Jesus, the King of all, came not to be served, but to serve. His followers are shaped the same way. The gifts He places within us will always lead outward, toward others. Some expressions may be visible and significant; others quiet and unseen. All matter.

So, we must ask: what has He given us? And are we using it?

The good news is this—we are already enabled. God has given us His Spirit. We are not lacking.

What remains is to recognise that Jesus walks with us, to trust Him, to receive His gifts, and to step forward in faith.

And then—to serve.

Jonathan

Next week: Mission & Wider Work BBQ Lunch

Next Sunday 26th April, after Sunday Worship & the AGM,

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.

Please add your name to the sheet on the back hall table for catering purposes or speak with Coral Larcombe for further information. See you there!

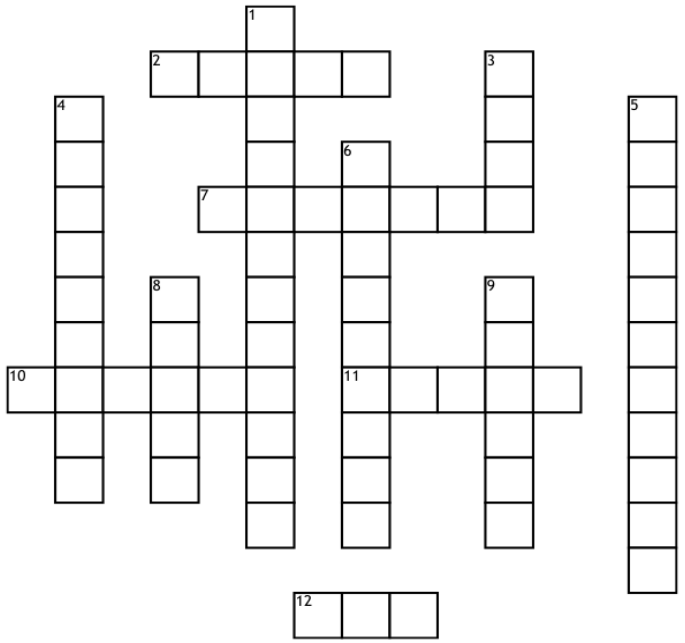
Could God be calling you to assist with leading the congregation in worship by joining the singers on Sunday mornings?

See Kathryn B. or Chris H if interested in finding out more.

James 4:17 If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

David Mapp

Breakfast with Jesus



Across

2. The gospel says this was the ..... time Jesus showed himself to the disciples. (5)

7. What was the name of the sea, starting with G (7)

10. John described Jesus to Peter as the .... (6)

11. Who said I am going fishing? (5)

12. how many fish did the disciples catch? (3) (write as a number)

Down

1. What was Jesus cooking? (4,3,5) (3 words)

3. How many fish did the disciples catch at their first attempt? (4)

4. What did Jesus have ready? (9)

5. What did Jesus first say to the disciples? (4,7) (2 words)

6. Who pulled the net into the shore with all the fish ? (9) (the word is in the 1st sentence of the text)

8. Who dived into the sea? (5)

9. What did not rip? (3,3) (2 words)

Important Dates April 2026

Youth 3:16	School Holiday Break	
Estia Nursing Home Service	Monday 20th April	2:00pm
Church Council Meeting	Tuesday 21st April	
Congregation AGM	Sunday 26th April	
Mission and Wider Work BBQ	Sunday 26th April	

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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.

Today

Leader— Rykhardt(am) Jonathan (pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader– Barrie

Welcome– Bob

Manager— John

Musicians– videos

Technical Crew— Lucinda(am) Ralph (pm)

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— Bob & Faye

Next Week

Leader— James(am & pm)

Preacher— James

Reader– Tina

Welcome– Cath

Manager— Neil

Musicians – Brunetta

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

Editing— Rykhardt (audio)

Morning Tea— Chris de Brenne & Katherine

The Weekly Word

Sunday 19th April 2026

Welcome to Golden Grove Uniting Church

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

Welcome to worship today. We especially welcome visitors with us.

10 am Morning Worship

Today's theme: Everyone with a Gift

Sermon series- 'In view of God's mercy' Reading: Roman 12:1-8

Preacher— Jonathan Reader— Barrie

5:45 pm Café Church Relaxed, contemporary service in the hall

Topic: 'Keep it Simple' Leader: James Technical Crew: David

GIFT HORSES

On the road to Emmaus, two disciples walked beside Jesus Christ, the risen Son of God, who had conquered death, paid for sin, secured salvation, and now offers life, hope, and the Holy Spirit.

And they didn't recognise Him.

Are we any different? We try to live as Christians, sometimes succeeding, often failing, yet miss the reality that the living Jesus walks with us. He holds out astonishing gifts, yet we barely grasp the Spirit's power to transform us, fill us with joy, and sustain us. Worse still, we can slip into thinking we're managing just fine on our own.

But when we truly see Him—Jesus, our Redeemer—we discover He doesn't just save us; He equips us. He gives every gift His people need. These gifts aren't merely for our benefit, though they bring deep joy. They are given for serving others—our true "spiritual worship."