



16 APRIL 2023

Welcome

Welcome to worship and a special welcome to Paris and her family and friends who are joining us today for her baptism, we hope you enjoy being with us.

Lectionary Readings

This week 16 April, 2023

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Next week 23 April, 2023
(Holy Communion)

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

Lent Event Envelopes

If you chose to give up something for Lent and give the money you saved to Lent Event please take an envelope from the back table and return it with your donation, just place the envelope in the offering plate.



Last Sunday, we celebrated Christ's resurrection by covering the cross in flowers, it looked great, thank you to all who took part.

Ladies' Bible Study

The Ladies' Bible Study Group is resuming this coming Tuesday, 18th April, 3pm in the Chapel area. We are commencing a new study entitled "Faith". If you wish to participate and join the group please see Heather to receive your study book.



Greystanes Uniting Church

Cnr Cumberland & Eldridge Roads (P O Box 5064)

Greystanes NSW 2145

Minister: Rev Gail Hinton 0407 269 162
revgail@greystanesuniting.org.au

Office Phone: 9636 3245

Email: office@greystanesuniting.org.au

Website: www.greystanesuniting.org.au

Gail's Message

Beauty, Resurrection and Meaning

On Easter Sunday we watched the bare cross transform into a beautiful riot of colour and fragrance as we placed flowers upon it. This symbolic act was a sermon in itself. It was a proclamation of the Resurrection, that our God is the God of the living not the dead and an assent to the fact that Love wins, that God in Christ is victorious and overcomes death.

Theologian Richard Rohr notes that resurrection is a pattern easily observed within the created cosmos, expressed in ordinary words such as “springtime,” “regeneration,” “healing,” “forgiveness,” “life cycles,” “darkness,” and “light”. We could also add today’s secular Easter symbols of baby bunnies, eggs and chicks to Richard’s list. Richard goes on to state that “Resurrection is just incarnation taken to its logical

conclusion”. We know that in the beginning God spoke light into the darkness and breathed the Spirit of life into all living things, incarnating matter. God then proclaimed that all Godself had created “was good” (Genesis 1). The meaning of the Resurrection “Most simply said, (is) nothing truly good can die! (Trusting that is probably our real act of faith!)”

What a simple way to express our faith! What a comforting statement for those of us who grieve! What a spiritually uplifting thought to hold onto and to cherish! Nothing truly good can die! Amen.

If you want to go deeper into Richard Rohr’s explanation of the Resurrection the blog address follows: <https://cac.org/daily-meditations/the-resurrection-of-all-things-2023-04-10/>

