



Australia Day Prayer

"Loving God, we thank you for the rich, multicultural tapestry of our nation. We pray for harmony, that we may see your presence in those who differ from us. Help us to build bridges of friendship and foster a spirit of mateship that brings us together in times of struggle and celebration. We pray Lord, that you guide our leaders with wisdom and compassion. May they foster peace, uphold justice, and unite our people in a common purpose to serve the vulnerable and create a better future for all Australians."

Bible Study Groups

Many Bible Study groups are now recommencing for 2026.

Women's **Thursday night** Bible study will begin again on **Thursday 29th of January at 7:00pm.**

Men's **Thursday night** Bible Study will also begin on **29th January at 6:45 pm** in the **Church Hall Lounge.**

KYB will meet again from **Monday 2nd Feb at 10:00 am.**

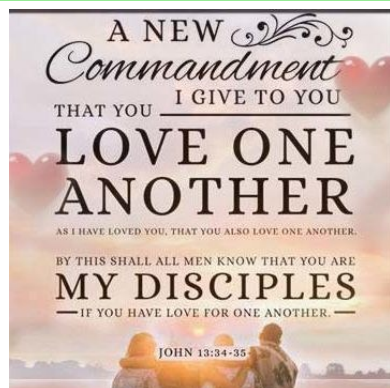


Last Week's Word puzzle Answers

Proverbs, Revelations, Lamentations, Romans, Genesis, Hebrews, Exodus, Hosea, Galatians, Jonah, Deuteronomy, Zechariah, Numbers, Philippians, Ephesians, Philemon, Jeremiah, Judges, Obadiah, Esther.



God Bless
Australia

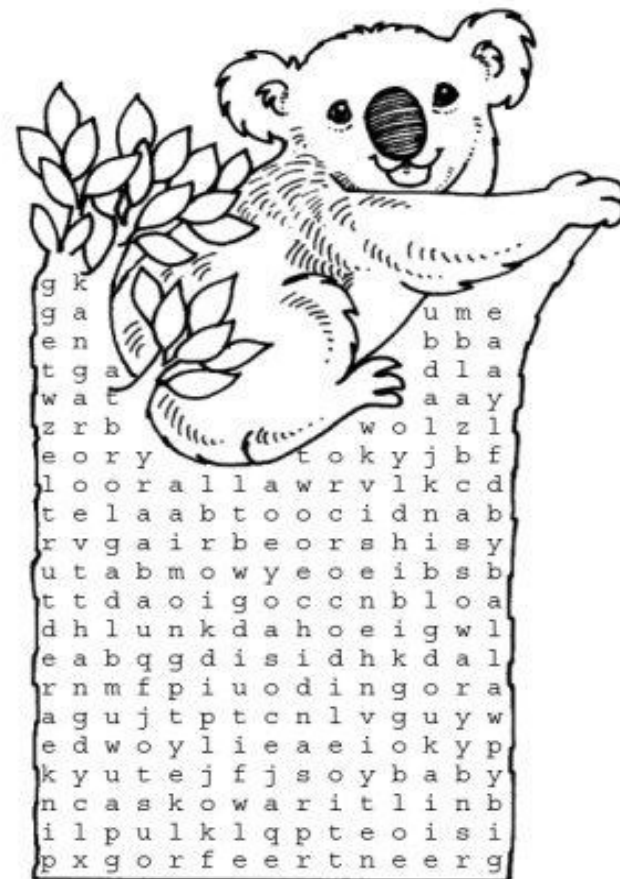


Australian Animal Word Search

Find and circle all of the words from the word list in the puzzle. Words may be forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonal.

Word List

koala
kangaroo
emu
ibis
echidnas
wallaby
platypus
cassowary
kowari
yabby
wallaroo
dingo
dugite
pink-eared turtle
green tree frog
wombat
bandicoot
woylie
crocodile
brilga



Important Dates 2025

Youth 3:16 **back on 30th January** 6:15 pm

Australia Day **Monday 26th January**

Commissioning Service For Elders and Church Council Members

Sunday 1st February

Morning service

Working Bee

Saturday 7th February 8:00am

Women's Fellowship

Thursday 5th February 1:00pm

Contact Information

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Jonathan is available in the event of emergencies at any time, but other than that would appreciate not getting calls on Mondays and Wednesdays, where possible, as these are his days off.

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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: Glory of The Incarnation

Today

Leader— Kathryn(am) & James(pm)

Preacher— James

Reader— Andrew

Welcome— Ray

Manager— John

Musicians— Brunetta

Technical Crew— Lucinda & Rykhardt (am)

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— David & Linda

Next Week

Leader— Rykhardt(am) & Jonathan (pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Chris De Brenne

Welcome— Faye

Manager— Neil

Musicians — Brunetta

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

Editing— Jonathan (video)

Morning Tea— Ailsa & Tina

The Weekly Word

Sunday 25th January 2026



Golden Grove Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

Today

Preacher— James

Reader— Andrew

Theme —Good News For the Sick

Reading: Matthew 4:17-25

A Light Has Dawned

The first few verses of Isaiah 9 are often quoted around Christmastime as a celebration of the coming of Jesus. "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned." In the time of Isaiah, the people of Israel had strayed from God to the point where they were even consulting mediums and spiritists instead of Him (Isaiah 8:19). This led them down a path of hopelessness and gloom. The people God had chosen to bear his light to all nations had become a land of deep darkness.

It's fair to say that today's world is just as dark as it was two thousand years ago. There seems to be a new shocking news story or tragedy every time you check the news. In the face of such troubled times, there is a growing sense of fear and hopelessness. People put their trust in everything but God – their own efforts, their money, their political ideology, their sports team – and fall into anger or despair when these things inevitably fail them.

Isaiah's message for these people is that a light has dawned on them! Later in the chapter he explains that "to us a child is born... and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Jesus fulfilled these words in Matthew 4 when he came, preaching the kingdom of God, calling people to follow him and healing the sick. He brings a way of light, life and hope for the future that we, and the whole world, desperately need. Praise the Lord!

James