It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of our dear friend, David Hurcombe. He is joyfully, now in the arms of his loving Father.

David's Funeral Service and celebration of his life, will be held on Friday 22nd May, at Golden Grove Uniting Church at 11:30 am.

Craft Group

The Craft Group will meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 10:30 am to 12:00pm in the church hall.

All welcome!

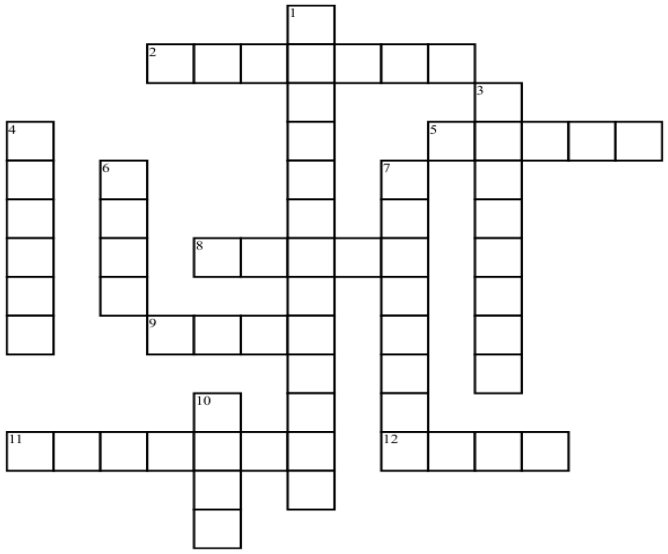
Golden Grove Church Family Needs You!

Warmly inviting any attenders who would like to formally become members of our church.

- Information meeting, Church hall lounge, after 10am worship Sunday, May 17th
- New members received as part for the 10am worship service, Sunday, May 24th.

Please chat to Jonathan if you are interested to be involved (0467 683 333 j.button@bigpond.com)

The book of Romans



Across

2. What happened to Saul on the road to Damascus
5. Romans was written near the end of Paul's ___ missionary journey
8. Paul wrote Romans to prepare for his coming mission to?
9. What was the capital of the Roman Empire in the first century
11. How many chapters are on the book of Romans
12. What did God change Paul's name to

Down

1. Why was this letter written to the church
3. What kind of Jew was Saul before he was converted
4. Who was the book of Romans written to
6. Who is the author of Romans
7. Who was Paul trying to help find their place in God's plan
10. Who were being persecuted by the Gentiles

"But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it ."

Matthew 7:14

Important Dates 2025

Youth 3:16	Friday 22nd May Baking Challenge	6:15 pm
Estia Nursing home	Monday 18th May	2:00pm
Community Breakfast	Saturday 23rd May	8:30 am
New Church Member Service	Sunday 24th May	10:00 am

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.

Today

Leader— Kathryn (am) Jonathan (pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader– Barrie

Welcome– Faye

Manager— Neil

Musicians– O/heads

Technical Crew— TBA (am), Ralph (pm)

Editing— Jonathan (audio)

Morning Tea— Bob & Faye

Next Week (24th)

Leader— James(am)& Jonathan(pm)

Preacher— James

Reader– Joy B

Welcome– Cath

Manager— Ray

Musicians – Brunetta

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

Editing— Rykhardt (video)

Morning Tea— Joy and Coral

The Weekly Word

Loving God Loving Each Other

Sunday 17th May 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: The Motive For the Message

Reading: Romans 15:14-21,

Sermon series- 'Do not judge one another'

Preacher— Jonathan Reader— Barrie

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

Topic: TBA Leader: James Technical Crew: Ralph

No Condemnation

"He was pierced for our transgressions…..and by his wounds we are healed. *Isaiah 53:5*

Father, you are perfect in your ways, in your love and in your mercy. You do not fail or fall short in sin. You are holy beyond my understanding. You sent your Son, Jesus, into the world so that I would be made holy by Him and, therefore, worthy of your presence. It is only by his wounds that I am healed. You promised that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ, but in my heart, it's not always easy to believe it. I may try to make myself right by doing good deeds. But I never seem to be able to do enough.

God, teach me how to live free from condemnation. Teach me how to trust and believe in this promise: in Christ, I am no longer a slave to sin. Free me from guilt and shame. Thank you for taking care of my debt. You've rid me of the chain of sin that had taken me captive. I now live free of condemnation, fear and guilt. Amen.

Max Lucado