

# GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our goal:

Care, Communicate, Connect so that people may know CHRIST.

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24th, 25th December 2016 and 1st Jan 2017

# WELCOME to all worshipping at our Christmas services

Greetings to any visitors. We are pleased to be together and trust you have felt welcomed and pray you may experience fresh delight and wonder at the miracle of God's presence among us in Jesus this Christmas



### Before worship

## What's so special about December 25 anyway?

To be born on December 25, you share your birthday with famous people such as Humphrey Bogart, Isaac Newton and Anwar el-Sadat (and my Aunty Dulcie!). But to many people being born on this day is not really so special – in Australia there will be 1028 births on this day, and worldwide, an infant born on December 25 will share their birthday with 353,000 other babies – which really takes away all of the excitement about being born on 'Christmas Day'.

However no other infant born on this day has caused such an international stir, that they are still being actively spoken of and followed over 2000 years later.

The birth of Jesus, in a humble stable in Bethlehem, wasn't what many were anticipating for the Saviour of the World – and even then it was another 30 years before Jesus truly took on His role – dying for us. Yet, His birth was heralded by the angels to shepherds – the smelly outcasts of society, whose lives were forever changed.

The celebration of Jesus birth is an opportunity to have your life forever changed as well. It is a time to slow down, reflect and re-connect with Christ, and with the special people in your life. Putting aside the difficulties of life and focusing on the 'real reason' for all of the celebrations.

As is frequently said – Jesus is the Reason for the Season! Let Christ come and dwell in your heart, not only through the Christmas season, but always. A blessed Christmas to all.

Allyson Dutschke

# **Worship Opportunities**

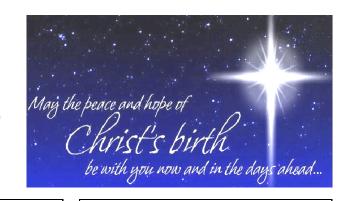


# Readings for Christmas Sun Day 1st Jan

Isaiah 62:6-12 Is. 63: 7–9 Titus 3:4-7 Eph. 5:15-17 Luke 2:1-20 Matt. 2:13-23

Celebrate Christmas with us!	Christmas Eve 24 Dec Christmas Day 25 Dec	7.00 pm 9.30 am	Christmas Drama Christmas Day wor- ship with HC
Sun 1st Jan 2017 (one service only)		9.30 am	Contemporary worship with HC
Sun 8th Jan 2017 (one service only)		9.30 am	Contemporary worship
Sun 15 Jan 2017 (one service only)		9.30 am	Contemporary worship with HC

Greetings from your staff members Pastor Greg, Natasha & Judith We trust your Christmas celebrations will be blessed, and enjoyable with family & friends and the New Year full of new opportunities with God in your midst.



#### **CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS**

Our Christmas offerings will go to support the work and ministry of Australian Lutheran World Service & Lutheran Community Care.

Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible. If you wish your offering to be tax deductible you will need to enclose your donation in an envelope clearly marked with your name.

# **ALWS Christmas Action packs**

These packs offer another opportunity of reflecting God's love to others around us as we celebrate at Christmas and are available from our church foyer.

Alternatively Gifts of Grace catalogues are available from our church foyer and offer still more ways of giving.

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Mon 26 Dec Garry Heinrich Wed 28 Dec Darryl Bischoff Sat 31 Dec Mia Skipworth Sun 1 Jan Lyn Plane Carolyn Wachtel Audrey Kerr Mon 2 Jan Rick Shrowder Sat 7 Jan Nicole Fielke

> We hope your special day is blessed with God's love & grace

Please note GGLC Office will be closed between Christmas & New Year's.

Pastor Greg will be taking leave 2 -15 Jan 2017.

#### **GGLC Office hours**

will be irregular during January with Judith coming in on Fridays only. If there is an urgent need please call Pastor Greg on 0413 075 665

# Kids at Heart

Kids at Heart will be taking a break over Christmas and into the new year and will resume on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 with BibleSong.

During this time a children's worship activity bulletin will be prepared and available for children to complete (if they wish) while remaining in church.

These children's activity bulletins will be located in the church for collection.



### Diary date for 2017

Women's Retreat 2nd—4th June at Nunyara, Belair

## Worship times for January 2017

Please note that during January there will only be ONE SERVICE held each Sunday at 9.30 am.

### **Positions available at GGLC:**

Children's Ministry Worker (Casual). Applications close Dec 30.

Youth Coordinator (Part-time). Applications close Jan 23.

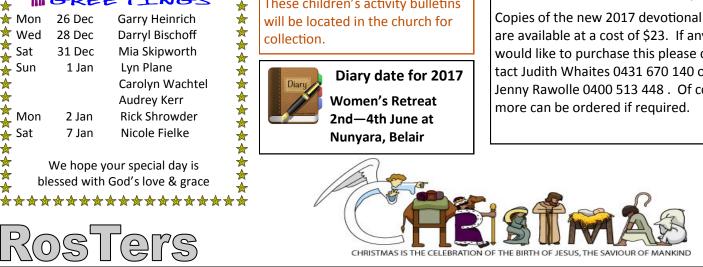
Details in the news section of our website,

http://www.gglc.org.au/gglc/news/

"Time Out—... food for each day"—Australian devotions for a year.

Copies of the new 2017 devotional book are available at a cost of \$23. If anyone would like to purchase this please contact Judith Whaites 0431 670 140 or Jenny Rawolle 0400 513 448. Of course more can be ordered if required.





Date	PA + Open- ing/Closing up	Power- point	Music Group	Greeters / Ushers	Readers	Children's Address ———— Kid's Craft	Devotion for Bulletin ——— Prayers	Assistants with HC	Flowers	Church Cleaning
Sun 1 Jan 2017	Joel Schiller	Schutz	Jacquie Schutz	Dutschke	Natasha Jaeschke	Ps Greg  N Jaeschke	 Ps Greg	C Her- sevoort J Rawolle	Jacquie Schutz	Zimmer- mann Schiller
Sun 8 Jan 2017	Jon Schutz	Jeramy Lindner	Jacquie Schutz	Schiller	Lesley Friedrich	K Appelt  N Jaeschke	M Knapp ————— G Hampel		Jenny Canavese	Copeland Dutschke