

Even our painful seasons can be used by God. He can take experiences we would never have chosen and use them to deepen our faith, shape our character, develop compassion, and prepare us to encourage others. What feels like a detour to us is never beyond His ability to redeem. So, if you are facing a difficult season today, remember this: **there is great hope; God has a purpose for your life, and by His grace He is able to bring His purposes to fulfilment.** Trust Him. Your story is not over.

Jonathan



"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

2 Corinthians

The next Open Table will be held on 31st October at Milk and Honey. We will be engaging in some Table talk this time which could include some Show and Tell if you so wish. We would like you to think of a woman from the Bible, or of historical or literary fame (could be a book character), that has impacted you in some way, or that you hold in high regard or find interesting, and share with us the reasons why. We hope that you feel safe and comfortable enough with those on your table to join in with this activity but please don't feel you have to. The doors will be open at 8:30 for a 9:00 start. Hope to see you there!



We would like to send Joy Richardson and her family, our loving thoughts and prayers at the sudden passing of her husband, Colin. May God wrap his loving arms around them all and bring them comfort and peace at this sad time. As yet, there are no details regarding Colin's funeral.



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.



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 **9:00 am-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 2026

<u>Youth 3:16</u>	In Recess for the holidays	6:15pm
<u>The Craft Group</u>	Tuesday 13th October	10:30 am
<u>The Prayer Group</u>	Tuesday 13th October	11– 12:00
<u>Estia Service</u>	Wednesday 21st October	
<u>The Open Table</u>	Saturday 31st October	8:30 am



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- ☐ Lion
- ☐ Elephant
- ☐ Crested Crane



Q2. What is the national game of Uganda?

- ☐ Football
- ☐ Cricket
- ☐ Rugby



Q3. Uganda population is closest to which number?

- ☐ 23 million
- ☐ 46 million
- ☐ 61 million



Q4. What is the capital of Uganda?

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Ministry Team @goldengrove

Minister: Jonathan Button 0.7 time (*days off - Mon & Wed)

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Today

Leader— Jonathan(am)Gideon (pm)

Preacher— Pastor Gideon Kabenge

Reader— Peter

Welcome— Ailsa

Manager— Neil

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)

Next Week (18th Oct.)

Leader—Rykhardt(am) Jonathan(pm)

Preacher— James

Reader— Rykhardt

Welcome— Bob

Manager— Ray

Technical Crew— Jonathan(am) Ralph (pm)

Editing— Rykhardt (audio)

Morning Tea— Joy & Faye Trevor & Tina(Baristas)

Café Church Baristas— Nelleke (4:45) Coral, Neil (5:30) Coral, Chris De B, Ralph(5:45pm)

If you wish to E-Give, our bank details are as follows:

** Payments can also be made by EFTPOS on Sunday.

The Weekly Word

Sunday 11th 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: God still has a purpose for your Life Reader— Peter

Preacher— Gideon Kabenge

Reading: Jeremiah 29:11

Psalms 139: 16

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

Topic : What is the Church? Leader: Gideon Technical Crew: Ralph

A warm welcome to you, Gideon!

God Still Has a Purpose for Your Life

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” — Jeremiah 29:11

Sometimes life can leave us wondering, *Does my life still matter? Does God still have a purpose for me?* When we experience disappointment, loss, failure, or seasons of deep pain, it can be easy to believe that our best days are behind us. But God's purposes for our lives are not cancelled by difficult circumstances.

Psalms 139:16 says, **“All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”** Before we took our first breath, God knew us. Every person's life matters to Him. Our lives are not accidents, and our days are not meaningless. Yet the promises of God are not based upon our goodness or our ability to earn His favour. They are founded upon **His grace**. We do not receive His love, mercy, purpose, or promises because we deserve them. We receive them because He is gracious. His purposes for us flow from who He is, not from what we have done.

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