

Greystanes GrapevineThe weekly newsletter of Greystanes Uniting Church



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

Lectionary Readings

This week 16 November, 2025

Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19

Next week 23 November, 2025

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 1:68-79 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43

Do you have a spare Esky?

We have two Hands & Feet clients who collect their food on the way home from work and we leave their food on the back veranda near the office.

Unfortunately this week, most of their food was stolen in the hour between when the team went home and the first client arrived. We are therefore planning to change where we leave the food and are looking for some large (35 litre plus) eskies to store their food in prior to collection. If you have a spare esky you no longer need please see Karen S or Sue.

Diary dates

<u>Sunday 23rd November:</u> the last Sunday in the church's liturgical year. We will celebrate Christ the King and Karen M will be preaching.

<u>Sunday 30th November:</u> Breakfast Communion and an interactive, all age service to kick off the season of Advent.

Our four Advent themes will be Walking in the Light of the Lord, A Leopard can Change its Spots, A Joyful Transformation and Do You Trust Me? All of these services will include allage participation and activities.

<u>Saturday 6th December:</u> Church Christmas Afternoon Tea at 2:30 pm. More details to follow.

<u>Wednesday</u> **17**th <u>December</u>: Hands and Feet Christmas morning tea for all our wonderful clients. More details to follow.

<u>Thursday 18th December:</u> Blue Christmas Service 7pm in the chapel. A quiet reflective service for anyone who has experienced loss.

Thursday 25th December: 9am as usual. A morning of worship, fun and celebration.



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Your Responses after listening to Titilia Brown our guest speaker on Sunday 9th November

After worship last Sunday I spent some time asking as many of you as possible for some feedback on Titilia's talk. Your comments were overwhelmingly positive and I have summarised them below:

Four people mentioned Titilia's story of the volunteer who experienced a life changing moment. The volunteer handed a hamburger and a drink to a homeless man and as their eyes met the man's face changed into the face of Christ. Another person commented that Titilia's talk was biblically based and grounded in scripture. Titilia referenced Matthew 25:36-40.

'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

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The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Many of you spoke about how inspiring it was to hear about the origins of Hands and Feet. Four people mentioned the fact that from something small, big things can grow. It just takes one small act done in the service of another. Someone observed that people who are seeking God and requiring assistance are sent to us. We are sent to them also. Titilia spoke about the origins of Hands and Feet and many people noted that God was there in every step. For those of you who missed out last Sunday on hearing this story, here is a recap.

Titilia and six other people travelled into Sydney, pre covid, to pray for the salvation of the nation. They walked until God put it on their hearts to stop and pray. The group then noticed the large number of homeless people living on the streets. What began as a weekly night into the city to hand out Macca's burgers and a drink to those on the street has now grown into Hands and Feet. People mentioned how wonderful it is to partner with Hands and Feet. It is a blessing to us as a congregation and our way of giving back.

Someone said that if we all do our bit we will be surprised to see that the little things we do are more meaningful than we realise. Another person said that we all need to learn how to be more compassionate and another person noted the importance of prayer. Hands and Feet began because a group of Christian friends gathered together to pray.

Many people were touched and inspired Titilia's humility and grace and I observed how caring and genuine she was in spending time with a number of you in deep conversation. Titilia believes that when you listen to another and give them your full attention you are looking into the eyes of a child of God and in that moment they are the most important and wonderful person in the world. (from Titilia at the Hands and Feet Conference in October) May God continue to bless Titilia and the Hands and Feet Team as they are a blessing to us.