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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— Rykhardt(am), James(pm)

Preacher— James

Reader— Trevor

Welcome— Cath

Manager— John

Musician — Brunetta

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

Editing— Rykhardt (audio)

Morning Tea— Alisa and Katherine

### Next Week

Leader— Jonathan

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Sue

Welcome— Faye

Manager— Neil

Musician — Brunetta

Technical Crew— Rykhardt, Ruan

Editing— Jonathan (audio)

Morning Tea— Faye and Bob?

## The Weekly Word

Sunday 8th September 2024



### Golden Grove Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

### Today

Preacher—James

Reader—Trevor

Theme –Goodness and Severity

Reading: Mark 7: 24-37

### **Goodness & Severity**

Sometimes we feel that we are being harshly treated by circumstances and life, and therefore can think that God is being harsh toward us. In Mark 7:24-30 it seems as though Jesus is being harsh toward a woman who asks Him to heal her daughter, resisting her pleas.

We have two tendencies when this happens. One is to think we don't deserve this, that we've always tried to do the right thing, and therefore we get offended with others and cross with God because things seem to be against us. The other tendency is to indulge in self-misery, think that, of course circumstances, others and God are against us, since we are hopeless individuals who always fail, and don't deserve anything better.

The woman in the Gospel does neither of these things. Instead, she holds firmly to the truth that she has heard about Jesus, and acts on it.

Firstly, she acknowledges that she is indeed undeserving of any of God's gifts - i.e., that she is a sinner. She doesn't get offended. Secondly, she says that she believes the truth that Jesus is merciful and gracious precisely to those who are underserving. Jesus responds to the woman by opening His heart to her and healing her daughter.

Cling to the truth of the grace of Jesus Christ!

*Grace and cheers, Jonathan.*



### Breakfast with the Governor's Head Chef

The second Community Breakfast for this year took place on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> August. The 56 diners in attendance enjoyed a sumptuous repast.

The guest speaker was Garry Rodgers, our Governor's Head Chef and also Linda's son. He gave us a fascinating insight into life in the kitchens of Frances Adamson.

Behind the scenes was a huge army of volunteers, of which Cath was the centrepiece. David is most grateful to them all. The tables were beautifully decorated and the service was most professional. The atmosphere was very convivial and the fellowship contagious. This occasion was a wonderful example of outreach into the community, particularly the Lifestyle Village.

David would like to thank all the supporters and volunteers for the event's success. He would also like to point out that the programme is non-profit making. However, if there is any profit, it is donated to our church, and the donations from the two breakfasts have been testimony to this.

We look forward to seeing you all at the next breakfast on 23<sup>rd</sup> November.



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)

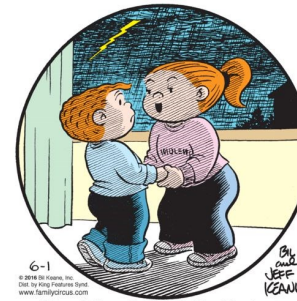
### Mission and Wider Work

On Sunday 22nd September, after worship, we are holding a "Pot Luck Lunch" at a cost of \$10.00 per person. There is a list for you to add your name to, on the back hall table for catering purposes. All money collected goes to different charities, overseas and locally, so please add your name to the list. We look forward to seeing you there for a good time of fellowship.

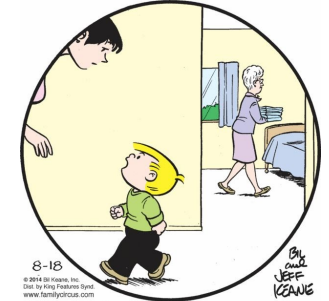


Congratulations Coral and Neil for 50 years of wedded bliss! May God bless you both on this special day and may your love for each other continue to grow stronger with each passing year.

Love from your Church Family



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"Don't be afraid, Jeffy. It's just God givin' us a little thunder and enlightening."



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"Grandma says she's seen it all, done it all, and heard it all. She just can't remember it all."

### Important Dates

- Youth 3:16 **Friday 13th September Taco Night** 6:15 to 8:15
- Church Council Meeting **Tuesday 17th September** 7:00pm
- Mission and Wider Works **Pot Luck Lunch Sunday 22nd Sept.**
- Women's Breakfast **Saturday 12th October** 9:00am