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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

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Sue

Welcome— Faye

Manager— Neil

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Rykhardt, Ruan

Editing— Jonathan (audio)

Morning Tea— Faye and Bob

### Next Week

Leader— Jonathan (am & pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Rykhardt

Welcome— Lila

Manager— Ray

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Ralph and James (am & pm)

Editing— Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea— David and Linda

## The Weekly Word

Sunday 15th September 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—Sue

Theme –Genesis: The song of Creation

Reading: Gen:1-10, 31

### **Creation Happened**

When you mention *creation*, most Westerners and even many Christians will respond, "can we really believe that?" assuming that something more like an evolutionary process was responsible for the origins of the universe and life.

Yes, we can absolutely believe that God created all things. There is no possible proof that it couldn't or didn't happen. The assertion that it couldn't is based on the narrow-minded assumption of the Western world in the last 200 years that only things that can be measured and explained are real. For the whole of human history prior to that, the West did believe that creation happened – as do most other cultures in the world today.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth". (Genesis 1:1)

Creation means that the universe, life and we are not merely an accident, that might just as well be snuffed out, but are part of the deliberate purpose of God the eternal Creator, who loves us, and is also the Redeemer who plans to save, heal and glorify us, the earth and the heavens, to share eternity with Him.

Therefore, we can be irrepressibly hopeful and joyful about the future of the world and of humanity, and in faith and anticipation work toward the renewal of true human community, and the healing and blessing of the environment.

*Grace and cheers, Jonathan.*

A Message from Sally Stamp at Synod Office

Thank you, GGUC, for your continuing saving of used stamps. A special word of thanks to Chris De B. for her virtual avalanche of them, Joy B. for her fascinating collection, and, as ever, for the steadily flowing stream from Lila.

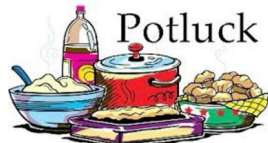


**Congratulations Coral and Neil on 50 years of marriage! God bless you both with many more.**



Mission and Wider Work

On Sunday 22nd September, after worship, we 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.



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

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Important Dates

Youth 3:16 **Friday 20th September Mario Kart** 6:15 to 8:15

Church Council Meeting **Tuesday 17th September** 7:00pm

Mission and Wider Works **Pot Luck Lunch Sunday 22nd Sept.**

Women's Breakfast **Saturday 12th October** 9:00am