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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— Kathryn

Preacher— James

Reader— Owen

Welcome— Faye

Manager— John

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Ruan, Rykhardt,

Editing— Jonathan(audio)

Morning Tea— Bob and Faye

### Next Week

Leader— James (am) Jonathan (pm)

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Peter

Welcome— Ray

Manager— Neil

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Ruan, Rykhardt  
(am) & James and Ralph (pm)

Editing— Rykhardt (audio)

Morning Tea— Linda and David

## **The Weekly Word**

Sunday 15th December 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— Owen

Theme –How to Repent

Reading: Luke 3: 7 –18

### **Down On Your Knees**

A small Cathedral outside Bethlehem marks the supposed birth place of Jesus. Behind a high altar in the church is a cave, a little cavern lit by silver lamps.

You can enter the main edifice and admire the ancient church. You can also enter the quiet cave where a star embedded in the floor recognizes the birth of the King. There is one stipulation, however. You have to stoop. The door is so low you can't go in standing up.

The same is true of the Christ. You can see the world standing tall, but to witness the Saviour, you have to get (down) on your knees.

*Max Lucado  
The Applause of Heaven*



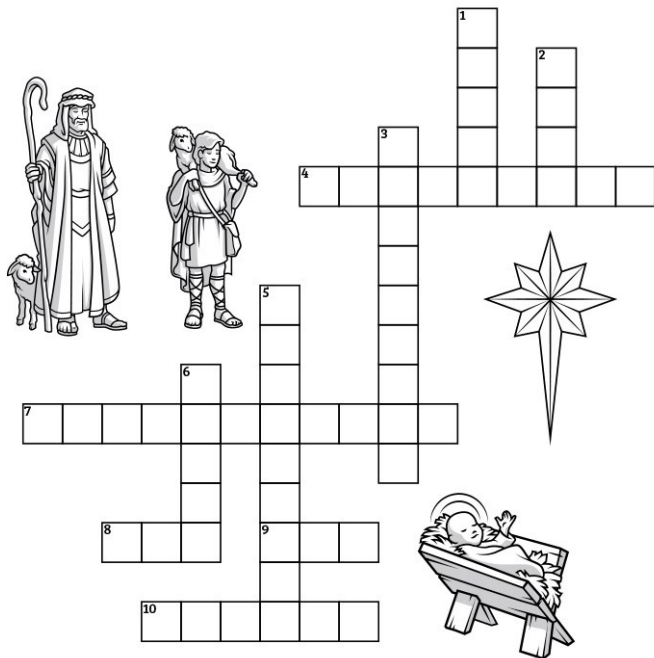


Blue Christmas Service

Reminder that a blue Christmas Service is being held this afternoon, at the church at 6:00 pm for those who find this time of the year difficult.



**CHRISTMAS NATIVITY CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



**ACROSS**

- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ watched their flocks by night.
- 7. Mary and Joseph brought \_\_\_\_\_ as a sacrifice to the temple.
- 8. Angels brought good tidings of great \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9. There was no room for Mary and Joseph in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10. Jesus lay in a \_\_\_\_\_.

**DOWN**

- 1. The wisemen brought gold, frankincense, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ appeared in the East.
- 3. Mary and Joseph traveled to \_\_\_\_\_ to be taxed.
- 5. Jesus was wrapped in \_\_\_\_\_ clothing.
- 6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord shone down on the shepherds.



Happy 80th Birthday, David!  
Wishing you a year with the beauty of faith, the blessing of hope, and the peace of God's Love



Church Council and Elders Election

**Congratulations!** It is with great pleasure we welcome as Church Councillors, Neil and Coral Larcombe and David Mapp. We welcome Tim Checkley, Linda Mapp and Cath McKechnie as Elders of our Church.



A lot of fun was had at our Women's Breakfast at Milk and Honey, last Saturday. After sharing Christmas stories, we participated in a collaborative colouring in activity which is now displayed at the back of the church hall for all to enjoy.



Important Dates

- Youth 3:16 **HOLIDAY BREAK**
- Advent Friend **Sunday 15th December (Joy)**
- Blue Christmas **Sunday 15th December 6:00pm**
- Advent Friend **Sunday 22nd December (Love)**
- Christmas Eve Carols **Tuesday 24th December 6:00 pm**
- Christmas Day Service **Wednesday 25th December 9:00 am**