



11 MAY , 2025



Welcome

Welcome to church this morning,
and happy Mother's Day to all who
'mother' within our community.

Lectionary Readings

This week 11 May, 2025

Acts 9:3-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

Next week 18 May, 2025

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

Child Care Centre Farewell

Our Child Care Centre is hosting a Farewell Party this Friday 16 May from 5pm-6.15pm. A sausage sizzle will be provided, please RSVP to Sue for catering purposes today.

Everyone who has been part of the Centre in any way over the last 52 years is invited to join us.



Greystanes Uniting Church
Child Care and B & A

Child Care Centre Thanksgiving Service Sunday 18 May

Next Sunday 18 May we will be having a Thanksgiving Service for the Child Care Centre and remembering all those who have been part of the Centre over the last 52 years, whether as staff, children, Management Board Members or volunteers.

Please extend an invitation to anyone you know who has been part of the Centre who would like to join us in celebrating all the Centre has done for our community in that time.

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Rev Gail's Message

On Thursday afternoon, I visited a local residential age care facility at Pendle Hill with four ladies from our Craft Group. These wonderful ladies gave up their time to donate to each resident a beautiful hand-made lap rug. While I was there I was able to spend some time with a bedridden resident chatting about faith and her family.

Della, not her real name, told me that she had three children, a daughter in Denmark, a son in the Northern Territory and another son about 10 kms away who visited her about once a month. I wonder what Mother's Day will be like for Della. I pray her family honour her even if they are thousands of miles away and I do hope her nearby son makes the effort to spend quality time with her. Della is suffering Parkinson's disease but that has not impacted her intelligence nor her faith.

On the wall next to her bed, Della had a collection of family photos and a number of prayers, which her carers read out to her everyday. This included the prayer that appears below which I cannot give anyone credit for apart from the fact that it speaks so brilliantly into our current context. I give God thanks for the time I was able to spend with Della and for the wise prayer she allowed me to share with you.

Heavenly Father,

There is so much crazy stuff going on in the world!

There are people saying, "It's the end."

There is global warming, the threat of terrorism, the instability of the world's economy, corruption and crime, and all sorts of other disturbing news.

It seems as if evil in the world is increasing everywhere and there are times I'm afraid of what's going to happen next.

But I know you keep your children in your care.

Help me not be afraid.

Help me seek you as the refuge not only for my physical well-being but also for the peace of mind that I need in a world that will never be capable of offering me any guarantees.

You are my one and only guarantee and you guarantee everything I need in this life and beyond.