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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— 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

Next Week

Leader— Kathryn

Preacher— Kathryn

Reader— Rykhardt

Welcome— Lila

Manager— John

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Ruan & Rykhardt

Editing— Rykhardt (audio)

Morning Tea— Ailsa & Tina

The Weekly Word

Sunday 23rd 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— Peter

Theme –The Unexpected Neighbour

Reading: Luke 10: 25-37

The Unexpected Neighbour

Luke 10:25-37

In *The Lord of the Rings*, the hobbit, Frodo, has been wounded by an evil blade; approaching death his friends fly with him to escape their enemies; he loses consciousness; all is lost! After many days Frodo awakens in the sanctuary of Rivendell, lovingly tended back to health by Elrond, King of the Elves.

Something like that happens to us when we are met by Jesus Christ.

Steve Brown says that "every person on the planet is sinful, needy and worried" - the Bible agrees (Romans 3:21; Isaiah 53:6). In truth - like the man in the parable - we are beaten up, broken and left half-dead by the evil in the world and in our own hearts. Sometimes, oh, don't we feel it; but even when all seems well with us, we're only ever a hair's breadth from deep loss and pain.

Yet Christ, with great compassion and strength, has stooped down to us, gathered up our sick, broken hearts and lives in His arms, carried us to a place of rest, and ministered deep healing and forgiveness to us. It's like waking from a nightmare to breathe in the atmosphere and light of heaven!

Christ our King is the great Samaritan, who saves us, carries us, and lovingly tends us back to fullness of life.

Grace upon grace, Jonathan.

Reminder - Golden Grove Uniting Church AGM

Straight after the service in the church.



Working Bee

Saturday 5th April

8:00 am



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.



Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship will be meeting in the hall on Thursday 3rd April at 1:00pm. We are arranging a guest speaker to visit for the afternoon. More details next week.



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



Parable of the Good Samaritan

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Luke 10:27

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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LEVITE
SAMARITAN

PRIEST
JERICHO

STRIPPED
BEAT

ROBBERS
NEIGHBOR

Important Dates 2025

Youth 3:16 Friday 28th March **Puzzle and Movie** 6:15 pm

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

Women's Fellowship **Thursday 3rd April** 1:00pm

Working Bee **Saturday 5th April** 8:30 am

Palm Sunday **Sunday 6th April**