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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— Rykhardt (am) & Jonathan(pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader- Ailsa

Welcome- Andrew

Manager— Neil

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Ruan& Lucinda (am) Ralph and Trevor (pm)

Editing— Jonathan (audio)

Morning Tea— Trevor & Sandy

Next Week

Leader— Kathryn(am) James(pm)

Preacher— James

Reader- Barrie

Welcome- Bob

Manager— Ray

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Lucinda & Rykhardt (am) Ralph & David (pm)

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— Bob & Faye



The Weekly Word

Sunday 6th April 2025



Golden Grove Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

Today

Preacher— James

Reader— Ailsa

Theme –The Hidden Neighbour

Reading: Luke 10: 25-37

The Hidden Neighbour

Luke 10:25-37

Imagine you were invited to a party, and every other person there, you owed money to. What a fun evening that would be! Yet sometimes that's how we look at Jesus' command to love our neighbours - i.e., viewing other people as obligations we're forced to help.

Jesus said, "*as much as you've done it to the least of these, my brethren, you have done it to me*" (Matthew 25:40). How we treat others is how we treat Jesus, because He is one with them.

This includes "*the least of these*" - i.e., those in the lowest state, physically, morally or spiritually (including jailbirds! - Matthew 25:43). When Jesus became our flesh and blood brother ("*my brethren*"), He took on our broken, sinful humanity. He then cleansed, reconciled and healed it through His death on the cross.

When we see someone in need and brokenness, we see a person Christ loves - someone whose sin and need He has taken upon Himself and healed with mercy. We also see a reflection of our own brokenness, which He has saved and healed.

In the person in need, we ultimately see Christ Himself, carrying the brokenness He has lifted from the world. As we reach out to help others, we are embracing Christ, the Great Samaritan, our True Neighbour, sharing His good news and grace with the world - and with ourselves.

Then helping others is a *joyful act* - one so delightful it feels like a celebration!

Grace upon grace, Jonathan.

Easter Service Times

Maunday Thursday **Thursday 17th April** 6:00pm

Good Friday **Friday 18th April** 9:00am

Easter Sunday **Sunday 20th April** 10:00am



happy 80 birthday

Congratulations on your 80th Birthday, Jo! May God bless you and grant you happiness and joy for all your days!



Commissioning:

Today we will celebrate the commissioning of Dr James Ross-Naylor as Associate Pastor (0.2 FTE), and Mrs Cath McKechnie as Administrator (0.1 FTE).



Community Breakfast



Date : 26th April **Cost :** \$10 per head

Time : 8:30 for 9:00 am

Venue : Golden Grove Uniting Church Hall

Join us for a **Musical Morning Breakfast!**

Songs of the 60's—80's.

Guest Musician and singer — **Sotlata**

Bookings essential.

Please RSVP by 19th April: David Mapp 0448 755 806



Answer to the Word Scramble will be in next week's Weekly Word.

Good Samaritan Word Scramble

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circle boxes and unscramble them for the final question.

PIMNOOSASC

ROEGIBNH

RUNYEJO

PEHL

VALETR

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NIN

KUEL

RESRBBO

DAOR

SEAJULREM

WAL

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The Good Samaritan was _____.

Important Dates 2025

Youth 3:16 Friday 11th April **Chihuly (Botanic gardens)** 6:15 pm

Café Church **Sunday 13th April** 6:00pm

Palm Sunday **Sunday 13th April**

Estia Service **Monday 14th April** 2:00pm

Church Council Meeting **Tuesday 15th April** 7:00pm

Maunday Thursday **Thursday 17th April** 6:00pm

