

Greystanes GrapevineThe weekly newsletter of Greystanes Uniting Church



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Welcome to worship

Welcome to church this morning, it's great to be able to get together in person again. Masks are no longer compulsory but you are welcome to wear one if you prefer to do so.

Lectionary Readings

This week March 13, 2022:

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36

Next Week March 20, 2022:

Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9

Offering envelopes

Offering envelopes for this year are now on the back table. If you would like a set please take one.

Help Needed

We have a number of vacancies on our rosters, if you could help with welcoming, morning tea, running the powerpoint presentation or mixing the sound, please see Sue.

Book Sale and BBQ

Thank you to Adrian and Kaye and Peter Seargent for organizing the book sale and barbecue yesterday, and to all who assisted and supported the day.

If you were unable to attend yesterday you can still contribute as we are having a retiring offering today for those affected by the floods.

We have been in contact with Lismore Uniting Church this week and they are very grateful for our support. They had more than 6 metres of water through the church and have lost nearly everything, and several members of the congregation have lost their homes. Please continue to pray for all affected by the flooding as they start to clean up and rebuild their lives.

National Church Life Survey

Thank you to those who have completed their survey for the National Church Life Survey. We would really appreciate as many as possible doing the survey to give us a better picture of our congregation. The survey is available online at attendersurvey.ncls.org.au. Our church's code no is UA1A4001.

If you would prefer a paper survey, there are some paper survey forms available today so please see Sue if you would like to complete one over morning tea this morning.



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Journeying through Lent

Psalm 121, Genesis 12:1-5

Leading and following, trusting and travelling; these themes emerge from today's readings. They are also the hallmarks of the people of God.

So where does our help come from? Who are we going to call upon in the ups and downs of life?

Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth, he is the God who is there for us all the time, who says Go! and comes along too.

Our God has already made the journey and is there ahead, waiting, watching, willing us to rely on grace; that is the God we believe in.

So as we continue on our journey through Lent and life, let's think about where we are going.

Whatever and wherever our journey takes us, God goes with us; many have travelled before and many will follow after us;

As we look at the news, and all that is happening both here and overseas; covid, floods, war and more, we can feel overwhelmed by it all and we need to remember that our future is in God's hands.

This is the essence of our faith. It is a promise straight from the heart of God and hand-delivered to us by Jesus at Easter.

God's promise for your future as his beloved child is bigger than anything you can imagine.

Peter St & Sue B