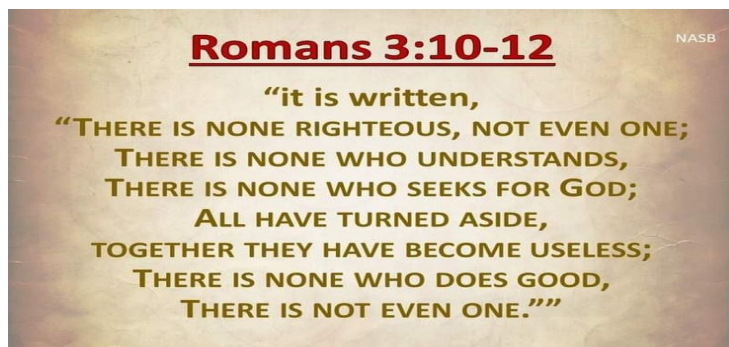




"Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. 16 Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. "

James 1:15-16

David Mapp



Community Breakfast

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

Time: 8:30 for 9:00 am start

Venue: Golden Grove Uniting Church Hall

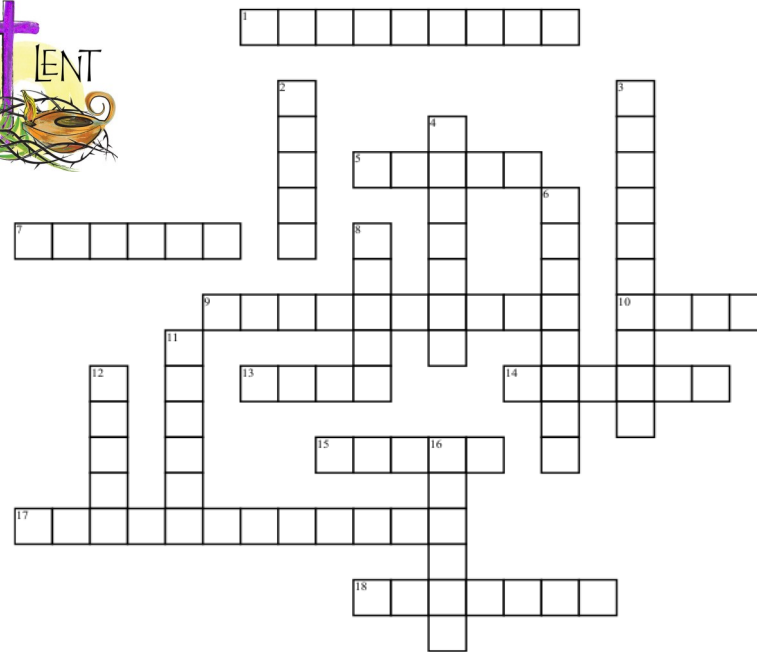
Guest Speaker: Member of the SES

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.



LENTEN CROSSWORD



Across

1. ASH _____
5. The Christian holy book
7. Jesus entered Jerusalem on this animal
9. Day in Lent recalling Jesus' death (2 words)
10. Branches waved at Jesus upon his entry into Jerusalem
13. Was with Jesus at the cross

14. Jesus prayed for 40 days here
15. What Jesus died upon
17. We spend Lent preparing for Jesus death and _____

18. Giving to _____ is a good Lenten practice

Down

2. What Jesus shed for our sins

3. Holy Communion started after this
4. To go without
6. The final week of Lent (2 words)
8. Number of days in LENT
11. Season after Lent
12. Disciple who betrayed Jesus
16. PALM _____

Important Dates 2025

Youth 3:16	Friday 6th March	Nature Bingo	6:15 pm
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
Church Council Meeting	Tuesday March 17th		

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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

5:45 pm



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— 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

Next Week

Leader— James(am)&Jonathan (pm)

Preacher— James

Reader— Lucinda

Welcome— Ray

Manager— John

Musicians— Brunetta

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

Editing— Lucinda(audio)

Morning Tea— Tina & Ailsa

The Weekly Word

Sunday 1st March 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— Tina

Theme – The Level Ground Of The Cross Reading: Romans 3: 9-26

Sin Happens

There's no denying it. But actually, there's plenty of denying it; most people - including us – do it most of the time! Among non-Christians, and even plenty of Christians, the whole idea of "sin" has become either watered down to very little or rejected altogether. That is, the idea that people do things that are wrong, that they are held accountable for them by God, and that there are eternal consequences for them.

However, *sin happens* – it just is – within every member of the human race (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6). Whether we deny it or not, it doesn't matter; it's there, and we have to come to terms with it. Ultimately every person is subconsciously aware of things not being as they ought.

David acknowledged this with himself in Psalm 32 and said that when he refused to acknowledge his sin, it was like his bones wasted away within him and he became spiritually dead!... Are we ever spiritually dry or dead? Where whole nations refuse to acknowledge their sin, it also has this wasting effect (Romans 1:18-32; Psalm 75:7).

But David said that as soon as he acknowledged his sin to God, a flood-gate of forgiveness opened to him, and that God did not count one single sin against him! (Psalm 32:5,1-2) *Imagine that!* This forgiveness and healing were accomplished by Christ when He was put to death on the cross for our sins (Romans 4:21), and it is available to all people who will acknowledge their sin to God.

Jonathan.

