



Greystanes Grapevine

The weekly newsletter of Greystanes Uniting Church



5 OCTOBER 2025

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

Lectionary Readings

This week 5 October, 2025

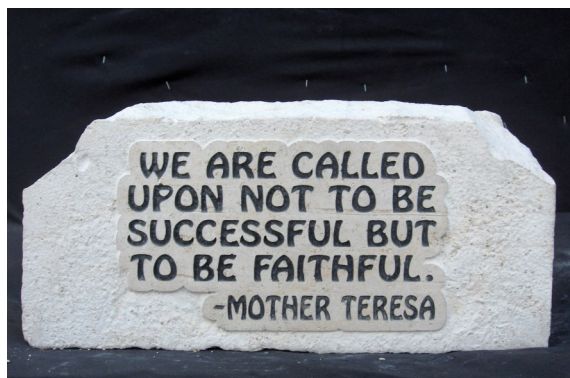
Lamentations 1:1-6
Psalm 137 or Lamentations 3:19-26
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

Next week 12 October, 2025

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalm 66:1-12
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

Ministry Leave

Rev Gail is still on leave until October 14. Please contact one of the ministry team or Sue in the office if you have any pastoral concerns during this time.



Presbytery Representative

As you know, we are part of the Parramatta-Nepean Presbytery which meets 4 times a year to consider issues relevant to the wider church. Two meetings are via Zoom, usually on Wednesday evenings, and two are in person at Blacktown Uniting Church on a Saturday.

We are looking for a new representative to the Presbytery Meetings, if you are interested please talk to Sue or Rev Gail.

Hands And Feet Conference

Hands and Feet are hosting their annual conference on Wednesday 15 October at Kings Park Community Church, 1/13 Turbo Road Kings Park, from 7-9.30pm.

The conference will look at ways churches can build strategies to help the people they serve develop and grow their relationships with Jesus.

This evening is free and includes supper and an opportunity to share with other churches about what they have learned through loving their community.

All members of the Hands and Feet team are encouraged to attend.

Register via the Hands and Feet website.



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The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” - Luke 17:5-10

I wonder how many of you feel as though you have enough faith? Or are you like me, and sometimes wish that you had a little more faith? A little more trust that God really is in control of this world. A little more belief that it is all going to be okay. We just have to have faith.

In today's gospel reading it is Jesus' apostles who are asking for more faith. Even they sometimes struggled with believing and trusting in God and in their leader, Jesus. The apostles have been listening to his teachings which we have heard over recent weeks and which have been challenging, to say the least. So it's no wonder that Jesus' apostles respond to these teachings with a desperate plea: ***“Increase our faith!”*** And their honest request should bring comfort to anyone who has ever wished for the same: just a little more faith, just a little more trust that it's all going to be okay, that God is in control, and that God cares about us all. We just have to have a little faith. Or, perhaps, just a little ***more*** faith.

But this raises a question, at least to me: How much faith is enough?

When the apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith, he offers a very famous response. He tells them that if they have faith the size of a mustard seed, the smallest seed that the disciples knew about, they already have more than enough faith. And I think that what Jesus is saying, to them and to us, is that if we have any faith at all, it is enough; if we have enough faith to ask for more, then we already have enough. Faith the size of a mustard seed is plenty, Jesus says. Why? Because it's not a question of how much faith we have – it's a question of who we put our faith in.

So what can we do to grow in faith?

First, and perhaps most obvious, we can do what the apostles did: we can ask God for more faith. The apostles said to Jesus, “Increase our faith!” Think about that as a prayer, and it is a wonderful prayer. When we are struggling to believe, we can simply talk to God about it.

Another thing that might be obvious, but needs to be said, is that if you feel as though your faith is in short supply, one of the best things you can do is come to church (or worship online if you cannot attend in person). Don't wait until you believe to come to church, because church is where your faith is best nurtured.

But a third way to increase our faith is to share our struggles and even our doubts with a Christian friend. Don't keep it to yourself. Share your struggles with someone you trust.

Your faith, however small it may seem, is plenty big enough. Because it isn't about how big your faith is. It never was. It was always about who you put that faith in.

No matter how little our faith, when we put it in Jesus there is no end to what he can accomplish. - Adrian.