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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:** Ralph **Topic:** Water Walking Faith

Today

Leader— Kathryn(am) & James(pm)

Preacher— James

Reader— Rykhardt

Welcome— Andrew

Manager— Ray

Musician – Brunetta

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

Editing— Rykhardt (audio)

Morning Tea— Chris De Brenne &
Katherine

Next Week

Leader— TBA

Preacher— TBA

Reader— Peter

Welcome— Bob

Manager— John

Musician – Brunetta

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

Editing— Lucinda (video)

Morning Tea— Joy & Sue

The Weekly Word

Sunday 31st August 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— Rykhardt

Theme – The Water of Grace

Reading: Exodus 17:1—7

What Am I to Do?

In Exodus 17:4, after the Israelites yet again doubt and question God, Moses cries out, "What am I to do with these people?" I'm sure that's a sentiment all of us have been able to relate to, at one point or another!

This is the last of three stories in a short space of time, in all of which the Israelites – after having been rescued by God from slavery in Egypt – grow disillusioned by their living conditions out in the wilderness, on the way to the land God has promised them. They complain that God has led them out only to die, and that it would have been better if they'd stayed. That's not a complimentary picture of God's chosen people, and yet God (faced with the same question Moses asks: what is He to do with His people?) doesn't give up on them. He provides for their need and continues to lead them.

In this series on Exodus, we've been seeing how everything in this story points to the gospel. So this event is a lesson for us! So often we, like the Israelites, fail to appreciate what we have from God and feel as if the things of the world – the things that used to enslave us – are better by comparison. But just as He did for the grumbling people in the wilderness, God has mercy on us and provides us with what we need, even when we don't deserve it. What a good God we have!

James



Please remember to keep Jonathan and the two grants we have applied for in your prayers this week.

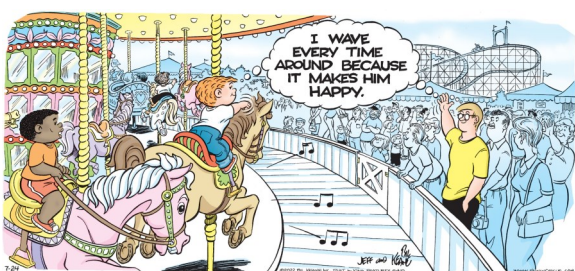


We invite you to come and listen to a Guest Speaker, here in the hall, on **Thursday 4th September** at 1:00 pm.

Women's Fellowship

Working Bee

Saturday 6th September 8:00am



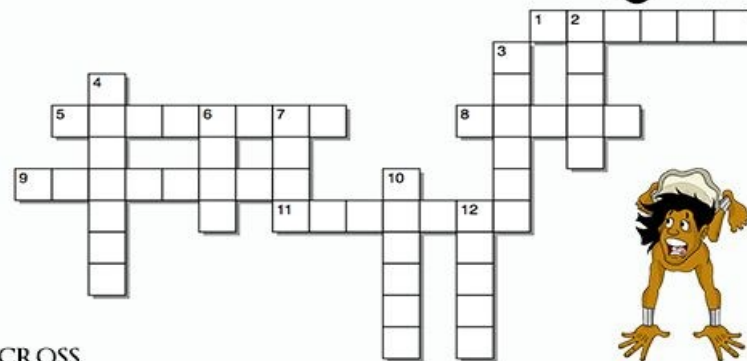
It has been decided not to have a **Mission and Wider Works** fundraising activity for the moment so that those who wish to, can focus on putting together a **Samaritan's Children's Christmas Box**. As in previous years, we will once again put out some labelled cardboard boxes for those who would rather contribute individual items towards this cause. The Women's Thursday Night Bible Study group will sort them into boxes once the donation deadline has been reached. There will also be boxes/ jars on tables if people would like to make donations towards the shipping of the boxes that are being packed with individual items. Any leftover money will go towards the other charities supported by **Mission and Wider Works**. We thank you so much for your continued support with these boxes which bring so much joy to the children who receive them.



Bible Pathway Adventures

CROSSWORD

Red Sea Crossing



ACROSS

- 1) "Let us flee from the face of Israel, for _____ fights for them against the Egyptians." (Exo 14:25)
- 5) "I will harden _____ heart..." (Exo 14:4)
- 8) Leader of the Children of Israel.
- 9) "The waters returned and covered the chariots, the _____ and all the army of Pharaoh..." (Exo 14:28)
- 11) "Yahweh caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were _____." (Exo 14:21)

DOWN

- 2) The _____ of God, went before the camp of Israel.
- 3) The Hebrews walked through the sea on dry _____.
- 4) A horse-drawn vehicle used in war and races in ancient Egypt.
- 6) The Egyptian _____ chased the Hebrews across the desert.
- 7) Moses stretched out his _____ to divide the sea.
- 10) Yahweh looked down on the Egyptian army through the _____ of fire and cloud.
- 12) The Hebrews used to live in this land.

Important Dates 2025

<u>Youth 3:16</u>	Friday 5th September	Spring Bake-Off	6:15 pm
<u>Women's Fellowship</u>	Thursday 4th September		1:00pm
<u>Working Bee</u>	Saturday 6th September		8:00am
<u>Father's Day</u>	Sunday 7th September		