What's the lesson for us? Whatever need we have, physical or spiritual, God can be trusted with it. Wherever we are weak, He is strong. From Australia to Uganda and across the earth, let our deepest struggles become our praise to the God who overcomes them all!

James

"And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, "

Ephesians 1:13

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. Please contact Chris Holroyd or Kathryn Button if you wish to attend, to help with catering purposes 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.

After worship, today, Mission and Wider Works are holding a "Pot Luck Lunch" at a cost of $10.00 per person. All money collected goes to different charities, overseas and locally. If your name isn't on the list but you would now like to join in a time of good food and Fellowship, there is always enough! Please see Coral for payment.

Last Sunday we were blessed to have Pastor Gideon Kabenge visit with us during both our Morning service and for Café church. His message was a wonderful reminder that we are never too old or too young to serve God and that He has a purpose for each and every one of us. It was truly inspiring to witness his joy in praising God despite his tragic youth and to hear how he is working to improve the lives of other young people in Uganda. May God continue to bless him and his family as he continues to spread His word with education, joy and music.

Important Dates 2026

Youth 3:16	Friday 23rd October Geoguessr showdown	6:15 pm
Estia Service	Wednesday 21st October	
The Craft Group	Tuesday 27th October	10:30 am
The Prayer Group	Tuesday 27th October	11– 12:00
Pastoral care Zoom Meeting	Tuesday 27th October	7:00pm
The Open Table	Saturday 31st October	8:30 am
Women's Fellowship	Thursday 5th November	1:00pm

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Today

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 & Katherine (Baristas)

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

Next week (25th)

Leader— Jonathan(am) James (pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader– Chris De Brenne

Welcome– Julia

Manager— John

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

Editing— Jonathan (audio)

Morning Tea— Katherine & Chris D B, Janice & Nelleke (Barista) (POS)

Café Church Baristas- Ralph (4:45) Chris & Ray H (5:30) Nelleke, Chris H & Trevor (5:45)

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The Weekly Word

Sunday 18th 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: Approaching the Holy God Reader— Rykhardt

Preacher— James Reading: Psalm 99

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

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

Lessons from Uganda

Last week we had the privilege of hosting Pastor Gideon Kabenge, from Uganda, at our church. One of the many small differences I noticed in what Pastor Gideon brought to us was a different reason to praise and give thanks to God. It came through most clearly in music. While many of our usual worship songs focus on the cross and God's grace to us to save us from sin through Jesus Christ, Gideon's songs tended to thank God for the things we might think of as simple: a house, food, money and what we need to live.

Both of these perspectives are biblical! No doubt, the cross is the centre of our faith. And yet Jesus also fed the hungry, healed the sick, and told us to pray for all things in his name. Similarly, many of the Psalms thank God for blessings like rich harvests and victory in battle. The difference lies in our perspective. Here in the West, we are materially blessed but spiritually needy. Less wealthy countries, perhaps, find it easier to depend on God for salvation because He is all they have.

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