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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: James Technical Crew : David Topic : Book of Philippians

Today

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

Next Week

Leader— Jonathan (am &pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader– Owen

Welcome– Andrew

Manager— John

Musician – Brunetta

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

Editing— Jonathan (video)

Morning Tea— Ken and Owen

The Weekly Word

Sunday 29th June 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— Sue Rhodes

Theme – Proclaim The Kingdom Reading: Luke 9: 51-62

Why Doesn't God Just…?

In Luke 9, Jesus and his disciples try to pass through a Samaritan town, but are not welcomed because he is a Jew heading for Jerusalem. The Bible doesn't explain exactly in what way the people "did not welcome him," but they must have been quite rude, because two of Jesus' disciples suggest calling fire down from heaven to destroy them!

It's easy for us to point fingers, but we can sometimes have the same attitude as those two disciples – and sometimes for good reason. Even in the last few weeks we've seen and heard about many people saying and doing terrible things, often brazenly, with no hint of remorse. I've heard numerous people wondering, in their own words, what amounts to the same thing. *"Why doesn't God just zap all the bad guys?"*

We're not alone when we wonder this. "How long, O Lord?" cries the psalmist (Psalm 6:3, 13:1, 35:17 and many others!) But Jesus shows us a better way. Instead of seeking judgement, we are to follow Him in proclaiming the kingdom of God. We are to overcome darkness with light, hatred with love, and lies with the truth. When we see everything in life through the gospel of God's saving grace, then we won't have to worry about the "Why doesn't God just…?" questions. He will work through us!

James

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. If you would like to have something or someone put on a candle, please bring along a picture or verse with you on the day. Hope to see you all there.

Please add your name to the list at the back of the Hall if you wish to attend the Breakfast.

Faith, Hope & Love

A Thanksgiving and Blessing Service will be held at our church on Sunday 27th of July for William Medlan.

We look forward to sharing this special event with the Medlan Family.

Working Bee — Saturday 5th July — 8: 00am

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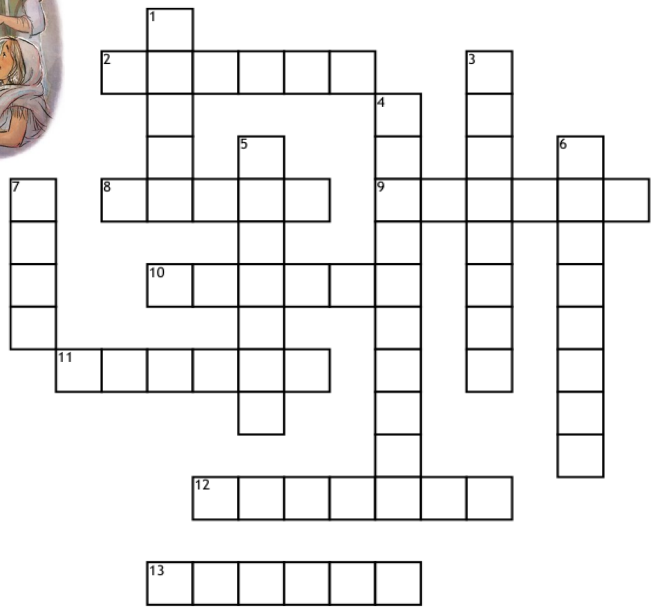

Across

2. who do the ___ say that I am?
8. Take up your __ daily
9. the son of man must ___ many things
10. Jesus spent time in __
11. on the third day be
12. what is he who saves his life will lose it and he who loses his life will save it
13. others say you are

Down

1. Who answered Jesus' second question
3. and loses or __
4. Jesus ___ them
5. If you are --- of me
6. He will be _____ by religious leaders
7. whoever wishes to __ his life

Important Dates 2025

Youth 3:16	Friday 4th July	Fireworks and Bon Fire	6:15 pm
Women's Fellowship	Monday 7th July		10:00 am
Working Bee	Saturday 5th July		8:00 am
Community Breakfast	Saturday 19th July		8:30 am
Thanksgiving and Blessing Service	Sunday 27th July		10:00am