

# **Greystanes Grapevine**The weekly newsletter of Greystanes Uniting Church



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#### Welcome

Welcome to worship, we hope you enjoy being with us.

# **Lectionary Readings**

#### **Easter Sunday**

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

## Next Sunday 7 April, 2024

Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1- 2:2 John 20:19-31

# **Ladies Bible Study**

Bible Study will meet on Tuesday afternoon at 3pm in the chapel. They will be looking at the second study in their series on Contentment: The Only Food that Satisfies

## **Save the Date**

We are having another Book Sale on Saturday 13th April from 9-12. There will be a wide range of preloved books all for \$2 each.

All money raised will go to Hands and Feet to help support their work providing free fruit and veg to 3300 families each week across Australia. See Kaye if you would like to be involved.





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Below are two poems by Rev. Sarah Speed. I invite you to reflect on Sarah's words and consider how our journey through Lent, Good Friday and Easter Sunday has shaped us into the people of God and the Body of Christ here in Greystanes. Love and blessings, Rev. Gail.

#### It is Finished

One day,

one day we will say,

"It is finished" and *not* in reference to

the suffering that took place

in a school shooting,

in a police raid,

in a boat of immigrants

packed too tightly.

One day we will say,

"It is finished,"

but *not* in reference to

a fight against addiction,

another catastrophic storm,

a broken marriage that got

lost along the way.

One day,

one day we will say,

"It is finished"

and only mean the

book we just read,

the cake we just baked,

the song that made us sing,

the meal around the table,

the familiar drive back home.

Until then

I will say,

"I am thirsty,"

but I still believe

in one day.

One day.

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#### **New Life is Right Here**

Maybe today

we can take a moment.

Maybe today

we can silence the inner critic.

Maybe today

we can leave perfection at the door. May-

be today we can allow ourselves to be

here.

Maybe that's all that matters.

Maybe this sunrise is for us.

Maybe these Hallelujahs are for us.

Maybe the hope blooming in my chest

is for us.

Maybe the resurrection was not just about

God's body,

but is about our body.

Maybe this new life reaches all the way to

the edges.

Maybe we are free to live in a new way where love is the currency, and we are

enough.

Maybe that's what this is all about not a relentless pursuit of more

but God's relentless pursuit of me.

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New life is right here.

Like the women—say it out loud.

Like Peter—run that way.

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