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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 & pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader– Marion

Welcome– Bob

Manager— John

Musician – Brunetta

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

Editing— Rykhardt (audio)

Morning Tea— David and Linda

Next Week

Leader— James

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader– Owen

Welcome– Cath

Manager— Neil

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Lucinda and Rykhardt

Editing— Jonathan (audio)

Morning Tea— Bob & Faye

The Weekly Word

Sunday 9th 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— Marion

Theme –Tempted?

Reading: Luke 4: 1-13

Serious Joy

Lent, the name of the 40 day season prior to Easter, derives from the Old English word, *lencten*, meaning "Springtime" (northern hemisphere), and before that from the Germanic *longitinaz*, meaning "lengthening of days". It anticipates Easter, following upon Good Friday, and the victory of the light and life of Christ over the darkness of sin and death.

Within Christian truth, the realities behind Good Friday and Easter Day are never apart, but only and always fused inseparably together. We cannot know the greatness of the victory of Christ for the world, nor its unspeakable joy, revealed at Easter, without at once knowing the shocking depth and breadth of evil and of our sin, laid bare in the Crucifixion of Christ, from which He has saved us.

The truth of the fusion of Easter and Good Friday means that the joyful message of the Christian Gospel is never just religious, wishful thinking. It fully acknowledges the worst that the world can throw at us - the worst of evil and sin, and is victorious *through and over it*! This produces, as CS Lewis said, "the kind of happiness and wonder that makes you serious".

I pray for you to have a seriously joyful Lenten season.

Grace and cheers, Jonathan

Reminder - Community Breakfast Cancelled

Women's Breakfast

Date: 22nd March

Venue: Milk and Honey

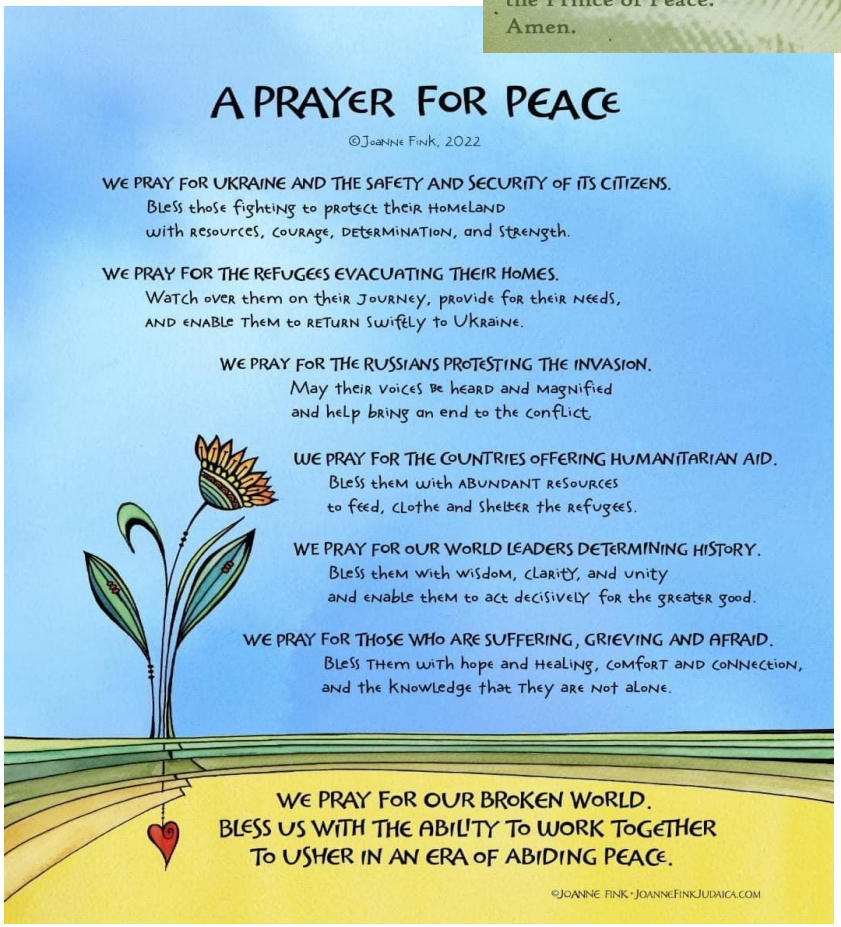
Time: 9:00

Speaker : Lhot Martin

"Living with Early Onset Dementia"

Prayers for peace in Gaza and Israel

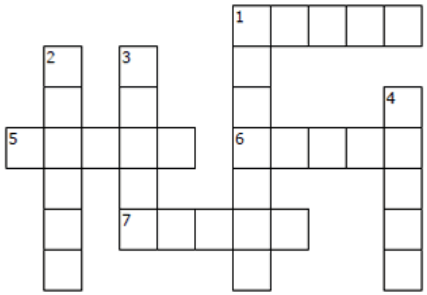
Lord God of compassion,
whose will is for peace built on righteousness,
we pray for peace in Gaza & Israel:
for an end to hostilities,
for comfort and help for all who suffer, and for reconciliation between Palestine and Israel,
through Jesus Christ,
the Prince of Peace.
Amen.



The Temptation of Jesus

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Matthew 4:1 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. The entire Earth and all the places and things on it
5. A heavenly being, often shown as a human figure with a halo and wings
6. A small rock
7. The evil ruler of Hell, and enemy of God

DOWN

1. To show a strong feeling of love and respect for God
2. To feel a need or desire for food
3. A food made of flour and water, shaped into loaves, and baked
4. To try to get someone to do wrong

hungry	bread	worship	devil
stone	tempt	angel	world

Important Dates 2025

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday Monday 10th March

Youth 3:16 Friday 14th March Just Dance Party 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