



2 JUNE 2024

Welcome

Welcome to church this morning, we hope you enjoy being with us. A special welcome to David Toogood, from the Synod Pulse team who will be sharing some thoughts with us.

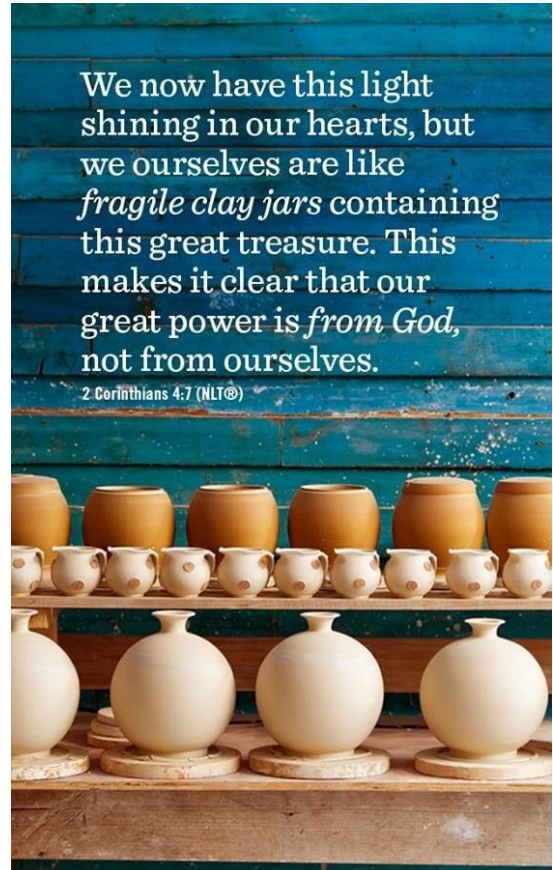
Lectionary readings

This week 2 June, 2024

1 Samuel 3: 1-10, (11-20)
Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23 - 3:6

Next Sunday 9 June, 2024

1 Samuel 8: 4-11, 16-20
Psalm 138
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35



We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like *fragile clay jars* containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is *from God*, not from ourselves.

2 Corinthians 4:7 (NLT®)

Ladies Bible Study

Ladies Bible Study will meet on Tuesday afternoon at 3pm in the chapel. The study will be no. 6 "The 'secret' of true happiness".



The cracks in your heart are there so the light can shine through.

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Rev Gail's Message

David Toogood will be our guest preacher today. David will also talk to us about Uniting Mission and Education's "Growing Young" programme. The Ministry Team (formerly known as Elders) will meet once a month over the next six months to participate in this programme. Along the way the Ministry Team will keep you all updated on what they are hearing, learning and discerning about Greystanes' potential and capacity to grow young. If you are passionate about seeing young people involved in worship, witness and service (warning: not necessarily at the traditional 9am Sunday timeslot) you are invited to join the monthly meetings; see Gail for more information and below for an explanation about the Programme.

What is Growing Young?

While many churches are losing members and vitality, others are bucking that trend by attracting and engaging young people.

Instead of aging, these churches are "growing young." Growing Young is a book and resource package released by the Fuller Youth Institute in California. Their groundbreaking research of over 250 congregations across the United States discovered the 'common ground' that churches successfully engaging the next generation held. These congregations represent a wide range of size, denomination, cultural and ethnic background, and tradition or 'style' yet – they were all growing spiritually, emotionally, missionally, and numerically.

It was found that these congregations all shared 6 core values that enabled them to successfully engage younger generations. They also found that churches who took these values seriously and had young people involved in the life of their church were healthy and thriving across all generations and ministries they represented. These 6 core values can be seen in the diagram.

