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Grahamstown Congregation News

Karuah, Medowie, Raymond Terrace, Tea Gardens, Tilligerry



Welcome to church.

Please stay for a cuppa and a chat after the service.

Please note Rev Waisea is on leave from 27 Dec till the end of January 2025.

May you and your family enjoy the Christmas season with Christ at the centre of all your celebrations.

Services

Date	Tilligerry 9.30 am	Medowie 9.30 am	Raymond Tce 9.00 am	Karuah 11.00 am	Tea Gardens 9.00 am
<p>Please let Ian know if you would like to join the Raymond Terrace Sunday Service via Zoom.</p> <p>https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/91575503061</p>					
24	<p>11am Grahamstown Congregation - Advent Service - Rev W Logologo – at Karuah waterfront, Longworth Park. Wet weather alternative, Karuah church. Followed by BYO Lunch.</p>				
1	-	Rev W Logologo	Dianne Holden	2pm Joe Kalou	Barbara Lyle
8	Rev C Sheppard, HC	-	Own Service	Rev W Logologo, HC & Lunch	Tea Gardens is joining with Karuah today
15	-	Own Service	Rev W Logologo, HC	2pm Joe Kalou	Carol Service
22	Own Service	-	Own Service	Rev W Logologo	Rev W Logologo
24	<p>All 5 centres are invited to attend Raymond Terrace! BYO candle and hymn book. We are hoping to hold this service outside, weather permitting.</p>				
25	8.45am Dianne Holden	-	-	9am Rev W Logologo	Own Service
29	Grahame Pricter	-	Dianne Holden	2pm Joe Kalou	Own Service

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN A BLUE CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Friday, 6th December 10am
Karuah Uniting Church Hall, 380 Tarean Rd, Karuah

Making space for grief and loss
amid the Christmas cheer

Please come, bring a plate if you can.
Enquiries? Contact Lee on 0411 883 264



Readings Nov / December

Date	Week	1 st Reading	Psalm	2 nd Reading	Gospel
24	Christ the King / Reign of Christ	2 Samuel 23:1-7	132:1-12, (13-18)	Revelations 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37
1	Advent 1	Jeremiah 33:14-16	25:1-10	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36
8	Advent 2	Malachi 3:1-4	Luke 1:68-79	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6
15	Advent 3	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Isaiah 12:2-6	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18
22	Advent 4	Micah 5:2-5a	Luke 1:46b-55 or Ps 80:1-7	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)
24 25	Nativity 1	Isaiah 9:2-7	96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)
	Nativity 2	Isaiah 62:6-12	97	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20
	Nativity 3	Isaiah 52:7-10	98	Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)	John 1:1-14
29	Christmas 1	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26	148	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:41-52

TILLIGERRY GARAGE SALE

Tilligerry worship centre held their annual garage sale recently. Not only was it a success financially, but the outreach into the community and the connections with locals was immeasurable. On the day the signs were out, the doors were wide open, and the church was a hive of busyness. The friendly folk at Tilligerry certainly know how to give a warm welcome to everyone and many blessings flowed from the conversations. All hands were on deck for the two most difficult days, setting up and packing away. The help from Medowie friends Val, Barbara and Gladys was very much appreciated.



LET'S PRAY !

If you would like Rev Waisea to visit you or your loved one, then please reach out to him. His number is on the front of this newsletter.

Would you please continue praying for our brothers and sisters.

Les, Jennifer, Sally, Jeff, Lyn, Annette, Denise, Norm, Noreen and Peri having a major operation on the 20th Nov.

Lagi, Frank, Michelle, Margaret, Ruth, Judy, Paul, Isabelle, Ray & Connie. Merle and family.

Wendy, Matthew, Peter and Barbara.
Anne and Val K., Rhonda and family.

Kevin, Rachel Pitchford, our Minister, Waisea, his twin brother, Tunisie, Lo and family.

Wednesdays

9am – Craft Group at Tilligerry church, Tanilba Bay

1-3pm – Craft Group at Medowie church during school terms.

Thursdays

1st Thursday & 3rd Saturday of each month, 9 – 11am Toy Library at Tea Gardens.

Fridays

2pm – Discipleship Share & Care at Raymond Tce hall including afternoon tea.

Fridays (fortnightly) at 10.30am – 12 noon – Living Through Grief Meeting on the 2nd Friday of the month at Karuah RSL and on the 4th Friday of the month at The Grange Village, Tea Gardens.

21st of the month - GrUnCh 21 is the social group of the Grahamstown Uniting Church members and friends who meet on the 21st of the month. *Taking a break till next year now.*

The final **GrUnCh 21** social outing on the Wangi Queen at Lemon Tree Passage was a wonderful outing enjoyed by 39 Grahamstown folk. The 1.5-hour morning tea cruise was ideal for us to get together, chat, laugh, share stories and enjoy a delicious Devonshire morning tea. Lots of lovely photos tell the story of another great Grahamstown gathering.



Oh look! It's Kate and Leonardo!!!





Pause With God

No plan is worth the paper it is printed on unless it starts you doing something.

“But be doers of the word & not merely hearers who deceive themselves.” James 1:22
“Walk your talk” is the right adage here. The key to success is not how big your goal...but the drive you have for reaching it!

Friends, James’ message is not justification by works, but justification that works. He insists that righteousness involves performance, not merely perception of truth. Piety that is devotional but does not have practical application in life is counterfeit.

In fact, the entire book of James is a practical application of the principles of the Sermon on the Mount. "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and after looking at himself goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like" (James 1:22-24).

James was a pragmatic sort of fellow. He saw clearly that the majority of people are not moved by theoretical persuasion, but are looking for practical answers, for purpose and meaning, and for direction in the midst of ethical problems and challenges.

Before he has even finished his first few verses of the first chapter he advises his readers: now, be sure you know this, my brothers, be a good listener, don't speak without caution, and be very careful about that temper which resides in each one of you.

Pastor and writer Thomas Lentz says that; “James’ message is a kind of advice you can carry with you as you go about your day's work. He adds that, James’ message reminds him of a list of twelve "nevers" that he had given to some couples, to help them avoid trouble. The first three on the list are:

- Never both get angry at the same time.
- Never talk at one another, either alone or in company.
- Never speak loudly to one another, unless the house is on fire.

Another good rule that flies in the face of the three above is "never use never or always when you are arguing." As in: "You never help me around the house" or

"You always complain about my job." The use of these two words only heightens the emotional level of the disagreement.

It has been noted that three out of every four people who have lost their jobs were dismissed because of an inability to handle personal relationships. How many of us would be greater successes at work and at home and with our children if we would be better listeners, if we gossiped less or spoke with greater care, and controlled our tempers?

Three out of four job losses can be accounted for by not being able to get along with people. Think about it: It wasn't because they weren't smart enough, or they could not do the job, or because they loafed. It was because they could not get along with other people.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me and strengthen me to be doers of the word and not merely a hearer and continue to deceive myself. Be my guide and be light now and always. Amen.



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for Grahamstown Newsletter items and photos. Last GC News for the year will be 29 December so I would love to see your Christmas service photos.

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Thank you for your regular giving ... whether in an envelope in the plate or via electronic transfer, your giving is appreciated!

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