



"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

Colossians 3:13

David Mapp

Easter Service Times

Maunday Thursday **Thursday 2nd April** 5:45pm

This will be a Café Church style service.

Good Friday **Friday 3rd April** 9:00am

Easter Sunday **Sunday 5th April** 10:00am

(There will be no Morning Tea after the service on Good Friday or on Easter Sunday. There is also no Café Church on Easter Sunday.)



Answers to Last Week's Word Puzzle

Justified, peace, grace, suffering, perseverance, character, hope, shame, righteous, demonstrates, sinners, saved, reconciled, boast, Christ.

Happy 80th Birthday, Chris!

Happy birthday, Chris! May God's favour go before you, His blessings chase you down, and His presence surround you every day."



An Amendment To Church Flyer

The Open Table in October is on the **31st** of the month **not** the **21st**.

What to expect

Put it in your Diary!

The first Generate gathering for 2026 will be held online on Monday 23rd March at 7:30pm. All welcome. No need to register. Just use this link to join on the night!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945476414>

Meet your host



Generate Presbytery



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"Leprechauns are like Santa's elves, except they don't come out of the woods 'til St. Patrick's Day."



**Hope you had a Happy St.
Patrick's Day!**

Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.



Important Dates 2025

Youth 3:16 **Friday 27th March** "Geoguessr" Showdown 6:15 pm

Women's fellowship **Thursday 2nd April** 1pm

The Open Table **Saturday 18th April** 8:30 –9:00 start

The Mission and Wider Works Sausage Sizzle **Sunday 26th April**

Ministry Team @goldengrove

Minister: Jonathan Button 0.7 time (*days off - Mon & Wed)
Associate Pastor: James Ross-Naylor 0.2 time
Administrator: Cath McKecknie 0.1 time
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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: James Technical Crew: Ralph Topic: The Wonder Of Grace

Today

Leader— Kathryn (am)&Jonathan (pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Kathryn

Welcome— Andrew

Manager— Ray

Musicians— Brunetta

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

Editing— Rykhardt (audio)

Morning Tea— David & Linda

Next Week

Leader— Jonathan (am) & James (pm)

Preacher— James

Reader— Ailsa

Welcome— Julia

Manager— John

Musicians — Brunetta

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

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— Joy & Sue



The Weekly Word

Sunday 22nd 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— Kathryn

Theme – No Condemnation

Reading: Romans 8:1-8

PSALM 124

1 If the Lord had not been on our side - 2 if the Lord had not been on our side when people attacked us, 3 they would have swallowed us alive when their anger flared against us; 4 the flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over us, 5 the raging waters would have swept us away.

6 Praise be to the Lord, who has not let us be torn by their teeth. 7 We have escaped like a bird from the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped. 8 Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

COVENANT

Four times (verses 1, 2, 6, and 8) God is called the Lord, the God who enters into covenant with us by grace. This unfamiliar word means his love is "locked on to us" in unending commitment. Thus it says for us (verses 1-2). But the psalmist could not see what we can see. God is ever on our side, because in Christ our sins can't bring us into condemnation (Romans 8:1, 34-35). So not "trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword... will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:35, 39). Since the maker of heaven and earth is (through Christ) our help, we will not fear (verse 8). What could be against us (Romans 8:31)?

Timothy Keller

