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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.

#### <u>Today</u>

Leader—James(am) Jonathan(pm)

Preacher—Jonathan

Reader-Barrie

Welcome-Bob

Manager-Neil

Musician -Brunetta

Technical Crew— Lucinda, Rykhardt (am) Ralph, James(pm),

Editing—Jonathan (audio)

Morning Tea—Peter and Yvonne

#### Next Week

Leader— Jonathan

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader- Andrew

Welcome-Cath

Manager—Ray

Musician -Brunetta

Technical Crew—Rykhardt, James

Editing—Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea—Ken and Owen

## The Weekly Word

Sunday 14th July 2024

## Golden Grove Uniting Church Mission Statement

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

### <u>Today</u>

Preacher—Jonathan Reader—Barrie

Theme—Marriage in Christ Reading: Ephesians 5:21-33

#### The Cold Shoulder

Waking up to freezing temperatures this past week (we were at Berri) reminded me of the phrase "cold shoulder". The phrase has come to mean having an unfriendly attitude toward someone or something, especially by intentionally ignoring or showing no interest in them.

It's crucial to remember that giving others the cold shoulder, even unintentionally, can have a significant negative impact. These seemingly minor instances can create feelings of isolation and neglect, which is the opposite of what we, as followers of Christ, should be striving for.

As always, Jesus Himself modelled this warmth in His ministry. He welcomed the outcast, dined with sinners, and showed compassion to the hurting. His life was a testament to the transformative power of love and acceptance.

We can do this by:

- Greeting others warmly, making eye contact and showing genuine interest in their well-being.
- Listening attentively without distractions shows that we value the other person and their experiences.
- Small gestures, such as a handwritten note, a phone call, or an invitation to share a meal, can go a long way in making others feel included and loved.

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• Pray for people, asking God to help them with their needs and respond with compassion and grace.

As we strive daily to embody Christ's love, let us avoid the cold shoulder and instead radiate the warmth of God's love to everyone we encounter.

#### Rev. Gordon Crabb

#### A Mother Once Said:

Hate has 4 letters but so does Love.



Enemies has 7 letters but so does Friends.

Lying has 5 letters but so does Truth.



Cry has 3 letters but so does Joy.

Negativity has 10 letters but so does Positivity.

Life is 2 sided chose the better side of it.

Love God!!!!

\*\*Thank you, Ken, for sharing these wise words with us.

## Mission and Wider Work

Today, we are having soup and rolls and sweets for lunch, at a cost of \$10.00 per person. Hope you can stay for lunch and a time of fellowship.





Youth 3:16 will be returning on Friday 26th July at 6:15 pm. Look forward to seeing you then.

If you have any announcements or interesting items for our newsletter, please feel free to send them to me at: <a href="mailto:ctwstokes@bigpond.com">ctwstokes@bigpond.com</a>

# Women of the Bible



#### Across

- 2. a very wise judge
- 4. had twins
- 8. watched over her brother in Egypt
- 9. Had two sons...Joseph and Benjamin
- 11. Had to glean grain in a field to feed herself and her mother in law
- **12.** went against her husbands wishes to save him from certain death
- 13. lost her husband and both sons
- 15. killed a man

#### Down

- 1. was very old when she bore a son
- 3. made from a man's rib
- 5. First wife of King David
- 6. gave her son to God7. used tears to bring about
- the demise of a man
- 10. had a daughter named Dinah
- 14. slept with her father in law

