

That's why the most stressed-out people are control freaks. Because the more they try to control the world, the more they realise they cannot. We can't take control, because control is not ours to take. The Bible has a better idea. Rather than seeking total control, relinquish it. You can't run the world, but you can entrust it to God.

Max Lucado

Mission and Wider Work

After Sunday worship on July 19th, we are having soup, rolls and sweets, at a cost of \$10.00 per person. Could you please add your name to the list on the table at the back of the hall, for catering purposes. Hope you can stay for both a warm lunch and a time of warm fellowship.



"The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."
Zephaniah 3:17

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!

*Baristas will also need to complete the free, online DoFoodSafely course & certificate through the Tea Trea Gully Council website - <https://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/index.php/en/>

Name: _____ Date: _____



Winter Word Scramble

Can you figure out the winter vocabulary words by unscrambling the letters? Watch out! Some of the scrambled terms are made up of two words.

CPRDEPAILE _____

AANHKKHU _____

IILECC _____

HLGSIE _____

TSNMITE _____

WDYAONS _____

ARBEIEDGRNG _____

SGTNKEIACI _____

OGANBOTG _____

INETWR _____

EHTCOLOAC _____

KIGNSI _____

SRADOOWBN _____

NCEPOEIN _____

AINERDG _____

SMSAICTHR _____

SLOLABNW _____

SWANNOM _____

ANLSNWEGO _____

TESEARW _____

AWOFNKLES _____

OYHIALD _____

FPLERIEAC _____

DLSE _____

Answers in next week's newsletter, once I have worked them out!

Important Dates 2026

Youth 3:16

School Holiday Break

Craft Group

Tuesday 14th July 10:30am

Mission & Wider works Soup and Rolls

Sunday 19th July

Estia Nursing Home Service

Monday 20th July

Church Council

Tuesday 21st July 7:00pm

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In Jesus' name, Amen."

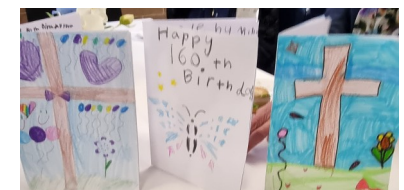


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Have you considered E-giving?

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— Jonathan (am) James (pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Andrew

Welcome— Andrew

Manager— Neil

Musicians – Recorded music

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

Editing— Rykhardt (video)

Morning Tea— Peter & Yvonne

Next Week (12th)

Leader— James (pm) Jonathan (pm)

Preacher— James

Reader— Julia

Welcome— Julia

Manager— Ray

Musicians— Brunetta

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

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— Chris De Brenne & Katherine

The Weekly Word

Sunday 5th July 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 Work Of The Spirit

Reader— Andrew

Preacher— Jonathan

Reading: John 16 :5-15

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

Topic : AI & Identity

Leader: James

Technical Crew: Ralph

The Peace of a Sovereign Lord

'My eyes are fixed on you, Sovereign Lord; in you I take refuge.'

Psalm 141:8

Sovereignty is the term the Bible uses to describe God's perfect control and management of the universe. He preserves and governs every element. He is continually involved with all created things, directing them to act in a way that fulfils his divine purpose.

Anxiety is often the consequence of perceived chaos. If we sense we are victims of unseen, turbulent, random forces, we are troubled. So what do we do? Control everything? Never board a plane without a parachute? Never step on a crack lest you break your mother's back?

Face anxiety by taking control.

If only we could. We want certainty, but the only certainty is the lack thereof.

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