



**27 JULY , 2025**

## Welcome

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

During communion this morning, a member of the ministry team will be available at the back of the church for personal prayer for any who would like prayer.

## Lectionary Readings

**This week 27 July, 2025**

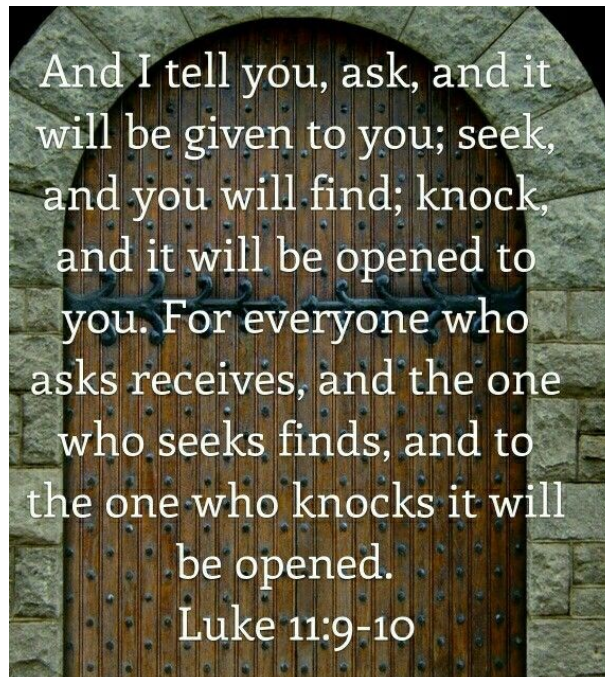
Hosea 1:2-10  
Psalm 85  
Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)  
Luke 11:1-13

**Next week 3 August, 2025**

Hosea 11:1-11  
Psalm 107:1-9, 43  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21

## Funeral Details

Peter's funeral will be here on Thursday this week, 31st July, at 1pm, light refreshments will follow. Peter's family have requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the Westmead Hospital Foundation  
[www.westmeadhf.org.au/donate](http://www.westmeadhf.org.au/donate)



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## Rev Gail's Message

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August our Ministry Team will present their learnings from the Growing Young Project we began last year. Growing Young is a project led by members of our Synod in the Mission and Education Team based in North Parramatta at the United Theological College.

More specifically Growing Young sits under the umbrella of the Pulse team who aim to reach and empower "people in the first third of their lives, because young people matter to the Church".

At the 2021 Synod meeting, the church resolved to invest in six future directions one of them being a commitment to nurture people in the first third of life, ( birth to approximately 30years of age). From the Synod's website here is a summary of why this is such an important direction (<https://www.nswact.uca.org.au/mission/youth-young-adults-families-pulse/>):

### **A pivotal opportunity exists to empower young people as leaders of the Church.**

Often, younger people in the church are looked to as a source of hope. They represent something to an ageing church that strives to be intergenerational, that seeks to remain relevant, and that wants to believe it has a future. The hope that young people represent is not that the church will be preserved as it is now for the future. True growth means allowing young people to offer our own dreams and visions for the church, and to be involved in realising them. They are – right here, right now – already moulding the church into the beacon of hope that they long for. Many congregations, youth groups, and bible studies have found fresh ways to engage with young people – from contemporary worship services, to providing safe spaces to be in community, to inviting their theological questions into discussions. As they emerge into young adulthood having been shaped by the church, many are eager to give back. Their gift to this community is being able to appreciate the wonderful things they have benefited from, while imagining new life into the gaps in youth and young adult ministry that many of their peers have slipped through.

The Ministry Team and I met recently to discuss our future direction as the church in the Greystanes community. I heard some wonderful statements of what it means to be church in this broken world and some words that I hope will become truly prophetic, "I think something wonderful is going to happen and we will see young people, children and families back in our church". May it be so according to God's will.