

every day! And indeed we should, because the same God who came to us as a baby boy more than 2,000 years ago comes to us each and every day by His Holy Spirit. Every time we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we become aware of His presence with us now, and look forward to His coming again at the end of the age.
So, my friends, Merry Christmas... in July!

James

Craft Group

The Craft Group is meeting this Tuesday 14th July in the Church hall. All welcome!



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.



"for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith."
1 John 5:4

New Coffee Machine



A big thank you to Martyn Smith for coming out to train your soon-to-be Sunday morning baristas. He was an excellent and patient teacher. The best part was drinking our experimental coffees! Not long now.



Last Week's Puzzle Answers

Apple cider, Hanukkah, icicle, sleigh, mittens, snow day, gingerbread, ice skating, toboggan, winter, chocolate, skiing, snowboard, pinecone, reading, Christmas, snowball, snowman, snow angel, sweater, snowflake, holiday, fireplace, sled



World cup teams

V G T B P C A U S T R A L I A T Q A C J B E T W
P A I W O Y P N E P E T K T L K P N O O P Y A T
K M B N R B E L G U I M C E L L Y I L A L H G K
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K K B J U J E N G L A N D C Z X S N M G U N I Q
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A I F E L R T R M W R I A I K B G R A C P C R G
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saudi arabi	south korea	switzerland	costa rica	argentina	australia
colombia	portugal	belgium	croatia	denmark	england
germany	iceland	morocco	nigeria	senegal	tunisia
uruguay	Brazil	france	mexico	panama	poland
Russia	serbia	sweden	egypt	japan	spain
iran	peru				

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**

Ministry Team @goldengrove

Minister: Jonathan Button 0.7 time (*days off - Mon & Wed)

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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— James (am) Jonathan (pm)

Preacher— James

Reader— Julia

Welcome— Julia

Manager— Ray

Musician— Brunetta

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

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— Chris De Brenne &
Katherine

Next Week (19th)

Leader— Rykhardt(am) Jonathan
(pm)

Preacher— James

Reader— Rykhardt

Welcome— Bob

Manager— John

Musicians – Recorded music

Technical Crew— Lucinda (am)
Ralph (pm)

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— Bob & Faye

The Weekly Word

Sunday 12th 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: Born Of The Spirit

Reader— Julia

Preacher— James

Reading: Titus 3 :3-7

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

Topic : AI & Identity

Leader: Jonathan

Technical Crew: Ralph

Christmas in July?

Seeing the number of Christmas in July sales at the shops recently, I was struck by the absurdity of it all. When did Christmas in July become a thing? I don't remember it being celebrated at all when I was a child. Upon more research, however, I discovered that the concept is older than I'd thought. Christmas in July became a national phenomenon in the U.S. in World War II, as people were encouraged to buy Christmas gifts to send to servicemen fighting in the war, a delivery that would take months.

These days, Christmas in July seems largely a marketing gimmick, growing in popularity as stores seek more reasons to have a sale. However, look a little deeper and there is more to Christmas in July than cynical opportunism. Many churches across the world also celebrate Christmas in July, or the middle of the year in general. In some countries, celebrations are held on June 25, the opposite day of the year to Christmas.

The meaning is clear for us as Christians. Hope, peace and salvation are not limited to a single day of the year. We can celebrate Christ's birth

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