



"Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

Revelation 3:22

David Mapp

The Open Table (Previously "Women's Breakfast")

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



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



Community Breakfast

Date: 7th March **Cost:** \$10 per head

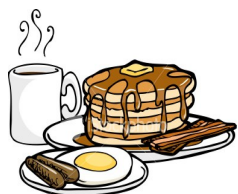
Time: 8:30 for 9:00 am start

Venue: Golden Grove Uniting Church Hall

Guest Speaker: Member of the SES

Please RSVP by 25th October - David Mapp 0448 755 806

You can also write your name on the list at the back of the hall.



DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

Ash Wednesday

Word Search

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ABSTAIN

ALMSGIVING

ASH WEDNESDAY

ASHES

BLESS

CHRISTIAN

CHURCH

CROSS

DESERT

DUST



EASTER

FASTING

FOREHEAD

FORTY DAYS

JESUS

LENT

MASS

MORTALITY

PALM SUNDAY

PENITENCE

PRAYER

PURPLE

REPENTANCE

SACRIFICE

SHROVE TUESDAY

TEMPTATION

Important Dates 2025

Youth 3:16 Friday 27th February Trivia Night 6:15 pm

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

Pastoral Carers Zoom Meeting Tuesday 3rd March 7:00pm

Women's Fellowship Thursday 5th March 1:00pm

Community Breakfast Saturday 7th March 8:30 am

Contact Information

Jonathan Button can be contacted at j.button@bigpond.com
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— Rykhardt(am)&Jonathan (pm)

Preacher— James

Reader— Peter

Welcome— Julia

Manager— Neil

Musicians— Brunetta

Technical Crew— Lucinda (am)
Ralph (pm)

Editing— Jonathan (audio)

Morning Tea— Joy & Sue

Next Week

Leader— Kathryn (am) & James (pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Tina

Welcome— Faye

Manager— Ray

Musicians — Brunetta

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

Editing— Rykhardt (Video)

Morning Tea— Peter & Yvonne

The Weekly Word

Sunday 22nd 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— Peter

Theme – Sinful, Needy, Worried

Reading: Romans 1: 16-25

Man Shall Not Live on Bread Alone

Lent has arrived! During this season of forty days leading up to Easter, Christians traditionally would abstain from meat and alcohol. This recalls the forty days and nights Jesus fasted during his temptation by the devil (Matthew 4:1-3) and in the early church was seen as critical to Christian faith. The 4th century church father Athanasius once claimed that Lent was observed by the entire world at the time!

In modern times, the practice of Lent has grown less common. This makes sense in a society that increasingly values materialism and following one's own desires. Abstinence and self-denial have no place in such a worldview. Even among Christians who observe Lent, we often reduce it from its original form to simply giving up a single thing we are attached to, such as coffee or fast food. That's not to diminish such sacrifices; many of us struggle without our morning coffee! But it does make you wonder...

When we deny ourselves, we are making our statement that the worldly things that we enjoy are not truly what we value most; God is far greater. We are living out Jesus' response to the devil in Matthew 4: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." This Lent is an appropriate time to consider: are we just giving God what costs us nothing (2 Samuel 24:24)? What are we willing to sacrifice to tell God He is truly Lord of our lives?



James