

But there is another part of the story. The church is not only the people, but God Himself moving among them. Jesus says it is He who builds His church (Matthew 16:18), and Acts 2:42-47 is only possible because of the Holy Spirit's coming in Acts 2:1-4. When we try to be the church in our own strength, following what we think is right, we fail, and fail spectacularly. We must remember that the church is not just a people, but God's people. We are here to follow Him!

James

### Mission and Wider Works

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July, Mission & Wider Work had their Soup and Sweets fundraiser. Thank you to all our soup makers, what an amazing variety we had, along with the delicious sweets. A total of \$440.00 was raised on the day, which will be sent to our charities, at the end of the year. Thank you all for your amazing support.

Coral and the Mission and Wider Works Committee



"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks."

John: 4:23

### Women's Fellowship



Women's Fellowship will be held in the Church hall on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 1:00pm. Linda Steadman will be speaking to us on "God's faithfulness". Looking forward to seeing you all there.

### New Coffee Machine

We are getting closer to the launch of our café hospitality with our new coffee machine!

Trevor Walker is doing a great job wrangling and training our team of Baristas who are fast becoming coffee aficionados.

We are set to launch at Café Church initially on Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:45 pm and shortly after then at morning tea for the 10am worship services.

Anyone still interested in coming on board as a Barista, please speak to Trevor.

Stay tuned for further updates. ☺



# COMMONWEALTH GAMES

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The Samaritan Purse Boxes will be available soon for those who would like to fill a shoe box. They will be placed on the table at the back of the hall. As in previous years, we will once again put out some labelled cardboard boxes for those who would rather contribute individual items towards this cause. We thank you so much for your continued support with these boxes which bring so much joy to the children who receive them.



### Important Dates 2026

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| <u>Youth 3:16</u>         | Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> August      | Team Mini Games | 6:15pm  |
| <u>Craft Group</u>        | Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> August    |                 | 10:30am |
| <u>Women's Fellowship</u> | Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> August    |                 | 1:00pm  |
| <u>The Open Table</u>     | Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> September |                 | 9:00am  |

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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— Barrie

Welcome— Faye

Manager— Ray

Musicians – Recorded music

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

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— Peter & Yvonne

### Next Week (9th)

Leader— Kathryn (am & pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Chris De Brenne

Welcome— Julia

Manager— John

Musician— Recorded Music

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

Editing— Jonathan (video)

Morning Tea— Tina & Ailsa

## The Weekly Word

Sunday 2nd August 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: Life in The Spirit

Today's theme: The Spirit and the Church

Reader— Barrie

Preacher— James

Reading: Acts 2:1—13

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

Topic : AI & Identity

Leader: Jonathan

Technical Crew: Ralph

### **"I Will Build My Church"**

If you asked someone on the street what they think of "the church," you might get a variety of answers. A few generations ago, the local church was the community's gathering place every Sunday and the ultimate moral authority. However, the rise of secularism and the exposure of sin within the church (which has always been there!) has caused many people to lose trust in the church. Today, a growing number of people are 'unchurched': they've never set foot in a church and have no opinion of it at all.

So, what is the church, and what is its role today? You might have heard the oft-quoted phrase, "the church is not the building, the church is the people." There is truth to this. Everywhere the church is described in the Bible, notably in Acts and in Paul's letters, the focus is on how the people are to live, worship and serve. The best example is Acts 2:42-47, which describes the day-to-day life of the earliest Christians: being taught, praying, eating together, giving to those in need.

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