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## UPCOMING PROGRAMMES & SIGNIFICANT DATES:

### Kirtan Darbar Daily

From 6.00pm-7.45pm  
Rehraas (6.00pm-6.30pm)  
Langgar Sewa on Wednesdays,  
Fridays and Saturdays.

### Wednesdays

#### Sukhmani Sahib

4.00pm -5.30pm  
Break  
5.30pm- 6.00pm  
Rehraas  
6.00pm- 6.30pm  
Sangat Kirtan  
6.30pm-7.00pm  
Jatha Kirtan & Ardaas  
7.00pm-7.45pm

### Sunday

10:00am -12.00pm

### Gurpurab Guru Nanak Dev Ji

12 November 2019  
(see poster in newsletter for  
programme details)

### Akhand Path Gurpurab

Guru Nanak Dev Ji  
15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
Path Arambh 8.00am  
Bhog 9:30am

### Shaheedi Baba Deep Singh

15 November 2019

### Sangrand

16 November 2019

### Gurgaddi Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji

29 November 2019

### Shaheedi Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji

1 December 2019

November 2019

## President's Message

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa  
Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh

I would like to begin by first thanking the Sangat for making Diwali/Bandi Chorr a joyous occasion at the Gurdwara. We believe that this may have been the most number of people attend the Gurdwara in a single day since we began. You may have noticed that we had installed new fairy lights to commemorate the day and had also placed a metal sheet for candles to prevent damage to the grounds.

In addition to the Diwali/Bandi Chorr events, we also participated in the Diwali Festival at the Adelaide Showgrounds organised by the Hindu

Council, where the children did Simran and Bhenji Balbir Kaur conducted the Ardaas as per their request.

A Working Bee was also organised to get the Gurdwara prepared for the Diwali/Bandi Chorr events and a big THANK YOU to all the sewadar's that turned up to assist with the clean up.

A camp was also arranged by the Youth. It was heart-warming to see them participate in kirtan and langgar sewa. Sports activities were held as well and we would like to thank all of you who assisted to make this event a success.

It is also with great anticipation that we will all be able to gather on Tuesday

12 November to celebrate the 550<sup>th</sup> Gurpurab Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The Gurdwara will be serving Langgar all day with evening kirtan programmes.

An Akhand Path will also be held from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November till Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November. I look forward to seeing you all to celebrate this auspicious time.

S.Balwant Singh



## Wanting to Book a Programme

## Langgar Sewa Opportunities Available

We have Wednesday programme's still available to be booked with opportunities for Friday and Saturday as well.

Contact Kiran on 0438 808 757 or

Email [secretary@sikhssa.org.au](mailto:secretary@sikhssa.org.au) for further details.

### 27 October 2019- Bandhi Chorr

Bandi Chhor Diwas was auspiciously and joyously celebrated on Sunday 27 October 2019 at the Gurudwara Sahib with morning and evening Kirtan programs, kids' activities, candle lighting and Guru Ka Langgar throughout day and night.

The very large number of Sangat joined in this auspicious occasion enjoying Kirtan by our Punjabi School, Sangat, Bhai Jaspal Singh Ji and Jatha as the resident Jatha, Dr Deshdeep Singh Ji and Bhai Manjot Singh Ji.

Younger children (and adults) enjoyed "lighting" up the occasion with Sparklers and candles. 100 lolly bags were given out to children on the night!

The Management Committee thanks all the Sangat, Jathas, Sevadaars, Punjabi School, sparkler donations and coordination and the lolly bags for making this a very joyous occasion.





### 7 October 2019: GURMAT CAMP

The Gurudwara Sahib hosted children and their families to the Gurmat Camp held on Monday Public Holiday 7 October 2019. The camp started off with Amrit Vela Prakash of Siri Guru Granth Sahib Maharaj Ji followed by the Amrit Vela Banis and Asa Di Vaar.

After the morning break the Camp recommenced in the afternoon with children participating in indoor activities and then heading outdoors to The HUB for sports activities.

