

November Roster

01/11/26	08/11/26	15/11/26	22/11/26	29/11/26
Greeting Hosts				
G Barton	D McCallum	J Hazen	G Barton	D McCallum
Church cleaning				
H Jones	D Muller	W Poyner	H Jones	D Muller
Hall / Foyer / Steps				
J Bromilow	P Holland	J Bromilow	P Holland	J Bromilow
Morning Tea				
W Poyner G Barton	S Schneider S Jewell	M McGough H Jones	D McCallum J Dean	L Hazen P Riches
Offering Count				
I Firth J Frost	W Poyner L Brown	G Barton J Frost	D Armstrong L Brown	I Firth J Frost
Thank you to all who contribute in any way to the Church body. If you are unable to take your turn, please arrange a swap with someone. If you would like to be included on any rostered duty please see Gail Barton.				

<i>For your Diary in November</i>		
Sunday	9:30 am 4pm – 6pm 9:30 am	Worship service Open invitation to morning tea Messy Church – 8 th November Kids Church – 15 th November
Monday		
Tuesday	10:00 am 7:30 pm	Mainly Music Study Group TBA
Wednesday	10am-3:30pm	Chattels + Chats open
Thursday	9:45 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm	Prayer Group Craft Group Worship practice
Friday	10am-3:30pm	Chattels and Chats open
Saturday	10am – 3:30 pm 10am – 3:30pm	Chattels and Chats open 7 th November Chattels and Chats open 21 st November Chattels and Chats open 28 th November (State Election Day)



GROVEDALE UNITING CHURCH NOVEMBER 2026

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Church Vision Statement
 To worship God and grow through fellowship and discipleship,
 each member in loving ministry and transforming outreach.

Peter's Piece



Remembering The Saints Among Us

November 1 is All Saints Day; a day that has been celebrated in a variety of different forms for thousands of years. Always occurring around November 1, it follows All Hallows Eve, or Halloween. Saint is an old word. A word that not many of us hear or use a lot these days.

According to The Essential Catholic Handbook: A Summary of Beliefs, Practices and Prayers, by John O'Connor, a Saint is defined in this way: *"In the wide sense, any person known for Christian holiness; in the strict sense, a person who has manifested heroic devotion during his or her life and who is officially honoured by the Church as one who has attained heavenly glory and as one through whom God freely chooses to exhibit exceptional generosity."*

Saints are those ordinary, and extra ordinary people who have sought to declare the gospel in word and deed; showing God's love, and participating in loving acts that bring blessing to others. They can be those who have gone before us in the faith, and those who walk beside us every day. Saints are justice warriors, hope-bearers, compassion bringers, listening ears, and helping hands.



Western Culture has shied away from remembering the dead, but there is something profound and meaningful about recalling people and their stories. These images show how Sweden and The Philippines choose to remember.

May we, too, celebrate the Saints who have gone before us, and those who still walk among us.
With God's blessings. **Rev Peter**



NOVEMBER

Geoffrey Horrobin
Gail Barton
Margaret McGough
Phyllis Riches
Susan Torriero
Peter Jewell
Dianne Armstrong

FORWARD NOTICE



Church Carols Service
Friday 11th December
7:00 pm

Church Luncheon
Sunday 13th December
Midday

Ian's Jottings

The Synod has now approved our application to lease the former Uniting office. A "For Lease" sign will be erected shortly. Hopefully we will be inundated with prospective tenants.



In the last Newsletter I told you that Church Council had agreed to allow a disability lending service to operate from the former Uniting Material Aid store – the wooden building closest to Bill Smith's Shed. Approval was given on the understanding that this was an outreach activity of the St Luke's Highton Congregation. When the Highton Church Council considered the request they declined to support it and so our CC was asked to decide whether this was an activity we could support. Having done our due diligence, CC agreed to recognise this activity as one of the Grovedale Congregation. In order to be covered by the

Church's insurance program, an activity must be formally recognised by a CC. This service has now commenced operating on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

There was much discussion at Wednesday evening's CC meeting about the Christmas Lunch. Last year there was a departure from previous arrangements and the lunch was held at the *White Eagle House*. There was mixed feedback about this venue and so CC feels that we either need to find somewhere else or have it in the hall.

There are pros and cons to both options. The main pro to having it in an established venue is that all those attending don't have to do anything – except sit and eat.

Having it in the hall means that we will need to access outside catering, people will be needed to set the tables, put out the food and clean up afterwards. And there is also the question of cost.



CC decided that members of the Congregation would be asked to consider being on a small task group who would have the responsibility of deciding how best to hold the lunch. So please consider whether this something you could do. Those who were involved in organising last year's event will be only too pleased to help.

Cheers, Ian



SEASON 6, EPISODE 1

SEE IT FIRST!

Fear and confusion reign as the disciples struggle to make sense of Jesus' arrest—and Judas' betrayal. While they fight to stay together, Nicodemus stands alone against the High Priest in a heated showdown that throws the council into disorder.

Join us for a special early access event to watch *The Chosen* Season 6 Episode 1.

WHEN

Saturday November 7th 2026 @ 3:00 PM

WHERE

Grovedale Uniting Church
272-276 Torquay Road Grovedale 3216

SCAN TO RESERVE YOUR FREE TICKETS

