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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— Jonathan (am & pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Bob

Welcome— Bob

Manager— Ray

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Ralph and James (am & pm)

Editing— Jonathan (audio)

Morning Tea— Sue & Joy

### Next Week

Leader— James

Preacher— James

Reader— Alison

Welcome— Cath

Manager— John

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Rykhardt, Ruan

Editing— Rykhardt (audio)

Morning Tea— Peter and Yvonne

## The Weekly Word

Sunday 13th October 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— Bob

Theme –Genesis: Paradise Lost

Reading: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-8

### **Houston... We Have a Problem"**

We are raised on the view that people are essentially good. The problem is that most of the stories on our daily news raise serious questions about the truth of this; however much we affirm and insist on it, we can never quite get rid of the doubts about ourselves.

The Bible says something much more real and hopeful. It says that, while we were created essentially good (actually, "very good" - Genesis 1:31), falsehood and evil intruded, and was passed on to every person from that time. We are all inclined to do things that are wrong.

Yet, because evil is an intruder and not part of God's good purpose for us, He can do something to free and heal us from its guilt and brokenness, restore our innocence and give us back all His good gifts. He has done this in Jesus Christ and offers it to the world as a gift of grace.

We must acknowledge the problem before we can receive it, and that's where our culture, which denies the truth, creates a block. As Christians we can also deny the things in us that are wrong, and therefore not receive God's grace and healing in that part of our lives.

May we be open to see and accept our need, and have God abundantly meet it.

*Grace upon grace, Jonathan.*



### **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 big thankyou to members of the congregation. The Retiring Offering for Gideon's was \$320. That will be able to pay for quite a few Bibles and testaments to reach out to others.

For those who would like to pay their respects to Michael Sidwell, his funeral will be held at **Golden Grove Uniting Church on Monday 14th October at 2pm.** There will be an afternoon tea following the service, and as we normally do, we ask members of the congregation to please bring a plate to share with others.



Jonathan will be taking two weeks Annual Leave from Monday 14th October and will return on Monday 28th 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)



We have another Golden Wedding Anniversary to celebrate! Congratulations to Peter and Yvonne on 50 years of marriage. May God continue to bless you both with the gift of an enduring love in the years to come. Love and best wishes from your Golden Grove Church Family. Peter and Yvonne have generously brought a cake for us to have over Morning Tea, to help them celebrate this wonderful and happy occasion.



### **Philippines Project Opportunity**



Although Kathryn is now unable to visit the Philippines Hope Ministry project in Davao City itself, she will have the opportunity to meet Angelie while in Manila later this month.

If any of you generous people sponsoring children in this ministry would like to write a letter and/or send a small gift, please pass it onto Kathryn **today**. (Please keep any gifts very small due to luggage restrictions and avoid sending food—thanks).

### Important Dates

Youth 3:16 **Friday 18th October** 7:00pm at the church

Church Council Meeting **Tuesday 29th October** 7:00pm

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