



7 JUNE 2026

Welcome

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

Lectionary Readings

This week 7 June 2026

Genesis 12:1-9, Hosea 5:15 - 6:6
Psalm 33:1-12, Psalm 50:7-15
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Next 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)



**Just for Fun (for a cause)
Trivia Night**

**Saturday 13th June
6.30pm**

Light refreshments will be provided
Feel free to bring your own snacks

Cost: a gold coin donation gladly
accepted for our Hands & Feet
program

Hints: 50 cents each
Answers: \$1 each



For the word of the LORD is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.

Psalm 33:4



Greystanes Uniting Church

Cnr Cumberland & Eldridge Roads (P O Box 5064)

Greystanes NSW 2145

Minister: Rev Gail Hinton 0407 269 162

revgail@greystanesuniting.org.au

Office Phone: 9636 3245

Email: office@greystanesuniting.org.au

Website: www.greystanesuniting.org.au

Rev Gail's Message

The Discernment Process: Some Background Information.

Over the next few weeks in the Grapevine, I will give you an outline of the discernment process undertaken by myself, the Church Council and the Ministry Team over the last eight months. First and foremost we have prayed about the decision before us; "Gracious God, how do we best utilise all the space we have now have stewardship over, after the closure of our Long Daycare Centre?" Many of you have recently asked me to explain the reason why our Centre closed, so here is a brief recap.

Over the last few years the number of centres around Greystanes has increased dramatically, (there were 160 centres within 5kms of us at the time of closure) and although the care and service of our Centre was undoubtedly superior, we could not compete with all the shiny new centres. This meant the centre couldn't raise the enrolments needed to support the number of staff required under the regulations and to provide the quality of care we were known for, so Church Council and Uniting agreed to close the service and transfer our Tigers OOSH service at Greystanes Public School to Uniting.

To begin our discernment process we invited Rev. Geoff Stevenson, Presbytery Minister for Mission, to speak to our leadership teams in September last year. This discussion provided us with a report that drew together many aspects of the work already undertaken by Greystanes UC, in regard to being a missional church (A missional church partners with God in bringing love, light and hope to those who are broken, lonely and lost, that is, the ones God seems to have a particular concern and heart for).

Peter Prants mentioned last Sunday that there were three other documents that helped us discern the way forward. Before I began my placement with you, some of you spent a year regularly being coached by Rev. Rob McFarlane, in how to be a missionally vibrant church, (known as the MSG team, i.e. Mission Strategy Group). The final report was presented to the congregation just before the Covid lockdowns and it unfortunately lost its momentum. The third report came out of a workshop run by Lou Beaton using the ABCD process for discerning a church's passions for mission, in other words, "what do we have a heart for?". The fourth report was collated after the Ministry Team and I spent a year considering 'How to Grow Young?', coached by the Pulse Team from Uniting Mission and Education.

I collated all these reports and drew out the following commonalities:

- *Making connections through community activities and tapping into congregation members and the wider community's interests, e.g. Cooking classes, English classes, Exercise classes, Gardening etc.
- * The values of Greystanes Uniting as outlined on the MSG report: Belonging and inclusivity, compassion and acceptance, caring and respectfulness, humour, laughter and fun, family and children.
- *Consider a paid Youth Worker or Community Engagement Pastor/Worker.

More next week on the Discernment Process and where God has led us so far in this journey!