



# Greg Fowler

**Born: 1964**

**Ordained: 2003**

**Spouse: Connie**

**Current Call:** Golden Grove Congregation, SA (2016 - present)

**Previous Calls:** Tuggeranong, ACT (2012-2016); Mawson Lakes Endeavour College (2008-2012); Manawatu, NZ (2004-2008)

**Strengths:** Preaching & teaching in ways that connect to real life. Connecting to churched and unchurched people. Youth and children's ministry. Vision and strategic thinking

**Experience:** A range of different parishes in 3 Districts of the LCA-NZ. College chaplaincy and church-school partnership.

**Leadership Style:** Working within a team and as a coordinator of a leadership group. Working toward consensus and shared ownership of the ministry-mission.

**Priorities:** The number one priority is mission and reaching others with the good news. Discipleship: ensuring each person grows in their spiritual life.

**Call Committee reflections:** Greg has been a Pastor for 17 years, working in financial and strategic planning before being called to the ministry.

His wife of 29 years is a prison officer. Her job is a 'calling' and very important. He's from NSW and grew up in Sydney. He loves Adelaide and SA. Greg is very fit (plays golf weekly and exercises 3-4 times a week). He has two married daughters, a two-year-old grandson & another on the way.

Has a gift for working with youth/young adults and spent time as Chaplain at Endeavor College (Mawson Lakes). He likes to make time for a 'kids chat' during church services and runs a bible study with young adults.

He wants people of all ages to have a good relationship with their pastor and works to make sure there's interaction between age groups.

Greg encouraged us to look at the Golden Grove services on YouTube.  
<https://www.gglc.org.au/church/index.php/publications/pastors-messages>  
He's a passionate supporter of women's ordination.



## John Strelan

**Born: 1969**

**Ordained: 2002**

**Spouse: Tresma**

**Current Call:** St Stephen's, Adelaide, SA (2015 - present)

**Previous Calls:** Renmark-Paringa, SA (2008-2015); Illawarra-Southcoast, NSW (2003-2008)

**Strengths:** Preaching & leading worship and connecting God's word to people of all ages. Working pastorally with people on an individual and small group basis

**Experience:** Urban and rural ministry. Cross-cultural ministry. Pastoral care of people

**Leadership Style:** Working from 'within' as an encourager. Guiding others to utilise their unique gifts and abilities.

**Priorities:** People are my priority. I want people's lives to be touched by the freedom of the Gospel and so, building relationships with people is critical.

**Call Committee reflections:** Before becoming a pastor, John worked for an electronics company, as a landscaper/tree lopper, and for a photocopying company. Great experiences dealing with people of different backgrounds.

He has a daughter living in Brisbane and boys at home (one in Year 12, one in Year 9). He enjoys community sport and fitness. Golf is a passion, he plays tennis, table tennis and enjoys water skiing. He's also a keen book reader.

He said preaching is an amazing privilege to introduce God into people's lives. He sees his calling as a shepherd who stays behind the flock.

John said it's a big challenge for the Lutheran Church in Australia to remain faithful to the Gospel. Women's ordination, whether people are for or against, is also a big distraction.

John said we do need to be aware of his family situation. It would be challenging time for his wife and sons to move at this time.