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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 (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

Next Week

Leader— James

Preacher— Gideons

Reader— Peter

Welcome— Lucinda

Manager— John

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Rykhardt, Ruan

Editing— Rykhardt (audio)

Morning Tea— Chris D Brenne & Tina

The Weekly Word

Sunday 22nd 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— Rykhardt

Theme – Made for Stewardship

Reading: Genesis 1:26-2:2

Friday on My Mind

There was a pop song that said, "everybody's workin' for the weekend". The idea behind it is that we all hate work, and what we most want is to get it out of the way so that we can get on with something enjoyable - i.e., the weekend and whatever we get up to then, presumably fun and rest.

Google tells me that the average Australian works about 90,000 hours in their lifetime. That's a long time to spend doing labour we don't want to do, and wishing we were doing something else! But imagine if our work was as purposeful and enjoyable as the fun and rest. How would that change our lives?

God was the first worker; and a manual worker at that! He planted a garden; He got dirt under His fingernails! (Genesis 2:7-9) And He made us in His image. Therefore, He created and called us to be workers too (Genesis 2:15; 1:28-30). This dignifies every form of good human work, from what might be considered the "lowliest" (e.g., a "garbologist"), to the most "exalted" (e.g., the King of England).

God's work and our work all contributes to bringing about His purpose: to fill planet earth and to gather people out of all nations into His great family in a new, glorified heaven and earth, forever (Genesis 12:1-3; Revelation 22: 22-27).

This doesn't mean our work is never hard or frustrating. But it does fill it with dignity and purpose that brings us real satisfaction and fulfilment.

Grace and cheers, Jonathan.



We would like to wish Ruan a wonderful time as he jets off to Japan with his classmates from Golden Grove High School. May God bless them all as they enjoy the country, the culture, the sights and the friendship. Safe travels, Ruan!



Thank you to all those who have taken a Samaritan's Purse Christmas Box and are filling them at home. To enable delivery of the boxes to be on time to the depot, we ask that all boxes please be returned to the church by **Sunday October 6th**. Thank you also to those who have been contributing items to be packed into boxes. The Thursday Night Bible Study Group will begin packing the boxes next week and will note items we are a bit short of for certain age groups. These will be reported in next week's Weekly Word, where we will graciously ask for donations of these gifts.



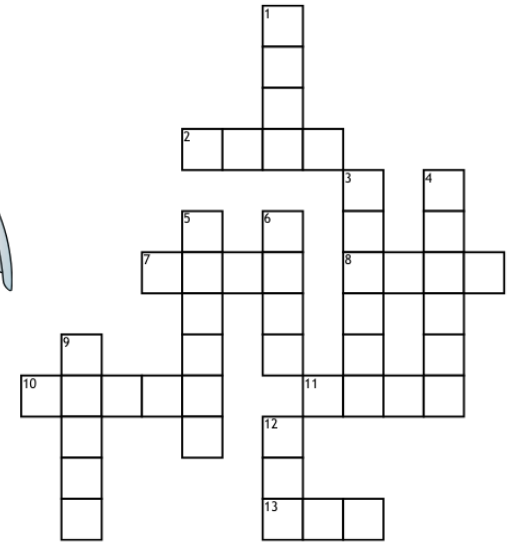
Mission and Wider Work

"Pot Luck Lunch" after worship today at a cost of \$10.00 per person. All money collected goes to different charities, overseas and locally. We look forward to seeing you 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

Creation



Across

- 2. God formed man from _____ (Gen. 2:7)
- 7. God saw that everything he made was _____ (Gen. 1:31)
- 8. The gathering together of the waters God called _____ (Gen. 1:10)
- 10. What did God call the darkness? (Gen. 1:5)

- 11. The name of the garden where God put man (Gen. 2:15)
- 13. God called the light _____ (Gen. 1:5)

Down

- 1. God made woman from one of Adam's _____ (Gen. 2:21-22)
- 3. What God did on the seventh day (Gen. 2:2)
- 4. What did God call the firmament? (Gen. 1:8)
- 5. What day was the sun, moon and stars created on? (Gen. 1:14-19)
- 6. Who named all of the living creatures that God created? (Gen. 2:19)
- 9. What day was man created on? (Gen. 1:26-31)
- 12. Who created the heavens and the earth? (Gen. 1:1)

Important Dates

- Youth 3:16 **Friday 27th September Laser Tag** 6:15 to 8:15
- Working Bee **Saturday 5th October** 8:00 am
- Daylight Saving **Saturday 5th October** (turn your clock forward)
- Samaritan Boxes Due **Sunday 6th October**
- Women's Breakfast **Saturday 12th October** 9:00am