



**14 JUNE 2026**

## Welcome

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

## Lectionary Readings

### This week 14 June 2026

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)  
Exodus 19:2-8a  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, Psalm 100  
Romans 5:1-8  
Matthew 9:35—10:8, (9-23)

### Next week 21 June 2026

Genesis 21:8-21, Jeremiah 20:7-13  
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17,  
Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15),  
Romans 6:1b-11, 16-18  
Matthew 10:24-39

## Uganda Update

Church Council has decided to send \$1000 USD from the sale of the child care centre resources to Emmanuel and Sarah at Side by Side Christ Ministries in Uganda. Emmanuel has sent his greetings and thanks and love to the congregation and says that they are doing well and the school and children are thriving.

## Psalm 100

*A psalm. For giving grateful praise.*

- <sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the LORD,  
all the earth.  
<sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with  
gladness;  
come before him with joyful  
songs.  
<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he who made us, and  
we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep  
of his pasture.  
<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with  
thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and  
praise his name.  
<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good and  
his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues  
through all generations.*



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## **Rev Gail's Message**

### **Discerning Plans for the future of Greystanes Uniting Church**

How does a church with a healthy budget, loads of space, forty plus regular faithful worshippers and signs of growth, shine God's light? How do we draw people to Christ and love others as we are loved? Or in other words how do we continue to be a presence in this community, of Christian worship, witness and service? This is the fundamental question that our Church Councillors and Ministry Team Members have been discerning. Discernment is a fancy word for making a decision in which we seek God's will and guidance. Below is a four step guide to the discernment process. I have fleshed out each step with a few thoughts in regard to our situation. I invite you to reflect on each step and add your own thoughts and feelings to the examples I have included. What conclusion do you come up with?

#### **What are the facts?**

##### *General Fact:*

The church around the world exists to worship God, witness to Christ and serve people. The church is called to work with God who seeks the lost, and freely offers life, grace, healing and restoration to all people.

##### *Specific Facts:*

We are mostly over 60 years of age. What energy do we have for mission?

We have the potential to host but not necessarily run community forums, workshops and events. We have buildings that could be leased out to community groups, non for profit agencies or a small business (given council zoning and alignment with the ethos of the church).

Greystanes Uniting has four reports, that arose after hours of missional training and workshopping that indicate the church's desire to reach young people and families and broaden the community connections we already have via the Op Shop and Hands and Feet.

#### **What emotions are tied to this decision?**

Most people do not like change. It is easier to keep doing what we have always done. Making decisions comes with the fear of failure.

Some of us may feel tired. We have done mission in the past and now want to sit back and relax.

Thinking about change can makes us grieve the past and keep us from moving forward.

#### **Am I making this decision based on fact or emotion? Is the decision balanced?**

Fear of change and doing something new (emotion) versus our God-given charge to be good stewards of property and money as God's missional partners (Fact).

#### **If this was not my decision what would be my advice?**

You are a relatively small congregation with everyone already doing a lot of great things. Why don't you employ a community engagement pastor to network with the local council and the wider community to host but not necessarily run all sorts of events. Perhaps church members could attend these events as patrons but also attend once a month or so to be hosts, offering guests a cuppa tea and the time to chat and hear their story. In doing this church members come bearing the presence of God and in an unobtrusive way play a big part in the God's mission to the world.