The evening beautifully finished off with Rehras Sahib Paath, Kirtan, medal ceremony for each child who participated in the Camp and Siri Guru Granth Sahib Maharaj Ji Samapathi.

Delicious food was served for Langgar throughout the day and night with kids enjoying vegetarian burgers, chips and other kid loving snacks.

The Management Committee thanks the organizers for a well-run Camp.



**Guru Nanak Dev Ji** (Gurmukhi: ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ), the founder and first Guru of Sikhism, was born in the year 1469, in the village Talwandi which is located in the Punjab region of the Indian subcontinent. The village, now known as Nankana Sahib, is situated near the city of Lahore in present day Pakistan. Sikhs around the world celebrate the auspicious occasion of Guru Nanak Dev Ji's birth on the Pooranmashi (full moon) day in the Lunar month of Katak (October-November), which falls on a different date every year.

Guru Nanak's father, Mehta Kalu ji, was a village accountant. His mother, Mata Tripta ji, was described as a simple and very religious woman. He also had an older sister named Bebe Nanki ji, who cherished her younger brother. From an early age, it was evident that Nanak was an extraordinary child, distinguished by his divine grace. Blessed with a deeply contemplative mind and rational thinking, young Nanak would often astound his elders and teachers with the sublimity of his knowledge, particularly on divine matters. Growing up, he refused to partake in traditional religious rituals, and often spoke out against several prevalent societal practices such as the Caste System, idolatry, and the worship of demi-Gods. By the age of 16, Guru Nanak had mastered multiple religious texts and languages including Sanskrit, Persian, and Hindi, and was writing what many believed were divinely inspired compositions.

In the year 1487, Guru Nanak was married to Mata Sulakhni ji, and they had two sons, Sri Chand and Lakhmi Das. The family, accompanied by Bhai Mardana, a Muslim childhood friend of Guru Nanak, then moved to the town of Sultanpur Lodhi, where Guru ji took the job of an accountant in charge of the stores of the local Governor. Here, Guru Nanak worked during the days, but during the early mornings and late nights, he meditated and sang hymns

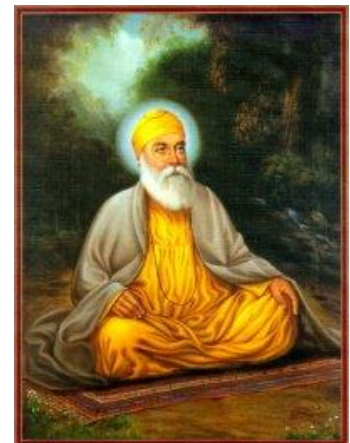
accompanied by Bhai Mardana on the rabab (a stringed instrument). During one of those early mornings while bathing in "Vain Nadi" (a small river), Guru Nanak heard God's call to dedicate himself completely to the service of humanity. The very first sentence which he uttered then was, "There is no Hindu, no Musalman (Muslim)". Stating that he had been taken to the God's court and given a divine mission, Guru Nanak then began the next stage of his life, to preach his unique doctrine (Sikhi) to the entire world.

For the next 30 years, accompanied by Bhai Mardana, Guru Nanak undertook four major spiritual journeys, running across India, South Asia, Tibet and Arabia, covering about 30,000 kilometers. In these journeys, he preached the new concept of God as "Supreme, All powerful and Truthful, Formless (Nirankar), Fearless (Nirbhau), Without hate (Nirvair), the Sole (Ik), the Self-Existent (Saibhang), the Incomprehensible and Everlasting creator of all things (Karta Purakh), and the Eternal and Absolute Truth (Satnam)". Guru ji taught people that the 'One' God dwells in every one of his creations, and that all human beings can have direct access to God without the need of any rituals or priests. Setting up a unique spiritual, social and political platform based on equality and fraternal love, Guru Nanak attacked the citadel of the Hindu Caste System, and condemned the theocracy of Mughal rulers. He described the dangers of egotism, falsehood, and hypocrisy, and called upon the people to engage in worship through the "Naam" (the name of God). He rejected the path of renunciation (Tyaga), emphasizing a householder's (family) life based on honest conduct, selfless service (Sewa), and constant devotion and remembrance of God's name. Guru Nanak promoted the equality of all mankind and upheld the causes of the downtrodden and the poor, laying special emphasis to assert the equality of women.

