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Today

Leader— Rykhardt (am), Jonathan (pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Joy B

Welcome— Rykhardt

Manager— Neil

Musician – Brunetta

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

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— Ken and Owen

Next Week

Leader— Jonathan

Preacher— James

Reader— Lucinda

Welcome— Andrew

Manager— Ray

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Lucinda, John and Rykhardt

Editing— Jonathan (video)

Morning Tea— Peter & Yvonne

The Weekly Word

Sunday 23rd February 2025



Golden Grove Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

Today

Preacher—Jonathan

Reader— Joy B

Theme –The Necessity of Loving Enemies

Reading: Luke 6: 27 - 38

Complex Persecution

It's "open season" on Christians in Australian society. What comes through the media, politics and general social attitudes, is a sub-conscious acceptance that Christian truth, and anyone who holds to it, must be absolutely opposed as illegitimate, and considered "evil".

This is not a shocking surprise, but the fulfilment of Jesus' words of prophecy in the Bible (Mt 10:22-25). This is because the values of the Christian Gospel are precisely upsidedown to those of the world around us. Jesus Christ taught that we are to show mercy and love to all - especially to those who wrong and hate us! - while the world operates on a basis of favours to those who do what we want, and payback to those who don't (Lk 6:27-36).

Of course, persecution of Christian people is mostly social and psychological at this time in Australia (although not the less insidious and effective!); in many places in the world it is also physical, and to the point of death.

Jesus, of course, taught us how to respond to those who attack Christian truth, and ourselves as believers. That is, to love them, having mercy and compassion toward them as those who are lost; to publicly hold to the truth of Christ as the only way of salvation and fulness of life - for ourselves and our enemies; and to cop the attack.

Because persecution confirms that we do indeed belong to Christ, it is actually a "blessing", and we may "rejoice" in it! (Lk 6:22,23)

Grace and peace, Jonathan.

****IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATE****

Community Breakfast



Date : 15th March **Cost :** \$10 per head

Time : 8:30 for 9:00 am start.

Venue : Golden Grove Uniting Church Hall

Guest Speaker —Shouwn Oosting, member of The Crows Financial Risk Assessment Team, Board member of the South Australian Film Corporation, consultant, professional facilitator and over 25 years of experience in working in the State and Federal Public Sector. Passionate about reconciliation and improving outcomes for Australia's first Nations People.

Bookings essential.

Please RSVP by 6th March: David Mapp 0448 755 806



Congratulations on your 80th Birthday, Sandy! May God bless you and grant you long life, prosperity, and happiness for all your days!



Prayers and blessings for our Church Council members and Elders—Trevor and Sandy Walker, Chris Holroyd, Coral and Neil Larcombe, Andrew and Sheila McTeir, David and Linda Mapp, Cath McKechnie, Tim Checkley, Ralph Walcott and Katherine McDonald .

Important Dates 2025

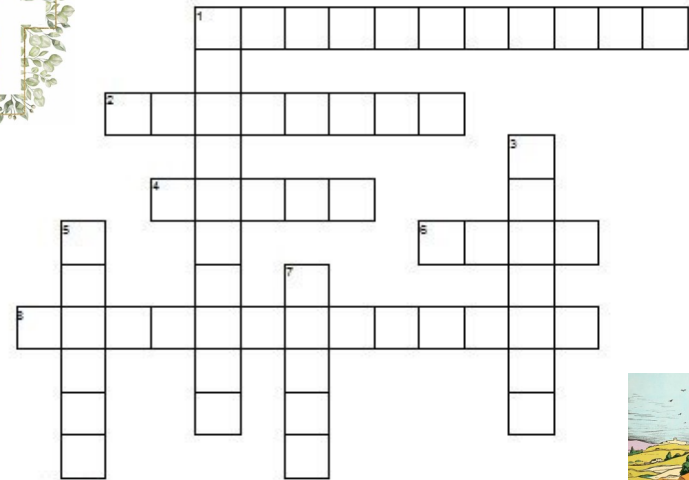
Youth 3:16 Friday 28th February **Picnic** 6:15 pm

Women's Fellowship **Tuesday 4th March** **Pancake Breakfast** 9:30

Saturday March 15th **Community Breakfast** 8:30am



Beatitudes



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ACROSS

- 1 Blessed are the _____: for they shall be called the children of God
- 2 Blessed are the _____: for they shall obtain mercy
- 4 Blessed are the pure in _____: for they shall see God
- 6 Blessed are the _____: for they shall inherit the earth
- 8 Blessed are those that hunger and thirst after _____: for they shall be filled

DOWN

- 1 Blessed are they which are _____ for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
- 3 _____ are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
- 5 Blessed are the poor in _____: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
- 7 Blessed are they that _____: for they shall be comforted



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Women's Fellowship will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast

On Tuesday 4th March

At 9.30 in the hall

Cost \$5.00 (or a donation)

This is to cover costs. Any money left will go towards our end of year charity.

Please note that this is open to all ladies.

Please provide your name on the sheet at the back of the hall – this will assist with catering.

Sandy Walker

