



*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.**

## Currently in Pastoral Vacancy

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24th, 25th & 27th December 2015 and 3rd Jan 2016

## 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

Clothes are often a gift given at Christmas, especially from older relatives. There are socks and jocks, PJ's and shirts to name a few. They are often our fall back gift too when we don't know what else to give! Sometimes we don't get excited when we receive these things because we hope for something else. In today's reading from Colossians Paul picks up the clothing theme. It seems that Christmas and Christ's coming have a lot to do with what we wear. The Message puts it this way:

So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offence. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it. Colossians 3:12-14

Jesus came to introduce this new life of love. In this baby born at Christmas we have eternal life and that means a new wardrobe. Clothes for every occasion! Let's 'wear' the gifts we have been given in Christ - compassion, kindness, humility, forgiveness, love etc, so that they become the way we live and act 365 days of the year. What a blessing we would be to others wearing these garments 24/7!

Dearest Lord, You chose the garment of humility, coming in infant human flesh and You did it out of love for each one of us. Thank You for Christmas and all the gifts we receive with Jesus. May we be gift givers, wearing and sharing Your love to all. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Margey Knapp

### Worship Opportunities



#### Readings for

**Christmas Day**      **Sun 27th Dec**

Isaiah 62:10-12  
 Titus 3:4-7      Col. 3:12-17  
 Luke 2:8-20      Luke 2:41-52

<b>Christmas Eve 24 Dec</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Christmas Drama " <i>Hannah's Gift to Jesus</i> "
<b>Christmas Day 25 Dec</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Christmas Day worship with HC
<b>Sun 27th Dec (one service only)</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Contemporary worship
<b>Thurs 31st Dec</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	New Year's Eve service of reflection with Holy Communion
<b>Sun 3rd Jan 2015 (one service only)</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Contemporary worship with HC
<b>Sun 10th Jan 2015 (one service only)</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	Contemporary worship

