

Greystanes GrapevineThe weekly newsletter of Greystanes Uniting Church



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Welcome to worship this morning, we hope you enjoy being with us. A special welcome to Titilia Brown from Hands & Feet who will be sharing about their work

Lectionary Readings

This week 9 November, 2025

Haggai 1:15b - 2:9 Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38

Next week 16 November, 2025

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

Christmas is Coming!

As we have done over the past two years, the Hands and Feet Volunteer Team invite you to spread some Christmas Cheer this year by donating a Christmas treat, such as chocolates, shortbreads, puddings etc. to go into our clients baskets on 17th December.

There is a box at the back of the church for your donations which we will be collecting until Sunday 14 December.







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It is less than six weeks until Christmas. How does that make you feel? Most of us will say things like "where did the year go" or "I haven't even thought about Christmas presents yet" or "so much to do, so little time". Many of us will start to receive invites to Christmas 'catch ups' and end of year parties and those of us in ministry tend to get bombarded by invitations to conferences, retreats and celebrations. What if we changed the script and said things like, "I can't wait to celebrate God coming into the world as baby Jesus", or "I love this time of year, the services and Bible readings leading up to Christmas Day are so full of joy, love, peace and hope". The next time someone comments on the nearness of Christmas, try out the responses above (as long as they ring true for you) and see where they land.

Speaking of Christmas, here is an outline of what to look forward to in the weeks ahead and some important dates for your diary:

<u>Sunday 9th November:</u> Guest speaker Titilia Brown, founder of Hands and Feet

<u>Wednesday 12th November</u>: Hands and Feet hosts Holroyd High student volunteers. Between 8:30 and 11am only church volunteers with a Working with Children Check can attend due to Dept of Education regulations. <u>Sunday 16th November</u>: Growing Young Feedback and Visioning for the Future. Pastor David Toogood has compiled our thoughts from our workshop service back in August. David has provided some advice on how we might continue growing as a church that is welcoming to all and missional in its focus.

<u>Sunday 23rd November:</u> the last Sunday in the church's liturgical year. We will celebrate Christ the King and Karen Massard will be preaching. <u>Wednesday 26th November:</u> Hands and Feet hosts Holroyd High student volunteers. Between 8:30 and 11am only church volunteers with a Working with Children Check can attend due to Dept of Education regulations. <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 service will include all age participation and activities.

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

<u>Wednesday 17th 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.

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

In this busy season may the Peace of the Lord, the kind of peace that only Jesus can impart be with you! - Rev Gail