



Our mission:
**KNOWING
 CHRIST AND
 MAKING HIM
 KNOWN**

GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our goal:
**Care, Communicate,
 Connect so that people
 may know CHRIST.**

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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 Day	Sun 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

	Christmas Eve 24 Dec	7.00 pm	Christmas Drama
	Christmas Day 25 Dec	9.30 am	Christmas Day worship 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	

