



Reading of the Week

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

James 5:16

David Mapp

The first Open Table will be held on February 28th at Milk and Honey. If you would like to attend, could you please contact Chris Holroyd or Kathryn Button to assist with catering numbers. You can arrive anytime after 8:30 for a 9:00am start.

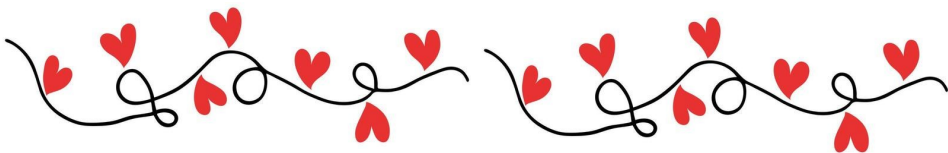


Prayers and blessings for our Church Council members, Elders and Worship Team—Trevor and Sandy Walker, Chris Holroyd, Coral and Neil Larcombe, Andrew McTeir, David and Linda Mapp, James Ross-Naylor, Jonathan Button, Cath McKechnie, Tim Checkley, Julia Delen and Sue Rhodes .



Word Scramble Answers

Love, chocolates, flowers, roses, date night, sweetheart, candy, greeting cards, gift, romance, Saint Valentine, conversation, candlelight, kisses, dinner out, sentiment, hugs, affection, Cupid, happiness.



Happy 90th Birthday, Miriam!



May God's Grace continue to shine upon you as you continue on your incredible journey with Him by your side! With love and warm wishes from your Golden Grove Family



**BLESSED
BY GOD
for
90
YEARS**

AS THEY WERE COMING DOWN THE MOUNTAIN, JESUS COMMANDED THEM, "DO NOT TELL ANYONE ABOUT THIS VISION UNTIL THE SON OF MAN HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD."
- MATTHEW 17:9



Important Dates 2025

<u>Youth 3:16</u>	Friday 20th February	Team Mini Games	6:15 pm
<u>Estia Service</u>	Monday 16th February		2:00pm
<u>Church Council Meeting</u>	Tuesday 17th February		7:00pm
<u>The Open Table</u>	Saturday 28th February		8:30 for 9:00 am
<u>Women's Fellowship</u>	Thursday 5th March		1:00pm
<u>Working Bee</u>	Saturday 7th March		8:00 am

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: Jonathan Technical Crew: Ralph Topic: The Wonder Of Grace

Today

Leader— Jonathan (am & 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

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Preacher— James

Reader— Peter

Welcome— Julia

Manager— Neil

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Technical Crew— Lucinda (am) Ralph (pm)

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Morning Tea— Joy & Sue

The Weekly Word

Sunday 15th February 2026



Golden Grove Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

Today

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Joy B

Theme – Seeing The Good News

Reading: Matthew 17: 1-9

Serious Joy

Lent, the name of the 40 day season prior to Easter, derives from the Old English word, *lencten*, meaning "Springtime" (northern hemisphere), and before that from the Germanic *longitinaz*, meaning "lengthening of days". It anticipates Easter, following upon Good Friday, and the victory of the light and life of Christ over the darkness of sin and death.

Within Christian truth, the realities behind Good Friday and Easter Day are never apart, but only and always fused inseparably together. We cannot know the greatness of the victory of Christ for the world, nor its unspeakable joy, revealed at Easter, without at once knowing the shocking depth and breadth of evil and of our sin, laid bare in the Crucifixion of Christ, from which He has saved us.

The truth of the fusion of Easter and Good Friday means that the joyful message of the Christian Gospel is never just religious, wishful thinking. It fully acknowledges the worst that the world can throw at us - the worst of evil and sin, and is victorious *through and over it!* This produces, as CS Lewis said, "the kind of happiness and wonder that makes you serious".

I pray for you to have a seriously joyful Lenten season.

Jonathan.

