—it's not to be missed!

Craft Group

The Craft Group is meeting this Tuesday 9th June in the Church hall. All welcome!



Women's Fellowship are having a "Christmas in July" lunch on July 2nd at "Fasta Pasta" Golden Grove, at 12:30pm. If you are interested in attending this function, please write your name on the sheet at the back of the hall. (At least Santa won't notice if he spills sauce on his suit!)

Thank you to all my Church family for your recent prayers, and very special thanks to all those who attended or contributed in any way towards making the funeral for my husband, Dennis Brown, such a special and memorable time on 12th June. We know that Dennis is at peace now.

May God bless you all, from Joy Brown

Could you please note these changes to Peter and Yvonne Kollosche's details. Could you write these changes in your directories.

We all have our moments when we accidently drop food or accidently spill our beverages. To help keep our beautiful new carpet squares in optimum condition could you please let someone know when this occurs so it can be attended to immediately. Many thanks.

Important Dates 2025

Youth 3:16	Friday 26th June	Hot Chocolate & Trivia	6:15 pm
Craft Group	Tuesday 23rd June		10:30am
160th Birthday Celebrations of our Church	Sunday 28th June		
Women's fellowship	2nd July	"Christmas in July Lunch"	12:30pm

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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.

Today

Leader— Kathryn (am)& Jonathan (pm)

Preacher— James

Reader– Chris De Brenne

Welcome– Julia

Manager— John

Musicians – O/heads

Technical Crew— Lucinda (am) Ralph (pm)

Editing— Jonathan (audio)

Morning Tea— Chris De B, Katherine

Next Week (28th)

Leader— Jonathan (am) James (pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader– Barrie

Welcome– Ray

Manager— Neil

Musicians– Brunetta

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

Editing— Lucinda (video)

Morning Tea— Joy & ?

The Weekly Word

Sunday 21st June 2026

Welcome to Golden Grove Uniting Church

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

Welcome to worship today. We especially welcome visitors with us.

10 am Morning Worship

Sermon Series: The Gifts & Gifts of The Holy Spirit

Today's theme: The Spirit of Truth Reader— Chris De Brenne

Preacher— James Reading: John 15:17—27

5:45 pm Café Church Relaxed, contemporary service in the hall

Topic : Hope and Hospitality Leader: Jonathan Technical Crew: Ralph

Words of Life

As a child, I learned the proverb: "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." I suppose teaching that phrase to kids can help defuse fights on the playground! But, as I have learned as an adult, the saying isn't entirely true. Proverbs 18:21 hits far closer to the mark in saying, "The tongue has the power of life and death." Injuries and physical ailments can heal, but words someone has said to you – for better or worse – can stay with you for a lifetime.

We live in a world where words are weaponised daily – from politicians trying to sweet-talk the public into voting for them, to media personalities seeking attention with sensational claims and hot takes, to the thought-less things we say to each other. But the Bible tells us there is another way. Elsewhere in Proverbs, we see that "a gentle answer turns away wrath" (Proverbs 15:1). James advises us to be "quick to listen and slow to speak" (James 1:19), while Paul encourages us to say "only what is helpful for building others up" (Ephesians 4:29). **PTO**