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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.

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

### Today

Leader— James

Preacher— Gideons

Reader— Peter

Welcome— Lucinda

Manager— John

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Rykhardt, Ruan

Editing— Rykhardt (audio)

Morning Tea— Chris D Brenne & Tina

### Next Week

Leader— Kathryn

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Barrie

Welcome— Andrew

Manager— Neil

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Rykhardt, Tim and Lucinda

Editing— Jonathan (video)

Morning Tea— Trevor and Sandy

## The Weekly Word

Sunday 29th September 2024



### Golden Grove Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

### Today

Preacher—(Gideons) David Fletcher

Reader— Peter

Theme – Confidence in God's word

Reading: James 5:13-20

### **Grace & Law**

There are two false ways of living: **1.** to live by a grace that has no law in it, where there is no accountability for one's actions, and no obligation to live in a true way. **2.** to live by law that has no grace in it, where there is only success or failure to do the right thing, and no real forgiveness. **1.** leads to chaos and the disintegration of life and society. **2.** leads to totalitarianism and hopeless despair.

All human societies have oscillated between these two false ways of living. And all of us have oscillated between them. We have all had, and have, our lawless moments, being unaccountable, and doing our own thing; and our times of being harsh, legalistic and unforgiving toward others.

Only God's truth, perfectly personified in Jesus Christ, demonstrates the true way to live by holding grace and law together in perfect balance. Jesus, full of grace, insisted on accountability and obedience to God's law (Mt 5:18), and at once overflowed with mercy and forgiveness toward the repentant who had failed God's law (Mt 9:1-8).

Above all else, in His death on the cross, Christ pays the law's penalty for all of our sins, which brings us the grace of forgiveness and eternal salvation, which woos and obligates us to love Him and do His good will forever.

*Grace and law, Jonathan.*

A Reminder that our Philippines' fund money is now due for the 3rd quarter. Could you please deposit directly into the special account set up for this fund or see Trevor and Sandy Walker with any queries you may have.

### Women's Breakfast

Please Note the date change

Date : 9th November

Time : 9:00 am

Venue : Milk and Honey



Women's Fellowship

Thursday 3rd October.

TBA

1:00 in the Church hall.

All welcome.

### **Working Bee**

Saturday 5th October

8: am



### Can You Help?

Thank you to all those who have taken a Samaritan's Purse Christmas Box and are filling them at home. To enable delivery of the boxes to be on time to the depot, we ask that all boxes please be returned to the church by **Sunday October 6th**. Thank you also, to those who have been contributing items to be packed into boxes. Whilst we were packing the boxes on Thursday night, we found that we are especially short of items for 2-4 year old children. It would be great to receive some donation of crayons or chalk for them. We are also in need of tooth brushes, face washers, soap, hair brushes, hair accessories and clothing for all age groups. We could also do with some WOW objects for both the younger and the older boys and girls. These can still be brought in by the 6th October.



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)



A Big thankyou to all who attended or donated to the "Pot luck " lunch. A grand total of \$440 was raised! A wonderful amount that will help many worthy charities, home and abroad.



### Robert Isles' Book Launch

Two new posthumously published books by Robert Isles, Australian Theologian and beloved former Minister of Golden Grove Uniting Church, are to be launched at **The Walkerville Uniting Church, 2:00 pm on Sunday October 13**. All are very welcome to attend.

The books, "**The Life and Writings of Robert Isles**" and "**Kierkegaard and the Church Today**", will be for sale at the launch for \$10 each. They may be purchased at Golden Grove Uniting Church at a later date.

A lovely nook has been created in the hall, where people can sit for quiet reflection, reading, prayer or quiet, personal conversation with a small group. Doesn't it look inviting?



### Important Dates

Youth 3:16 **Holiday Break**

Daylight Saving **Saturday 5th October** (turn your clock forward)

Samaritan Boxes Due **Sunday 6th October**

Church Council Meeting **Tuesday 15th October 7:00pm**

Women's Breakfast **Saturday 9th November 9:00 am**