



## Greystanes Grapevine

The weekly newsletter of Greystanes Uniting Church



**21 SEPTEMBER 2025**

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

### Lectionary Readings

**This week 21 September, 2025**

Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1  
Psalm 79:1-9  
1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Luke 16:1-13

**Next week 28 September, 2025**

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15  
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16  
1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Luke 16:19-31

### Prayer Reminder

A reminder that you are invited to  
pray daily during September as we  
seek to discern God's plan for our  
congregation.

**JOIN US**

## CUMBERLAND 4 COMMON GOOD FORUM



**Date: 23 September, 2025**

**Time: 6:30pm to 9:00pm**

**Address: Merrylands Baptist Church  
Newman Street and Memorial Avenue, Merrylands**

**Light Refreshments Served**

**RSVP before 21 September 2025**

**We look forward to an engaging  
conversation and evening with you.**

Cumberland for the Common Good (C4CG) is a non-partisan  
group of people who live and/or work in the Cumberland area  
who have been collaborating for the common good in our LGA  
since 2020.

We originated from a coalition of local faith groups, community  
organisations and labour unions.

We work with community groups and Cumberland Council to  
ensure appropriate support services are available for people  
experiencing disadvantage in our local government area.

#### OUR VALUES

Common Good Unity Accountability Collaborative Spirit

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## Discerning God's Will

During the month of September we have all been praying daily for God's will to be made known to us regarding our church, its future, its property and its capital. Discerning God's will is not easy, it requires a lot of trust and patience and I want to encourage all of you to continue praying for our church daily because the power of prayer is a mighty thing. Jesus tells us that whatever we ask for in prayer, we must believe we have received. In doing this our prayers are answered (Mark 11:24). James the Apostle tells us that the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective (James 5:16) and in Hebrews we hear this prayer of praise: Now to him (Christ) who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us. (Ephesians 3:20).

I need to digress here and highlight that, yes, our prayers are answered but we do not always receive what we wanted, instead God always acts according to God's great plan and purpose for our individual lives and the for the sake of the entire world. God sees the bigger picture or as someone wise once was explained, we see the messy side of the universal tapestry with all its loose threads and it often makes no sense. God sees both sides, one is a testament to the trials and hard work of the making, the other is made, complete, perfect and beautiful beyond compare.

The Uniting Church offers anyone seeking God's will for their lives, a time set aside, known as a Period of Discernment, or POD for short. During this time, which can be anything from six months to several years, a mentee meets with a mentor to consider many things, however I believe the most important factor is learning about our own heart, gifts and passions. If we apply this to the task before us as Greystanes Uniting Church, we need to think about who we are as a collective. Think of our church as one living body (which we see in 1 Corinthians 10:17) and see if you can describe our personality. Are we friendly, are we snobbish, are we fun, are we very serious, prim and proper?

Then we move to what we have to offer, our gifts our talents and our capital assets. We consider the practical things. Lastly we consider our passions. As a church are we committed to spreading the good news, are we committed to welcoming people into the church family, are we passionate about climate change, justice for all people, homes for the homeless etc.

Sometime before Christmas we will have the opportunity to know more about ourselves as Greystanes Uniting Church when we receive feedback from David Toogood who has coached the Ministry Team in what it takes to Grow Young. I will also present to you in a series of services some of the work your church leaders undertook when we meet with Geoff Stevenson, our Presbytery Mission Strategist. In the meantime remember to continue praying for God's will to be done as we move forward into 2026.