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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.

If you have any spare coins cluttering your purses or pockets, you may like to place them into the Lenten Boxes which are now on the tables in the hall. If you have given up caffeine for Lent, maybe you could feed the boxes instead of the Pink Pig! (Sorry, Jim.)



Today

Leader— James

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Owen

Welcome— Cath

Manager— Neil

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Lucinda and Rykhardt

Editing— Jonathan (audio)

Morning Tea— Bob & Faye

Next Week

Leader— Jonathan (am)James(pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Peter

Welcome— Faye

Manager— Ray

Musician – Brunetta

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

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— Chris De Brenne & Katherine

The Weekly Word

Sunday 16th March 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— Owen

Theme –Surprising the Neighbours

Reading: Luke 10: 25-37

Surprising The Neighbours

There may be no more famous parable of Jesus than the one about the man who fell among thieves, and a Samaritan man who had mercy on him and helped him. Jesus concludes this teaching with the powerful command that we go and do the same.

Unfortunately this parable is often read only as Law accusing us of what we have not done and telling us what we should do. This leads either to guilt, helplessness and resentment, or to self-righteousness and smugness if we think we've "done the right thing". None of this can create the kind of compassion that leads to true neighbour love.

Jesus certainly directs us how to live according to God's good will (His Law), *but never, ever apart from the Gospel* (good news!) of *His grace and love that come to us first*, that save, forgive and fill us with abundant life. Only then can we begin to help others with an attitude and motivation of genuine love.

In the first instance *the Samaritan is Jesus*. He is the One who comes showing unconditional love, acceptance and compassion to the broken, who stops at nothing to heal and restore. We are the ones busted up by our brokenness and sin, lying helpless on the road, whom Jesus rescues.

Christ's saving love to us causes that same compassion to gush from our hearts to all neighbours.

Grace upon grace, Jonathan.



Women's Breakfast

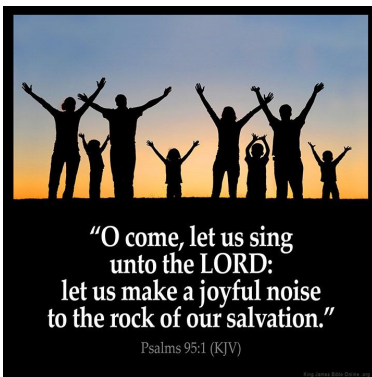
Date: 22nd March

Venue: Milk and Honey

Time: 9:00

Speaker: Lhot Martin

"Living with Early Onset Dementia"



Mission and Wider Works BBQ Lunch

On Sunday 30th March, the Mission and Wider Works committee are holding their annual BBQ lunch after the Service. If you would like to participate in this delicious fare of sausages, onion, salad and dessert, could you please write your name on the list at the back of the hall for catering purposes. The cost will be \$10 per person and all proceeds go to the charities we support throughout the year. We look forward to sharing lunch with you.



Golden Grove Uniting Church AGM

AGM reports are available today for you to take home and read. They can be discussed at the **AGM** Meeting next **Sunday the 23rd March** straight after the service.

All are welcome and can ask questions at the meeting but only Members and Associate Members can vote on matters arising.



AN IRISH BLESSING

May the road rise up
to meet you.
May the wind be always
at your back.
May the sun shine warm
upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon
your fields and until
we meet again,
may God hold you
in the palm of His hand.



Name: _____ Date: _____

Saint Patrick's Day March 17th

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the
vocabulary words
in the grid. Look
for them in all
directions including
backwards and
diagonally.



BLARNEY

CHARM

CLOVER

DANCE

DUBLIN

EMERALD

GOLD

GREEN

IRELAND

ISLE

LEPRECHAUN

LIMERICK

LUCK

MARCH

PARADE

RAINBOW

SHAMROCK



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“
Why are leprechauns
so stingy?

*They're always
pinching pennies.*



“
What would you
get if you crossed
Christmas with
St. Patrick's Day?

St. O'Claus.



“
Why should you
never iron a four-leaf
clover?

*You don't want to
press your luck.*



Important Dates 2025

St Patrick's Day March 17th

Youth 3:16 Friday 21st March **Picasso Night** 6:15 pm

Women's Breakfast **Saturday 22nd March** 9:00 am

Golden Grove Uniting Church AGM **Sunday 23rd March** Straight
after the Service

Mission Wider Works BBQ Lunch **Sunday 30th March**