In the later years of his life, Guru ji founded and settled down at the township of Kartarpur ("creator's town"), on the banks of river Ravi in Punjab.

Here, he donned the robes of a peasant, earning his own honest living by cultivating the lands. Followers came from near and far to listen to the Master.

He introduced the institution of Langar (free communal kitchen) at Kartarpur, establishing the basic equality of all people regardless of their social and economic status. In the year 1539, knowing that the end was drawing near, Guru Ji, after having tested his own two sons and some followers over the years, installed Bhai Lehna ji (Guru Angad Dev Ji) as the Second Nanak, and after a few days passed into Sachkhand.



Guru Nanak's writings, in the form of 974 spiritual hymns comprising the Japji Sahib, Asa di Var, Bara Mah, Sidh Gosht and Dakhni Onkar were incorporated in the scripture Guru Granth Sahib by the fifth Guru Arjan Dev ji. All the Sikh Gurus after Guru Nanak continued to identify themselves as *Nanak* while penning down their sacred writings. Thus, Sikhs believe that all the Gurus possessed the same divine light and further strengthened the same doctrine as was propagated by Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

Among people of various faiths and traditions, Guru Nanak Dev Ji is variously revered as Satguru Nanak, Jagat Guru Nanak, Baba Nanak, Nanak Shah Faqir, Bhagat Nanak, Nanak Kalandar.

Source: [www.Sikhiwiki.com](http://www.Sikhiwiki.com)



MAY GURU NANAK SHOWER US ALL WITH HIS  
BLESSINGS ON THIS AUSPICIOUS OCCASION



ਸੁਣੀ ਪੁਕਾਰਿ ਦਾਤਾਰ ਪ੍ਰਭੁ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਜਗ ਮਾਹਿ ਪਠਾਇਆ ॥ ਚਰਨ ਧੋਇ ਰਹਰਾਸਿ ਕਰਿ ਚਰਣਾਮ੍ਰਿਤੁ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਪੀਲਾਇਆ ॥

ਪਾਰਬ੍ਰਹਮ ਪੂਰਨ ਬ੍ਰਹਮ ਕਲਿਜੁਗ ਅੰਦਰ ਇਕ ਦਿਖਾਇਆ ॥ ਚਾਰੇ ਪੈਰ ਧਰਮ ਦੇ ਚਾਰਿ ਵਰਨ ਇਕ ਵਰਨੁ ਕਰਾਇਆ ॥

ਰਾਣਾ ਰੰਕ ਬਰਾਬਰੀ ਪੈਰੀ ਪਵਣਾ ਜਗਿ ਵਰਤਾਇਆ ॥ ਉਲਟਾ ਖੇਲੁ ਪਿਰੰਮ ਦਾ ਪੈਰਾਂ ਉਪਰਿ ਸੀਸ ਨਿਵਾਇਆ ॥

ਕਲਿਜੁਗ ਬਾਬੇ ਤਾਰਿਆ ਸਤਿਨਾਮੁ ਪੜ੍ਹਿ ਮੰਤ੍ਰੁ ਸੁਣਾਇਆ ॥ ਕਲਿ ਤਾਰਣਿ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਆਇਆ ॥੨੩॥ ਵਾਰ ੧॥

The Provider Lord listened to the cries (of humanity), Guru Nanak descended into this world.  
Washing His feet and praising God, he got his Sikhs to drink the ambrosial nectar (of humility).

In this Dark Age, he showed all gods to be just one.

The four feet of Dharma, the four castes were converted into one.

Equality of the King and beggar, he spread the custom of being humble.

