



17 SEPTEMBER 2023



Welcome to our 50th anniversary service, and a special welcome to all who have travelled distances to join us this morning, welcome back!

Welcome also to those families and staff members of our child care and before and after school centres who are joining us today.

Lectionary Readings

This week 17 September, 2023

Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm 114
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

Next week 24 September, 2023

Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

Ladies Bible Study

Ladies Bible Study will meet this Tuesday afternoon at 3pm in the chapel. This week's study will be number 3 Looking Within (John 14:15-31).

Greystanes Uniting Church

The Greystanes congregation began worshipping here in 1973, in an old army hut that is now our Before & After School Centre. The congregation was formed when West Guildford Methodist Church and Holroyd Methodist Church bravely agreed to sell their properties and join together on a newly-purchased site in Greystanes. The manse was built, and the church building at West Guildford was transported to Greystanes to be the worship and activity centre for the following decade. With a Government grant in 1973, a child-care centre was established which was used at weekends for various church functions. In the early years, Sunday school met at Holroyd High School and in 1982 we established our Before and After School Care Centre on site here.

On 25th August, 1984, the new Church and Multi-purpose Centre was opened. In 1994, we separated from the Guildford-Granville Parish and became the Holroyd Parish with McCredie Uniting Church. In 2001, we separated from McCredie and became a stand-alone congregation.

Along the way, we have moved from worshipping in the Before & After building to the new church, which is now the chapel, to using both the chapel and hall for worship, initially with the chapel as the sanctuary, and then in 1992, to our current layout.

Our Child-Care Centre has added an additional building and now cares for up to 60 children a day. Our Before & After School Care Centre at Greystanes Public School cares for 150 children a day.

Over the years we have had many faithful members who have given of themselves to resource this congregation, with gifts of time, money, and abilities, serving through youth groups, ladies groups, Sunday School, Op Shop, music group, social functions, worship, practical maintenance tasks and more.

We look forward to the next fifty years and the places God may be leading us.



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Looking Back. 1973-2023. Things have changed, yet our faith remains. Thanks be to God.

