

Why is this? Why is prayer so important? Because, as Psalm 145:18 says, "the Lord is near to all who call on Him." Prayer is not about saying the right words or getting the right stuff: it is about nearness! God is our Heavenly Father (Matthew 6:9) and when we pray, we are spending time with someone who loves us. That alone should be all the reason we need to "pray continually."



"For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it ."
Matt 16:25

The next Open Table will be held on 5th September at Milk and Honey. Kathryn Button will be giving a talk on "Surprising Kenya". If you would like to attend, could you please contact Chris Holroyd or Kathryn Button to assist with catering numbers. Remember to invite a friend to share in the fun and fellowship! You can arrive anytime after 8:30 for a 9:00am start.



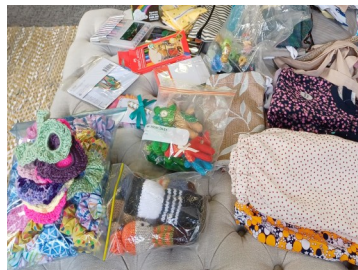
Women's Fellowship



Women's Fellowship will be held in the Church hall on Thursday 3rd September at 1:00pm. Come and join us and use your considerable knowledge to compete in our fun Quiz. There will be questions to suit everyone!

Volunteer Request

Unfortunately, Jim Willis is no longer able to continue doing the CCLI Licence for the music so we are looking for someone willing to take this role on. Please see Cath if interested.



Samaritan Boxes

If you would like to donate individual items for the Samaritan boxes, there are now containers for them in the hall. Here are some of the treasures that have been donated so far, to go into boxes.

Jesus Teaches About Prayer

For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Luke 11:10 (NIV)
The puzzle is based on Luke 11:1-9 (NIV).



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Saturday 5th September 8:00 am

Morning tea provided.

Working Bee



Important Dates 2026

Youth 3:16 Friday 4th September Spring Party 6:15pm
Women's fellowship Thursday 3rd September 1:00pm
Working Bee Saturday 5th September
The Open Table Saturday 5th September 9:00am
The Craft Group Tuesday 8th September 10:30 am
The Prayer Group Tuesday 8th September 11- 12:00

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) James (pm)

Preacher— James

Reader— Alison

Welcome— Ailsa

Manager— John

Musicians – Recorded music

Technical Crew— Jonathan (am)
Ralph (pm)

Editing— Jonathan (audio)

Morning Tea— Tina & Ailsa (am)

Café Church Baristas - Sarah & Sue
(4:45pm) Sandy, Chris D (5:30pm)

Next Week (6th Sept)

Leader— Rykhardt (am) James (pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Rykhardt

Welcome— Bob ?

Manager— Neil

Musician— Recorded Music

Technical Crew— Lucinda (am)
Ralph (pm)

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— Peter & Yvonne

Café Church Baristas - Nelleke &
Kathryn(4:45pm)Sandy& Alison C
(5:30pm)

The Weekly Word

Sunday 30th August 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

Sermon Series: Life in The Spirit

Today's theme: Praying in The Spirit

Reader— Alison

Preacher— James

Reading: Romans 8: 12-16, 26-27

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

Topic : Essentials Of Faith Leader: James Technical Crew: Ralph

Why Do We Pray?

Prayer is one of the best known aspects of the Christian life... and also one of the least understood and most easily overlooked. For many people, prayer is seen as either a chore that religious people must do (think, for example, of Muslims' daily prayers) or a desperate last resort when things are going badly. Even as Christians, we can fall into these traps. This leads to us finding reasons not to pray: we don't know what to pray for, we don't know what words to use, we're too busy, or there's no point because God will do what He wants anyway. Don't feel bad if you've used any of these excuses; I have too!

And yet the Bible tells us prayer is essential. Paul tells us to "pray continually" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). The Psalms are all prayers of praise, thanksgiving, confession and petition. When Jesus taught his followers how to pray, he said, "when you pray" (Matthew 6:5-7); when, not if! So prayer is not an optional thing to be done if we're good enough or have a good reason. It's a part of our walk with God every day.

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