Reversed is the game of the beloved; the egotist high heads bowed to the feet.

Baba Nanak rescued this Dark Age; read '[satnam](#)' and recited the mantra.

Guru Nanak came to redeem this Dark Age of Kaljug. [Bhai Gurdas - Vaar 1 pauri 23](#)

SIRI GURU NANAK DEV JI  
550 Years Celebrations

GURUDWARA SAHIB  
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**TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2019**

- GURU KA LANGGAR ALL DAY
- MORNING ASA DI VAAR KIRTAN
- EVENING KIRTAN PROGRAM
- ACTIVITIES

**FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER – SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2019**

- AKAND PAATH
- GURU KA LANGGAR
- ACTIVITIES
- SUNDAY KIRTAN PROGRAM

## Announcements

### Subscriptions

A gentle reminder to all members to make payment for their subscriptions to become financial for FY 2019/2020. Please check with the Treasurer or email the Secretary if unsure of your status.

### Annual Golf Dinner – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019

The Sikh Society Gold Club will be holding their Annual Golf Dinner on 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2019. Venue will be New Mantra Indian Cuisine, Mullers Road, Greenacres. Cost for the dinner is \$50 payable upon booking. This includes dinner, some drinks and light entertainment.

Seating in the restaurant is limited so please book early to avoid any disappointment.

### Wanted

Web Designer to assist us in upgrading our website. We are looking for a volunteer with word press experience to lead a small team to enhance our website and make it more robust and user friendly. For enquiries, please email the secretary.

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 <p>The Sikh Society Golf Club invite you to our Annual Golf Dinner</p>	<h2>Join Us</h2> <p><i>Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 6.30pm</i></p> <p><i>New Mantra Indian Cuisine</i></p> <p><i>Mullers Road, Greenacres</i></p> <p><i>Cost: \$50 per person (Limited seats)</i></p> <p><i>Contact: Gurcharan Dhillon 0423 894 488</i> <i>Sushil Sinha 0418 255 395</i></p>
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PRIME MINISTER

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER**

### **550<sup>TH</sup> BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF GURU NANAK**

Commemoration of the birth of Guru Nanak is a moment of deep significance for those of the Sikh faith and for all inspired by his teachings of honesty, equality and goodwill.

Sikhism is one of the fastest growing religions in Australia, with 125,000 adherents. For many, the tenets of faith provide guidance and strength; Sikhism is also about community.

In Australia, we are fortunate to live in a land of acceptance and encouragement, where respect for different cultural and religious traditions is part of our national story.

This includes respect for the diverse traditions of India, the birthplace of the Sikh faith, and an important and natural partner for Australia in many different spheres.

I thank the Sikh community for your commitment to ensuring our nation remains a beacon of peace and harmony.

May all who are celebrating this moment find it a source of strength and inspiration.

The Hon Scott Morrison MP  
Prime Minister of Australia



**GURUDWARA SAHIB GLEN OSMOND**  
10 MOUNT BARKER ROAD, GLEN OSMOND

**SIRI GURU NANAK DEV JI**  
**550 YEARS PRAKASH GURPURAB**

**TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2019**

8:00 AM	10:00 AM	ASA DI VAAR, ARDAS & HUKAMNAMA
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**EVENING PROGRAM SCHEDULE:**

6:00 PM	6:20 PM	REHRAS SAHIB
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6:20 PM	6:30 PM	ARDAS
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6:30 PM	7:00 PM	SANGAT
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7:00 PM	8:00 PM	BHAI JASPAL SINGH JI & JATHA (PATIALA WALE)
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8:00 PM	8:45 PM	DR DESHDEEP SINGH JI & JATHA
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8:45 PM	9:45 PM	BHAI MANJOT SINGH JI, DR HARBANS SINGH GILL JI & GIANI BALRAJ SINGH JI
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9:45 PM	10:00 PM	SAMAPTHI
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7:15 PM	SPAKLERS (weather permitting)	
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**GURU KA LANGGAR**

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