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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— Barrie

Welcome— Andrew

Manager— Ray

Musician — Brunetta

Technical Crew— Lucinda, Rykhardt,
Ruan

Editing— Lucinda (video)

Morning Tea— David and Linda

Next Week

Leader— Jonathan (am & pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Chris De Brenne

Welcome— Lucinda

Manager— John

Musician — Brunetta

Technical Crew— Rykhardt & Ruan
(am) , Ralph (am & pm)

Editing— Rykhardt (audio)

Morning Tea— Chris D and Katherine

The Weekly Word

Sunday 3rd November 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— Barrie

Theme —Genesis: Sin and grace

Reading: Genesis 4: 1 –16

God: Friend of Murderers

We once lived and worked in a small country town where a brutal double-murder was committed. The majority of towns people couldn't cope with any suggestion of redemption for the murderer - "lock him up and throw away the key" was the dominant sentiment! I agreed.

In the famous story of the murder of Abel by his brother Cain in the Bible, God judged Cain's actions as wicked and evil, witheringly declaring, "cursed are you", and prophesying that he would be a fugitive and wanderer on the earth (Genesis 4:1-16). For his crime, according to God's Word, Cain deserved to die (Leviticus 24:17).

Yet God says that He Himself will put a mark on Cain, so that no one may ever kill him. It is like God placing His personal signature upon Cain, guaranteeing that He will always be his faithful protector. This didn't mean that God was withdrawing His judgement and punishment of Cain's evil, rather, that together with them, God was also giving him grace, hope and life - the possibility of salvation and redemption.

The only reason God could save and redeem, is because the blood of His own Son, Jesus Christ, shed for Cain, all people, and us, is powerful enough to pay for and forgive all sin and murder (Hebrews 12:24). Perhaps God is the true friend of many we consider "beyond the pale"?

Grace upon grace, Jonathan.

Women's Breakfast
Please Note Date change

Unfortunately, Milk and Honey are unable to cater for us on the 9th of November due to a double booking. We will now hold off and meet at the next arranged date which is on **Saturday December 7th**. Apologies for any inconvenience.



This **Thursday, 7th November**, we have invited a Police Officer to come and speak with us about the ever present issue of **Scammers**. He or she will discuss how to recognise scams, what to do about them and how to keep yourself safe. As this is an issue that affects everyone in our community, we would like to open this session up to all members of our congregation. As there will be handouts given to all those attending, could you please register your interest by writing your name on the sheet at the back of the hall.

A Message from Sally Stamp at Synod Office

Thank you from Sally Stamp: She would like to thank Lila for the hundreds and hundreds of used stamps she has recently collected for Synod's mission work.



Thank you to members of the congregation who very kindly bring food on a Communion Sunday. With your support, this outreach programme has supplied food into Hutt Street to feed the homeless, families in the Community, and also families who are victims of domestic violence. Now that it is getting close to Christmas, we will be putting the box out every Sunday collecting food up until Christmas. Last year we made 16 bags with food collected that went to people in need. We tried to put lollies, chocolate biscuits or a very small toys in them as treats for the children. Thank you once again for your support of this outreach programme.



Community Breakfast



Date : 23rd November **Cost** : \$10 per head
Time : 8:30 for 9:00 am

Venue : Golden Grove Uniting Church Hall

Guest Speaker —Karen Norman, a missionary nurse working with orphans and disabled children in China for over 20 years.

Please RSVP by 16th August: David Mapp 0448 755 806

Fire Drill.

One Sunday morning during November the Church we be doing a Fire Drill. This will take place during the service where we need you to get outside the Church as quickly as possible. The people at the front and up to the middle will leave via the door into the hall and quickly assemble in the car park and the people from the middle to the back of the church will assemble outside. The Fire Wardens will do a quick count to make sure everyone is accounted for and will then lead you back into the Church.



"Property Committee"



Our Property Committee, Neil Larcombe, Tim Checkley and John Wheatcroft, would like to hear from you if you can see anything that you feel needs fixing or replacing in and around the Church.

Important Dates

Women's Fellowship **Thursday 7th November** 1:00 pm
Youth 3:16 **Friday 8th November - Spring Time Picnic** 6:15pm
Pastoral Carer's Meeting **Tuesday 12th November** 7:00 pm
Community Breakfast **Saturday 23rd November** 8:30 for 9:00 am
Women's Breakfast **Saturday 7th December** 9:00 am