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Maintenance Programme

On the table at the back of the church and in the hall, you will find blue envelopes marked *Maintenance Programme*.

These are there for anyone who is able to contribute towards the ongoing cost of maintaining our church. Your donations are gratefully appreciated and can be placed in the Offering Bags.

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—Rykhardt (am), James (pm)

Reader—Tina

Welcome—Faye

Manager—John

Musician—Brunetta

Technical Crew—Ruan (am), Ralph (pm), John, Lucinda (am), Ralph (pm)

Editing—Rykhardt

Morning Tea—Ken and Owen

Next Week

Leader—Jonathan

Preacher—Jonathan

Reader—Brunetta

Welcome—Lila

Manager—Ray

Technical Crew—Ruan, Lucinda, Rykhardt

Editing—Jonathan

Morning Tea—David and Linda



The Weekly Word

Sunday 23rd June 2024

Golden Grove Uniting Church Mission Statement

We are a Gospel-driven, connected, generous church family, mission-minded and outwardly focused.

Today

Preacher—James

Reader—Tina

Theme— The New Self

Reading : Ephesians 4:17-24

New People

Chameleons are amazing creatures that can adapt their colour to their background and become indistinguishable from it. Christian teacher, Richard Coekin makes the point, "Christians are not chameleons"! And Paul says, "you must no longer live as the unbelievers do" (Ephesians 4:17). In Ephesians 4:17-24, Paul calls us to be very different from the unbelieving world around us, and to behave very differently. But behaviour can only change in a deep and lasting way when it has happened first in *our minds* (4:17;23), and in *our hearts* (4:18) - i.e., in our understanding and will that directs the whole of our lives.

The Christian Gospel doesn't just reform us a bit at the surface level, it makes us an entirely "new self" (4:24) from the inside out. By grace Jesus Christ united our lives to Himself (1:10), then took us with Him though His death on the cross, paying for and forgiving our sins (1:7; 2:1-5); then raised us up with Him to new life (2:6), to love him, and do what He loves (2:10).

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Therefore, through faith and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we can stop hankering for status and wealth at all costs, stop manipulating and controlling other people's lives to gain advantage, stop using pornography, and instead find fulfilment and contentment in God's generosity to us in Jesus, love other people before ourselves, and find God's love in Jesus to be the most beautiful, captivating thing in the universe.

Grace upon grace, Jonathan.



Jim would like to especially thank Barrie, Cath, Rev. Gordon and Rykhardt, for their support during his time as editor.

30 seconds with.....

Katherine McDonald (Church Councilor, Women's Fellowship Co-ordinator)



Favourite colour— red

Favourite food— pizza

Favourite movie— "The Holiday"

Favourite childhood Bible story — Daniel in the Lion's den

Favourite animal— horse

Favourite place to visit— Edinburgh, Scotland

Favourite thing to do— Hang out with Caroline

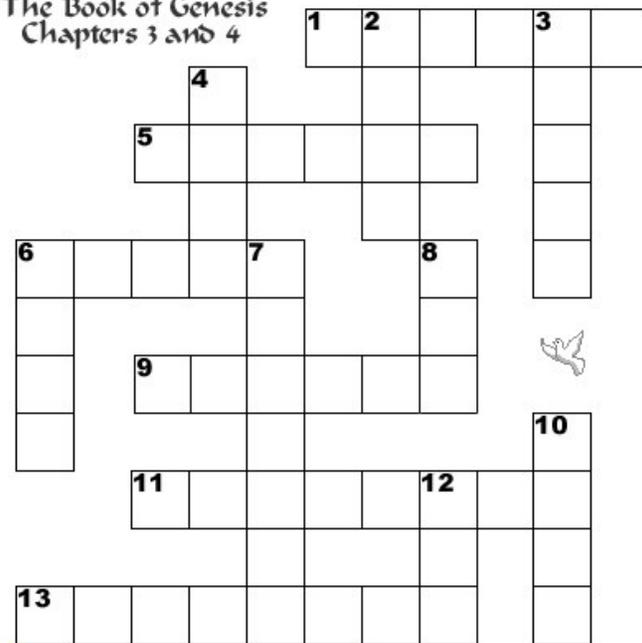
If you could travel to any country where would it be? -Germany to visit my brother

If you could have a chat with someone famous ,who and why?
Matthew Nicks to discuss his coaching techniques and methods

If you have any announcements or interesting items for our newsletter, please feel free to send them to me at: ctwstokes@bigpond.com

Crossword

The Book of Genesis
Chapters 3 and 4



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Down

- (2) Adam's second son
- (3) Cain's first son (Gen.4:17)
- (4) Adam's first son
- (6) Adam's third son
- (7) What creature tempted Eve
- (8) Cain lived in this land
- (10) First man
- (12) First woman

Across

- (1) Cain's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (5) The ____ of Eden
- (6) Adam and Eve's first clothes(Gen.3:21)
- (9) Because of sin the ground was _____ (Gen.3:17)
- (11) Abel's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (13) Cain became a _____ and a vagabond (Gen.4:12)

Important Dates

Youth 3:16 Friday 28th June Games Night 6:15 to 8:15

Women's Fellowship Thursday 4th July 1:00pm

Working Bee - Saturday 6th July 8:00am

Mission and Wider Works Sunday 14th July—Soup and Rolls (after the service)