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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.

Café Church

6:00pm

A relaxed, contemporary service held every Sunday in the Church Hall.
This week's team will be:

Leader: Jonathan

Technical Crew : Ralph



Today

Leader— Jonathan (am &pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Sandy

Welcome— Lila

Manager— Ray

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Rykhardt, Lucinda (am) Ralph (pm)

Editing— Rykhardt (audio)

Morning Tea— Chris De Brenne & Katherine

Next Week

Leader— Rykhardt(am) & James(pm)

Preacher— James

Reader— Sue

Welcome— Lucinda

Manager— John

Musician – Brunetta

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

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— David and Linda

The Weekly Word

Sunday 22nd June 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— Sandy Walker

Theme – My Name is Legion

Reading: Luke 8:26-39

Dear Death, or Dark Devourer?

We are very affected at the moment by the deaths of two dear church family members. We are sad. We also hold to the greatest possible hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

Death is an alien intruder into God's good creation. It is a part of the disfigurement of God's world caused by the entrance of sin and evil into it (Gen 3; Ro 6:23). When His friend Lazarus died, Jesus wept and shook with rage to see the indignity and sorrow that death had inflicted on women and men, who are made in God's image (Jn 11:28-37).

God hates death. That's why He sent His Son Jesus into the world to abolish it. He cancelled its cause, sin, by paying its price in His death on the cross; therefore, He reversed death, rising bodily from the dead to eternal life. By faith in Him, we know our sin cancelled and forgiven, and that we too will be raised from the dead to eternal life like Him.

This doesn't mean that we will never struggle with the fear of death - and that's ok, because the truth never depends on the strength of our faith, but on Christ's victory.

Death may still appear like a snake, inspiring some fear, but Christ has removed its fangs; it can do us no ultimate harm.

Apart from Jesus' victory, death would be a dark devourer to us. But by faith in Him, we can know that it has lost the power to dominate and crush us. And we have the greatest hope: resurrection from the dead to eternal life with all of God's people in a new heaven and earth!

This must touch and transform our lives, relationships and our world, now, with indestructible purpose and joy.

Grace and great hope, Jonathan.

We would like to advise our congregation that Joan Checkley's Funeral Service and celebration of her life, will be held on **Friday 27th June, at Golden Grove Uniting Church** at 11:30 am. As is our custom, could members of the congregation attending, please bring a plate to share for refreshments after the service.



Women's Fellowship

This month, Women's Fellowship have been invited to join The KYB Group and the Sewing Group, for not only a time of fellowship, but to come and enjoy watching a guest who tailor makes candles and floral arrangements. This will be held on Monday July 7th (the first week of the school holidays) in the Hall at 10:00 am. Both Sheila and Lila have candles made by this lady which are absolutely amazing. I'm sure they would be only too happy to tell you about them. As we haven't anything else organized, this get together will be in lieu of our normal Thursday afternoon meeting for July. Hope to see you all there.

Working Bee

Saturday 5th July 8:00am



Golden Grove Uniting Church
will celebrate its
159th Birthday
on June 24th this year.



Bible Riddles

Who am I?

MATCH THE BIBLE EVENT WITH THE PERSON ASSOCIATED WITH IT

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| 1. I LIVED FOR 900 YEARS | A. LAND OF NOD |
| 2. I ATE LOCUST IN THE DESERT | B. METHUSELAH |
| 3. REUBEN IS MY FIRST CHILD | C. THREE WISEMEN |
| 4. I WAS THE ONLY WOMAN JUDGE | D. JOHN THE BAPTIST |
| 5. MY BROTHER STOLE MY BIRTHRIGHT | E. DEBORAH |
| 6. I SOLVED "MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN" | F. LOT |
| 7. I AM THE FATHER OF FAITH | G. JOSEPH |
| 8. WE BROUGHT BABY JESUS GIFTS | H. JACOB |
| 9. I KILLED A LION WITH BARE HANDS | I. ESAU |
| 10. I'M FAMOUS FOR THE BURNING BUSH | J. HOSEA |
| 11. MY WIFE TURNED INTO A PILLAR OF SALT | K. DANIEL |
| 12. I SAID JESUS WILL BE BORN IN BETHLEHEM | L. MOSES |
| 13. I AM THE LAND EAST OF EDEN | M. SAMSON |
| 14. I WAS SOLD INTO SLAVERY | N. ABRAHAM |
| 15. I AM THE LAST KING OF ISRAEL | O. MICAH |

Important Dates 2025

<u>Youth 3:16</u>	Friday 27th June	Hot Chocolate & Trivia	6:15 pm
<u>Women's Fellowship</u>	Monday 7th July		10:00 am
<u>Working Bee</u>	Saturday 5th July		8:00 am
<u>Community Breakfast</u>	Saturday 19th July		8:30 am