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Monday is Waisea's Day off

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Grahamstown Congregation News

Karuah, Medowie, Raymond Terrace, Tea Gardens, Tilligerry



Welcome to Church. May you and your family receive God's blessings at this Christmas season.

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Services

Date	Tilligerry 9.30 am	Medowie 9.30 am	Raymond Tce 9.00 am	Karuah 11.00 am	Tea Gardens 9.00 am
30	9.30am Grahamstown Congregation Advent Service at Medowie Church followed by Lunch at The Greenhouse, Pacific Dunes at 11:30am.				
7	-	Own Service	Dianne Holden	Rev W Logologo	Carol Service L Macilquham
14	Rev Chris Sheppard, HC	-	Rev W Logologo, HC & Christmas Lunch	2pm Joe Kalou	Barbara Lyle, HC
21	-	Rev W Logologo	Own Service	Rev W Logologo, HC & Lunch	John Lamb
24	7pm Christmas Eve Service led by Rev W Logologo at Medowie Church. All welcome!				
25	9.30am Dianne Holden	-	8.00am Rev W Logologo	9.00 am Andrew Landa	Own Service
28	Cliff Barclay (SU Beach Mission)	-	Ian Matthews	Rev W Logologo	Rev W Logologo

Pause with God

From our earliest days Christmas was a time for presents. I still remember the excitement I had as a youngster emptying a pillowslip at the end of my bed. Somehow Santa always got it right and had obviously read my letter to him. Fortunately, I was raised in a family that explained to me more about what Christmas really was. It was about that babe in a manger in Bethlehem - God's son, His gift to mankind. His personal gift to me for my salvation!

Let us raise our eyes to God and thank Him for his son, Jesus Christ our Saviour, this Christmas.

Faith makes all things possible,
 Hope makes all things work,
 Love makes all things beautiful,
 May you have all three for this Christmas!

(Dr Ken Williams)

Readings Nov / December

Date	Week	1 st Reading	Psalm	2 nd Reading	Gospel
30	Advent 1	Isaiah 2:1-5	122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44
7	Advent 2	Isaiah 11:1-10	72:1-7, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
14	Advent 3	Isaiah 35:1-10	146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
21	Advent 4	Isaiah 7:10-16	80:1-7, 17-19	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-25
The Christmas season includes Christmas Eve/Day and the twelve days of Christmas. It recalls the stories of the birth and infancy of Christ. The Church in this time celebrates the wonder of the incarnation. (Any of the Nativity selections may be used either for Christmas Day or Christmas Eve services.)					
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
28	Christmas 1	Isaiah 63:7-9	148	Hebrews 2:10-18	Matthew 2:13-23



Tilligerry worship centre has once again had its Christmas Giving Tree in its foyer during the weeks of November. The mission of this project is to provide God's love and bless families in need across Port Stephens in a tangible way. As Christmas and the long summer holidays approach, many families will find it difficult to make this worry-free time of year. The donations around the Giving Tree may help to ease the burden a little. Tilligerry and Medowie folk have donated gifts for all ages, non-perishable food items, or toiletry items. Early in December the donations will be taken to Tomaree Neighbourhood Centre for distribution to those in the Port Stephens Community who need assistance and support the most.

Regular Happenings around Grahamstown

Wednesdays

9am – Craft Group at Tilligerry church, Tanilba Bay

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

Fridays

For the month of December, the **Living Through Grief** group will be holding a Blue Christmas Gathering (see separate notice). There will be no further meeting for December. They will meet again in February 2026.

10am – Discipleship Share and Care Bible Study at Raymond Terrace resumes. Please note the new time, and I'm sure there would also be Morning Tea! The venue? Please ask Ian or Dianne.

Saturdays

The Toy Library at Tea Gardens is on the first Saturday of each month.

GrUnCh 21 is in recess for now.

Sisters of Faith Dinner – A message from Rev Christine Sheppard...

Friends,

Bookings for Our popular Sisters of Faith meal open on 24 November! Again, we are at Southern Cross Lounge, at Sacred Heart Cathedral, with our meal provided by Martha's Cafe, a Social Enterprise cafe.

If you attended last year, you will receive an invitation! If you were on someone else's ticket, please check with them.

Our Speaker is Sister Helen-Anne Johnson, a Josephite Sister and Founder of Mum's Cottage at Holmesville.

Mum's Cottage has a Uniting Catholic management structure, for what I would call a Social Enterprise, supporting the local community.

