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### Maintenance Programme

Reminder that you will find the blue envelopes on the table at the back of the church and in the hall, if you would like to contribute towards the ongoing cost of maintaining our church.

### Have you considered E-giving?

Envelopes with an "E" on the front, prayer requests or thanks can be placed in the offering bags on a Sunday morning. Our bank details are as follows:

\*\* Payments can now be made by EFTPOS on Sunday.

#### Today

Leader— Rykhardt(am), Jonathan (pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Joy B

Welcome— Andrew

Manager—Neil

Musician —Brunetta

Technical Crew— Ruan, Lucinda (am), Ralph (am )James pm)

Editing—Jonathan (audio)

Morning Tea—Trevor and Sandy

#### Next week

Leader— Kathryn

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Lucinda

Welcome— Bob

Manager— Ray

Musician — Brunetta

Technical Crew— Lucinda, Rykhardt, Ruan

Editing— Lucinda (video)

Morning Tea— Peter and Yvonne

## The Weekly Word

Sunday 25th August 2024



### Golden Grove Uniting Church Mission Statement

We are a Gospel-driven, connected, generous church family, mission-minded and outwardly focused.

#### Today

Preacher—Jonathan

Reader—Joy B

Theme -The Word Of God & The Word of Man Reading: Mark 7:1-13

### **Words, Words, Words...**

News reports regularly tell us that levels of public cynicism towards politicians are at an all-time high. The perpetual criticism of the political sphere is that words of promise are not backed up with action. But come to think of it... I've been hearing those news reports for 50 odd years!

Well - if those news reports are true - God wouldn't make a good politician, because His Word never lacks action. When God speaks, stuff happens (Is 55:11)! For example, rocks get smashed to pieces (Jeremiah 23:29), the earth gets watered and seeds grow (Isaiah 55:10), thoughts and intentions of the heart are split open (Hebrews 4:12), people are set free from captivity (John 8:32), sins are forgiven (Luke 7:48), people are saved (Romans 1:16), dead people are raised to life (John 11:43).

There is nothing more active and powerful in the universe than God's Word. James says that God has given us birth through His Word, that we might be first fruits of His Word (James 1:18). That's why he says that it's impossible for us to hear God's Word, and not also do God's Word (1:22). If we don't do God's Word, then we never heard it in the first place!

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Politicians are always pretty soft targets. Remember, we live in a *representative democracy* - they represent us; when we look at them, we are looking in a mirror!

The grace of Jesus Christ forgives us of our failure to hear and do God's Word, and liberates us to hear and do it.

*Grace and cheers, Jonathan.*



Women's Fellowship

### Attention all women of the church

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 1.00** in the church hall.

This month Alison Meneaud from Eastern Adelaide Domestic Violence Service (a program of Women's Safety Services SA) has kindly offered to visit and talk to us about the program and how it works.

Our ladies have decided to put together items that can be used for the families who find themselves in this delicate situation and are rehoused. Items required are **second hand** or new garden implements and household cleaning products. If any congregational member has second hand garden implements that they wish to donate, could you please bring them along to church the next two Sundays. Please be aware that all ladies and friends and family members are invited to this event. Regular members please remember to bring along an item or items to give to Alison. The meeting is followed by afternoon tea.

If you need further information please contact Sandy Walker

If you have any announcements or interesting items for our newsletter, please feel free to send them to me at: [ctwstokes@bigpond.com](mailto:ctwstokes@bigpond.com)



Our rose gardens are looking wonderful and ready to erupt in flower with the coming of Spring. We would like to again thank Garden Grove for their kind donation of Neutrog's "Who flung Dung" garden mulch.



### A chance to help make a difference:

Approximately 15 years ago John Dunkley blessed us with his leadership and ministry for 6 months when we had been without a minister for over 2 years. In recent times John has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and he will be participating in The Long Run For Prostate Cancer. Anyone who would like to support him can donate to the Prostate Foundation of Australia via the link. Please keep John Dunkley and his family in your prayers.

<https://www.thelongrun.org.au/fundraisers/johndunkley/the-long-run-2024>

### Important Dates

Youth 3:16 **Friday 30th August Powerpoint Karaoke 6:15 to 8:15**

Father's Day **Sunday 1st September**