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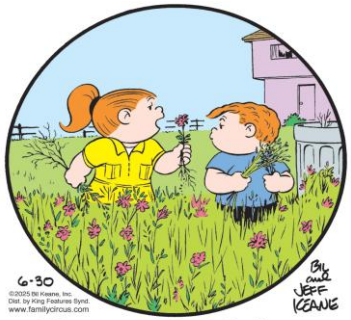
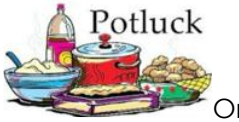
"Tonight's the night we have to lose one of our o'clocks."



"Some weeds try to fool you by having flowers."



On Sunday 18th October, after worship, Mission and Wider Works are holding a "Pot Luck Lunch" at a cost of $10.00 per person. There is a list for you to add your name to, on the back hall table for catering purposes. All money collected goes to different charities, overseas and locally, so please add your name to the list. We look forward to seeing you there for a good time of Fellowship.

The next Open Table will be held on 31st October at Milk and Honey. More details in a future TWW.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phillipians 4:6 -7

Then God's Word isn't just speaking in the distant heavens, it's speaking in our "gut" - i.e., the deepest personal depths of our lives.

So, *let's get into our Bibles*! - every one of us, every day, soak in God's Word. It's the only way to be truly, fully alive as human beings.

Jonathan.

Dear Congregation Members,

Jim Willis is now in a Nursing Home and has sent a letter to us all which he has requested be put into the TWW. You will find it included below.

The saga began on Thursday 18th June, when my Family discovered me unconscious on the bathroom floor. From Friday 10th June until Monday 8th September, I was shared between the Lyell McEwen and Modbury hospitals, during which time it was discovered that I had four broken ribs from an earlier fall that I was unaware of.
During the next 84 days, I was treated for two internal bleeds, which affected my heart. Also meant that my heart medication had to be changed and also the loss of one stone in weight and two badly bruised arms from multiple injections, that is why I was in hospital for such a long time.
Towards the end of August, it was decided that I could not live at home in safety. So, on the 8th of September I moved into the aged care facility at Highercombe Aged Care, Sirius Avenue, Hope Valley. I can be found in Flynn area 9, room 8.

Jim Willis.

Jim would love some visitors and for us to keep him in our prayers.

You are invited to the **Generate Presbytery Gathering** on **Saturday, 17 October 2026**, at **Burnside City Uniting Church, from 9am-3:15pm**!
This is a great opportunity to **come together as a Presbytery**, make space to pray and worship, hear what's happening across our team and communities, and share stories, insights and encouragement with one another. We'll also take time to connect, build relationships and gather for Generate's **annual business meeting**.

Important Dates October 2026

Youth 3:16	In Recess for the holidays	6:15pm
The Craft Group	Tuesday 13th October	10:30 am
The Prayer Group	Tuesday 13th October	11– 12:00
Pot Luck Lunch	Sunday 18th October	12:00
The Open Table	Saturday 31st October	8:30 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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** Payments can also be made by EFTPOS on Sunday.

Today

Leader—Jonathan (am) James(pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Communion Elders – Tim & Andrew

Reader– Tina

Welcome– Faye

Manager— John

Musicians – Recorded music

Technical Crew— Ralph, Tim & James(am) Ralph (pm)

Editing— Jonathan(video)

Morning Tea— Joy and Tina, Sarah & Janice (Baristas)

Café Church Baristas - Kathryn(4:45pm) Coral, Neil (5:30) Katherine, Ailsa, Ralph (5:30pm)

Next Week (11th)

Leader— Jonathan(am)Gideon (pm)

Preacher— Pastor Gideon Kabenge

Reader– Peter

Welcome– Ailsa

Manager— Neil

Musicians– Recorded Music

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

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— Peter & Yvonne, Trevor (Barista) Ralph (POS)

Café Church Baristas- Ralph & Katherine (4:45) Sandy & Alison C (5:30)

The Weekly Word

Sunday 4th October 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: Up Close and Personal Reading: Psalm 19

Preacher— Jonathan Reader— Tina

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

Topic: What is the Church Leader: James Technical Crew: Ralph

Up Close and Personal

Psalm 19:1,4,8,11

"*The heavens declare the glory of God…. Their voice goes out into all the earth….*"

"*The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes…. By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.*"

Every part of creation speaks of the glory of God. Like a work of art, the creation cannot help but point to the artist - the Creator. Yet it is possible for us to acknowledge the truth that God is behind the created world, but still *not have anything to do with Him Personally*. We can think, "that's great that God has made this amazing creation, as long as He doesn't 'mess' with my life too much, nor expect me to get too involved with Him!

As Christians, we can do that!

But this is never enough, because salvation and fullness of life are *in God*, and so only becomes ours *by having a real, personal relationship with God* (Psalm 3:8); only by Him being "up close and personal" with us, and we with Him.

For that to happen we need more than just the truth of God's presence and work reflected in the creation. For that we need the clear, penetrating *Word of God* (the whole truth of God taught in the Bible) to speak to us, and into our lives. Only this truly shows us our sins, declares the forgiving grace of God, and gives and leads us in a new life as God's dear children. **PTO**