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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— Kathryn

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Brunetta

Welcome— Andrew

Manager— Neil

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Rykhardt, Tim and Lucinda

Editing— Jonathan (video)

Morning Tea— Trevor and Sandy

Next Week

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

The Weekly Word

Sunday 6th 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— Brunetta

Theme – Made for Relationships

Reading: Gen1:26-27, 2:18 –25

You're Soaking in It

Are you old enough to remember Madge the beautician, and the Palmolive dishwashing detergent Ad? She matter-of-factly places her customer's fingers into a bowl of mystery green liquid, and begins spruiking the virtues of Palmolive – "it's mild on your hands while you do dishes". Then announces to her customer's shock, "*You're soaking in it*" (I have no idea why!).

The Christian doctrine of the Holy Trinity can maybe seem difficult to grasp. People can even tie themselves in mental knots over it and try to avoid it like the plague! But I'm here to tell you that the life and love of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are the closest thing to you, and in fact, "*you're soaking in it*"!

The love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for one another is the most powerful bond in the universe – like the most perfect family we could imagine, accepting, embracing and delighting in each other. Through the saving grace of the Son, Jesus Christ, we have been taken hold of, reconciled to them, and included in their relationship of love (Ro 5:1-5). So, Peter says, "we participate in the divine nature"! (2Pt 1:4).

This means that the Trinity are sharing their lives, relationships, work and play ("the joy of the Lord") with us in our everyday lives. The only problem may be that we are not aware of it,

or may be resisting it, and so, missing and not truly enjoying it. If so, we need to believe, repent, and receive the gift of their life and love.

Grace—you're soaking in it, 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 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.



A big thankyou to members of the congregation. Last Sunday ,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.

Thank you all for returning your Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes **today**. A big thank you also, to those who were able to give so generously to help fill the boxes here at church. They will bring lots of joy to many children.



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

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 next Sunday 13 October. (Please keep any gifts very small due to luggage restrictions and avoid sending food thanks).

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.

Women's Breakfast

Please Note the date change

Date : 9th November

Time : 9:00 am

Venue : Milk and Honey



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Important Dates

Youth 3:16 **Holiday Break**

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

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