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Maintenance Programme

Reminder that you will find the blue envelopes on the table at the back of the church and in the hall, if you would like to contribute towards the ongoing cost of maintaining our church.

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—Jonathan

Reader—Brunetta

Welcome—Lila

Manager—Ray

Musician—Brunetta

Technical Crew—Ruan, Lucinda,

Rykhardt

Editing—Jonathan

Morning Tea—David and Linda

Next Week

Leader—Kathryn

Preacher—Jonathan

Reader—Peter

Welcome—Andrew

Manager—John

Musician—Brunetta

Technical Crew—Ruan, Tim,

Rykhardt

Editing—Rykhardt

Morning Tea—Trevor and Sandy

The Weekly Word

Sunday 30th June 2024



Golden Grove Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

Today

Preacher—Jonathan

Reader—Brunetta

Theme—How to Imitate God

Reading : Ephesians 4:25 –5:7

Therefore

One word can make all the difference.

Every religion has a *law*, describing how we ought to live. Christianity has this in the Ten Commandments in the Old Testament, and Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in the New. But only Christianity has a "*therefore*" that always goes before it!

All other religions say that *if* we improve and discipline our lives - obey the law - *then* God will reward and bless us. Christianity is the opposite; it says that *God has blessed us first* - i.e., as a gift of His merciful love in Jesus Christ, He has paid for and forgiven all our sins, accepts and counts us His true children, who will enjoy His good gifts forever. All of this is ours through faith in Jesus Christ.

Having announced this good news, the Christian Gospel then says, "*Therefore be imitators of God,...*" (Eph 5:1). That is, *because* God has first loved us, cleansed and forgiven us, and given us an entirely new status and life as His children as a gift of His grace, "*therefore* follow my law - my good will and purpose for your lives". To do so is simply an expression of our thanksgiving, love and joy for the gifts of His love that we have already received.

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Then, instead of obeying the law in fear - worried we will never do it good enough, or in arrogant pride - thinking we are good enough, and others aren't, we will obey it in a relaxed and cheerful manner.

Grace and cheers, Jonathan



Did You Know? Our much esteemed church administrator, Catherine McKechnie, will be 75 years young tomorrow! Have a wonderful day, Cath!

Working Bee

Saturday 6th July

8:00 am



Thursday 4th July is our next Women's fellowship at 1:00 pm in the Church hall. Our programme has changed and we are now having a speaker from "ARAS" (Aged Care Advocacy Services). All welcome. We look forward to seeing you all.



Mission and Wider Work

After Sunday worship on July 14th, we are having soup and rolls and sweets, at a cost of \$10.00 per person. There is a list on the table at the back of the hall. Could you please add your name to it for catering purposes. Hope you can stay for lunch and a time of fellowship.



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

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

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Youth 3:16

Friday 4th July, Youth 3:16 has their last event for this school term. We will be returning on Friday 26th July at 6:15 pm. Look forward to seeing you then.