variety: there are songs of praise, lament, confession, petition, retelling stories from Scripture and much, much more.

In today's church, we have no less variety of worship songs and hymns to sing: almost 2,000 years of them! This naturally raises questions about which songs we **should** sing. Do we focus on praise or theology? Should we favour innovation or stick to the tried and true?

It's important to remember that the Bible sets no limits on style or substance; it only tells us to "sing a new song" (Psalm 96:1) and "make a joyful noise to the Lord" (Psalm 100:1).

The important question is: do the words and music draw our hearts nearer to God? If it does, then the music is doing its job!

James

Can You Help??

We need a volunteer to report our songs used each Sunday to CCLI copyright. For details see Cath or Chris H.

We thank Jim who has done this diligently for many years.

Funeral Service: John Quast

Brunetta would like to thank everyone for praying for her and John over these last weeks, and for the many kind thoughts and offers of help.

John's funeral service will be held this Wednesday, 16 September at 2pm at The Ark, cnr Winzer and Waterloo Corner Rds, Salisbury.

For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. 3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. John 17:2,3

Café 1866 will open after the service this morning.

Cappucinno, latte, flat white, long and short black & hot chocolates are available in a cup ($4:50) or a mug ($5:00).

Pay Ahead Loyalty Cards are available for prepurchase, with your 10th coffee free

Tea & instant coffee will still be available per usual without cost (optional donation).

Enjoy!

Important Dates September 2026

Youth 3:16	Fri 18th September Waky Olympics	6:15pm
Church Council Meeting	Tues 15th September	7:00pm
Estia Nursing Home	Mon 21st September	
Craft Group	Tues 22nd September	10:30 – 12:00
Prayer Group	Tuesday 22nd September	11:00 – 12:00

Ministry Team

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

Associate Pastor: James Ross-Naylor 0.2 time

Administrator: Cath McKecknie 0.1 time

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Today (13th)

Leader—Kathryn (am) Jonathan (pm)

Preacher— James

Reader– Lucinda

Welcome– Julia

Manager— Ray

Musicians – Recorded Music

Technical Crew— Jonathan (am) Ralph (pm)

Editing— Jonathan (audio)

Morning Tea— Chris de Brenne & Joy Nelleke & Sarah(Barista)Sandy (POS)

Café Church Baristas- Trevor & Sue

Next Week (20th)

Leader— Kathryn(am) James (pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader– Barrie

Welcome– Faye

Manager— John

Musicians– Recorded Music

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

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— Katherine & Faye Trevor (Barista) Ralph (POS)

Café Church Baristas- Ralph & Katherine (4:45) Sandy & Alison C

Love God Love Others

The Weekly Word

Sunday 13th September 2026

Welcome to Golden Grove Uniting Church

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

We warmly welcome you to worship today, especially visitors with us.

10 am Morning Worship

Today's theme: Shaking the Earth Reading: Psalm 114

Sermon series- Life in the Spirit

Preacher— James Reader— Lucinda

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

Sing a New Song!

There's just something about music!

Every culture throughout history has valued singing and musical instruments as a way of expressing what means the most to them. Happy songs, sad songs, retelling real or fictional events – all have this wondrous capacity to touch people's hearts. It seems to be wired into our DNA.

We shouldn't be surprised, then, that singing and music are very prominent in the Bible. There are many examples of songs praising God in Scripture: Moses in Exodus 15, Hannah in 1 Samuel 2, Mary in Luke 1 and Zechariah later in the same chapter. But of course, the vast majority are found in the Psalms: the songbook of ancient Jewish worship.

What is perhaps most striking about the Psalms is their