Tickets are \$35. Here is the link to book online :

[Sisters of Faith Dinner Tickets, Wed, Feb 11, 2026 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Minister's intentional time with GC

In my August 31 minister's report, I wrote the following with the humble intention of doing ministry in an informal new way:

The question is: What new thing/s do we need to do together to change things around and better serve our pastoral needs and glorify God?

I know that something has to change – Either GC people change how we want to do things, or I change the way I'm doing ministry here in GC.

When I come back from my October leave; this is what I am going to do. As your minister, this is what I am offering:

- At the second week of every month, my pastoral care ministry to every worship centre is going to happen. I'll come to you, from **9. 15 am – 12. 15 pm.** (*The times for each worship centre can be changed according to the needs*)

Please come up with relevant topics about life that you may need to have conversations on.

For a start - the probable questions that we may want to wrestle with are as follows:

- *Why would people come to our church? or What do we think is great about our church that people would be attracted to? What is so life giving to people that our church needs to think about and practise?*
- *NB. Please feel free to come up with other relevant pastoral topics or issues to talk about.*

1. Tea Gardens – Tuesday November 25

2. Karuah – Tuesday December 9

3. Raymond Terrace – Tuesday January 13

4. Medowie/Tilligerry – Tuesday February 17

♥ BLUE CHRISTMAS GATHERING ♥

Christmas is not always a happy time for many people. It's hard to be swept up in the hype and the celebration of Christmas when you are grieving or re-living unhappy Christmas memories. This is a time to acknowledge the pain and hurt that someone might feel at Christmas and to share.

A short Christmas Gathering known as a Blue Christmas, will be held in the

KARUAH UNITING CHURCH HALL
10am Friday 12th December 2025
380 Tarean Rd Karuah NSW

We shall share some songs, light candles, poetry, gentle words. This is not a religious service, but a time of reflection and all people from all walks of life are welcome. ♥ This is a safe inclusive place.

♥ ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US AND TO BRING A PLATE TO SHARE A MEAL AFTERWARDS

COFFEE TEA AND COOL DRINKS PROVIDED ♥



This was the happy scene at Morning Tea at Tilligerry last Sunday, 23rd November, following Rev Waisea's service. :D

Margaret would like to share with you the letter of thanks and receipt from Rob Flloyd, National Director of Frontier Services, for our donation.

Dear Margaret Wheatley,

Thank you for supporting the Great Outback BBQ!

Please share our sincere thanks to all those who participated in your recent barbecue event and helped to make it such a success.

Your generous donation will help ensure people living in rural and remote Australia can receive practical, pastoral and spiritual care from our amazing Bush Chaplains and Outback Links volunteers, when they need it most.

Your support makes a significant and lasting difference to our friends in the outback, and we simply couldn't do this work without you.

Thank you for standing with people in the bush.

Receipt No.	Date	Item	Amount
0000169326	4/09/2025	Donation	1,000.00 AUD

Donations to the value of \$2.00 and more are tax deductible.
Frontier Services is an agency of Uniting Church in Australia.

Thank You



Have you got your Chrissy decs up yet? Here is the branch that was just the right height for my grand-daughter. :D



Sign outside a church in Auckland, New Zealand. The message is clear.

LET'S PRAY !

Thank you for praying for our brothers and sisters.

Les, Jennifer, Sally, Jeff, Lyn, John, Denise and Peri.

Lagi, Michelle, Ruth, Judy and Paul.

Wendy, Matthew, Peter and Barbara. Anne, Val K & Annie.

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

Lately, I have been challenged to be more specific in my prayers. And more bold. Why is it that we do not pray with each other when we know there is a need? I guess we are shy. Some other church traditions are not so shy. I guess we should do what we are comfortable with, but what is God asking us to do? What is God asking me to do? To be faithful. The answers are his job, not mine. Do you have a story of answered prayer you would like to share here in order to encourage others to be bold in their prayers?

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Please send any items, photos, articles, things to advertise to Karen at karen@totalrisk.com.au or 0438 299 969

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Grahamstown 100035375

Karuah 100046015

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Raymond Terrace 100046088

Tea Gardens 100046084

Tilligerry 100046093

Our Vision

An active, relevant and meaningful church, a safe and welcoming place in our community.

Our Mission

Loving God and all creation: a living example of God's love in our community

Our Values

Visible; Inclusive; Relevant; Active; Faithful; Innovative Looking to the future