



Reading of the Week

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

David Mapp

Our Women's Breakfast now has a new name—"The Open Table". Our logo outlines the aim of - **gathering** women from the community to **share** fellowship over breakfast, **share** experiences and to **grow** new friendships and personal faith journeys. The first Breakfast will be on **February 28th**. Other breakfasts have been planned for :

April 18th June 27th August 29th

October 31st December 5th

Remember to pop these dates in your diary.

See You at "Milk and Honey".



Prayers and blessings for our Church Council members, Elders and Worship Team—Trevor and Sandy Walker, Chris Holroyd, Coral and Neil Larcombe, Andrew McTeir, David and Linda Mapp, James Ross-Naylor, Jonathan Button, Cath McKechnie, Tim Checkley, Julia Delen and



"We love him, because he first loved us."

1 JOHN 4:19



Valentine Word Scramble

The following mixed-up words have something to do with Valentine's Day. Unscramble the letters to identify them all.

1. Evlo _____
2. Scelocatho _____
3. Swelfor _____
4. Essor _____
5. Eatd Thing _____
6. Theastrewe _____
7. Dynac _____
8. Reggiten Dracs _____
9. Figt _____
10. Meancro _____
11. Tinas Linnevat _____
12. Scarvenitoon _____
13. Nightcalled _____
14. Skiess _____
15. Ninred Tou _____
16. Stinntem _____
17. Sugh _____
18. Tonicaffe _____
19. Ducip _____
20. Shippanes _____

I will put the answers in next week's TWW.

Important Dates 2025

Youth 3:16 Friday 13th February 6:15 pm

Estia Service Monday 16th February 2:00pm

Church Council Meeting Tuesday 17th February 7:00pm

The Open Table Saturday 28th February 8:30 for 9:00 am

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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: TBA

Today

Leader— James (am & pm)

Preacher— James

Reader— Barrie

Welcome— Sue

Manager— Ray

Musicians— Brunetta

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

Editing— Rykhardt (audio)

Morning Tea— Chris De Brenne & Katherine

Next Week

Leader— Sue (am) & Jonathan (pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Joy B

Welcome— Andrew

Manager— John

Musicians — Brunetta

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

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— Bob & Faye

The Weekly Word

Sunday 8th February 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— Barrie

Theme —"Fulfilling the Law"

Reading: Matthew 5:17-24

All My Boast is in...

Last week, we sang, "All My Boast is in Jesus." But what does it mean to boast? We might think of people who are very "up themselves" and quick to tell people all about their successes. Here in Australia, where our culture is to barrack for the underdog, we don't tend to like such people very much. However, we all boast silently: we might not say it, but we're satisfied with ourselves when we do a good job or help someone out. Boasting in our own minds is still boasting.

The Bible turns all of this on its head. Time and time again we see that we have all gone astray from God's good will (Isaiah 53:6) and no one is truly righteous (Ecclesiastes 7:20). Jesus sets out the problem in Matthew 5. Even if we keep the commandments, for example, not to murder or not to commit adultery, we still break them in our hearts whenever we are angry with someone or lust after someone. None of us can truly keep the law, so we cannot boast about anything.

The good news for us is that God does what we're incapable of. Ephesians 2:8-9 contains Paul's famous statement that "it is by grace you have been saved, through faith... not by works, so that no one can boast." This is what it means to boast in Jesus: to recognise that anything good that happens to us, and anything good we might do, is not because of us but because God graciously chose to save us through Jesus Christ. When we understand that, we will boast about what God has done, and nothing else!

James