"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?. "

James 2:14

David Mapp

The next **Open Table** (Women's Breakfast) is this-

Saturday April 18th

Milk and Honey, Wynn Vale Drive, Wynn Vale.

All ladies are very welcome.

Theme: *When Life Doesn't Go to Plan*.

Please contact Chris Holroyd or Kathryn Button by Wednesday 15th to assist with catering numbers. Remember to invite a friend to share in the fun and fellowship!

Arrive any time after 8:30 for a 9:00am start.

THE Open Table GATHER · SHARE · GROW

Mission & Wider Work BBQ Lunch

On **Sunday 26th April**, after Sunday Worship & the AGM, The Mission & Wider Work will hold the first event for the year with a sausage sizzle, salads and sweets at a cost of **$10.00** per head. Can you please add your name to the sheet on the back hall table for catering purposes, or speak with Coral Larcombe for further information.

Is God calling you to assist with leading the congregation in worship by joining the singers on Sunday mornings? See Kathryn B. or Chris H if interested in finding out more.

On the Road to Emmaus

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.
Luke 24:31a (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 24:13-35 (NIV).

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THANKS	FOOLISH	PROPHET	EYES
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Important Dates April

Youth 3:16	School Holiday Break	
Church Council Retreat	Saturday 11th April	9:00 am (Church)
Convener Reports Due	Sunday 12th April	
The Open Table	Saturday 18th April	8:30 –9:00 start
Estia Nursing Home Service	Monday 20th April	2:00pm
Church Council Meeting	Tuesday 21st April	
AGM & Mission and Wider Work BBQ	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

Today

Leader— Jonathan (am) & Jonathan(pm)

Preacher— James

Reader– Peter

Welcome– Ray

Manager— Ray

Musicians– videos

Technical Crew— TBA (am) Ralph (pm)

Editing— Jonathan (audio)

Morning Tea— Peter & Yvonne

Next Week (19/4)

Leader— Rykhardt(am) Jonathan(pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader– Barrie

Welcome– Bob

Manager— John

Musicians – Videos

Technical Crew— Lucinda (am) Damian (pm)

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— Bob & Faye

The Weekly Word

Sunday 12th April 2026

Welcome to Golden Grove Uniting Church

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

We welcome visitors with us today. Please join us for morning tea after the service.

Preacher— James Reader— Peter

Theme – 'The Word is Near You'

Readings: John 20:24-31; Romans 10:5-15

…Now What?

In the 2003 animated film *Finding Nemo*, a group of fish living in a tank at a dentist's surgery plot to escape their captivity. While their tank is being cleaned and the fish are placed in bags, they will roll their way out the window, across the road and into the sea where they belong. After many attempts and setbacks, they finally succeed. They are free! As they celebrate and cheer, however, one fish asks a question that makes everyone else fall silent. "Now what?"

Our Christian walk can often look a lot like this! When we honour Jesus on special days like Easter, when we have a deep experience with God, when we worship with our church family on Sunday, we can be on fire for God, rejoicing in who He is and what He's done for us, feeling on top of the world. But then we go back to work, back to the troubles of the world and everyday life, and we find ourselves glumly asking the same question as that poor fish… now what?

Salvation through Jesus is just the beginning of the story. We now have a whole life to live in that salvation. This is a challenge in a world that doesn't know Jesus and will always try to squeeze us into its mould, but that's all the more reason to take up that challenge. When we go out into the world, do we carry that same faith, hope and love that Christ gives us, extending it to those who need it most? As Paul, quoting Isaiah, says in Romans 10:15: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"