



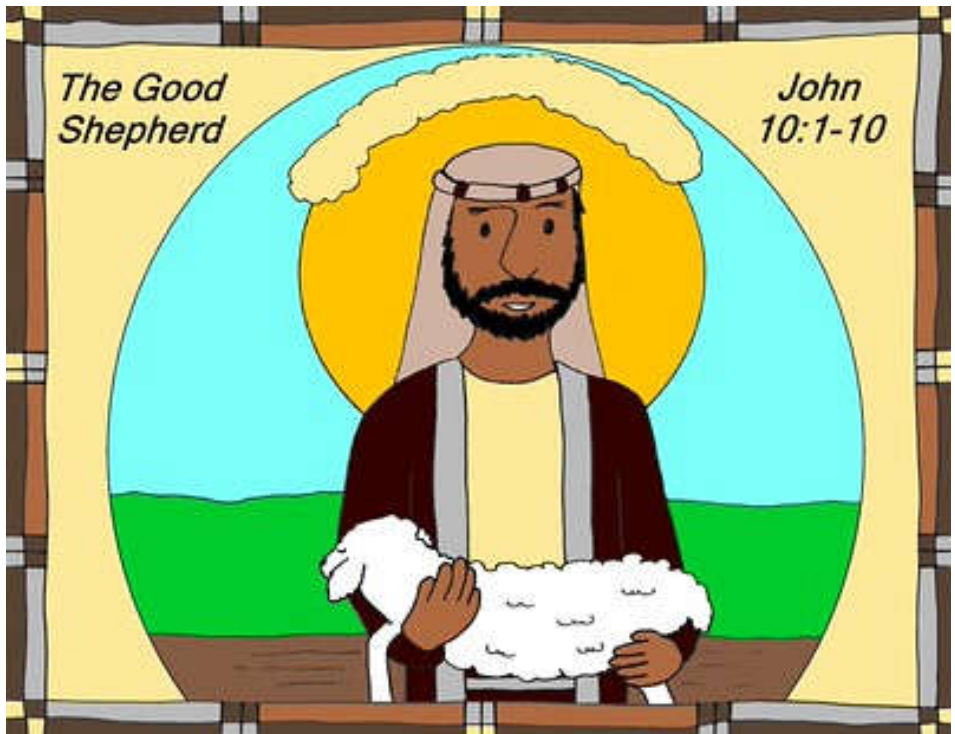
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Grahamstown

May 2026

Grahamstown Congregation News

Karuah, Medowie, Raymond Terrace, Tea Gardens, Tilligerry



Welcome to Church.

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

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Services

Date	Tilligerry 9.30 am	Medowie 9.30 am	Raymond Tce 9.00 am	Karuh 11.00 am	Tea Gardens 9.00 am
26	-	Own Service	Own Service & Lunch	Own Service	Own Service
3	Alison Partridge	-	Dianne Holden	Own Service	Own Service
10	-	Cliff Barclay	Rev Neil Smith	2pm Joe Kalou	John Lamb
17	Own Service	-	Own Service	B Lyle, HC	B Lyle, HC
24	-	Own Service	Grahame Pricter	Own Service	Lissa Macilquham
31	9.30am Grahamstown Congregation Service at Tilligerry led by Rev Christine Sheppard. Holy Communion will be celebrated and the service will be followed by Morning Tea. All centres are invited to attend.				

Readings

Date	Week	1 st Reading	Psalms	2 nd Reading	Gospel
26	Easter 4	Acts 2:42-47	23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
3	Easter 5	Acts 7:55-60	31:1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
10	Easter 6	Acts 17:22-31	66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
17	Easter 7	Acts 1:6-14	68:1-10, 32-35	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
24	Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30	104:24-34, 35b	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21	John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39
AFTER PENTECOST: A period of time that varies in length depending on whether Easter is early or late. In this period, the church recalls its faith in the Holy Trinity. It seeks to relate its faith as a people of God to Christ's mission in the world. It commences with Trinity Sunday and concludes with the feast of Christ the King.					
31	Trinity Sunday	Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a	8	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20

Regular Happenings around Grahamstown

Wednesdays

9am – Tilligerry Craft Group meets all year round.

1- 3pm – Medowie Craft Group returns 30th April 2026.

Thursdays

10am – 12.30pm – Raymond Tce Craft Group meets in the hall. Drop in for a cuppa, chat or some craft.

Fridays

10.30am – 12 noon The **Living Through Grief** group meets on the 2nd Friday of the month at Karuah RSL and on the 4th Friday of the month at the Grange Village, Tea Gardens. This month's dates are:

8th May at Karuah RSL

22nd May at The Grange Village, Tea Gardens

10am – Discipleship Share and Care Bible Study at Raymond Terrace. Please ask Ian for the venue as it does change week to week.

Saturdays

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

LET'S PRAY !

Thank you for praying for our brothers and sisters.

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

Lagi, Michelle, Ruth, Judy, Paul and Val.

Wendy, Matthew, Peter, Tracy & Barbara and Anne.

Kevin, Rachel Pitchford, our Minister, Waisea, his twin brother, Tunisi, Lo and family as they begin a new chapter in their ministry lives.

Thank you to all those who visit - what an important ministry this is!

Photo diary of the last month

- Palm Sunday at Raymond Terrace was well attended.



- Farewell to the Logologo family - 5 years of ministry at Grahamstown! Sadly we said "Goodbye" to Rev Waisea, Lo, Pat and Miri at the Closure of Ministry Service held at Raymond Terrace on 19th April. Photos show Sandy and Ian on behalf of Grahamstown Congregation presenting Waisea with an Akubra hat and Lo and family with a beautiful aboriginal artwork. We wish them well and pray God's blessing on their next ministry adventure.





Pause with God

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” – Romans 3:23

In Romans 3:23, we see a powerful statement that resonates deeply with humanity. This verse tells us that everyone has sinned. It does not exclude anyone; it includes all of us. We cannot escape this truth. Sin is part of our human condition. No one can boast of being perfect or without fault. We all make mistakes and fall short of the greatness we are meant to achieve in God’s eyes.

This verse highlights the idea that all of us are in need of God’s grace. Despite our flaws and shortcomings, God loves us and desires a relationship with us. This verse reminds us that recognizing our sinfulness is crucial because it is the first step toward redemption.

When we understand that we have all sinned, we become more compassionate and forgiving toward others, as we realize that we are all on the same journey.

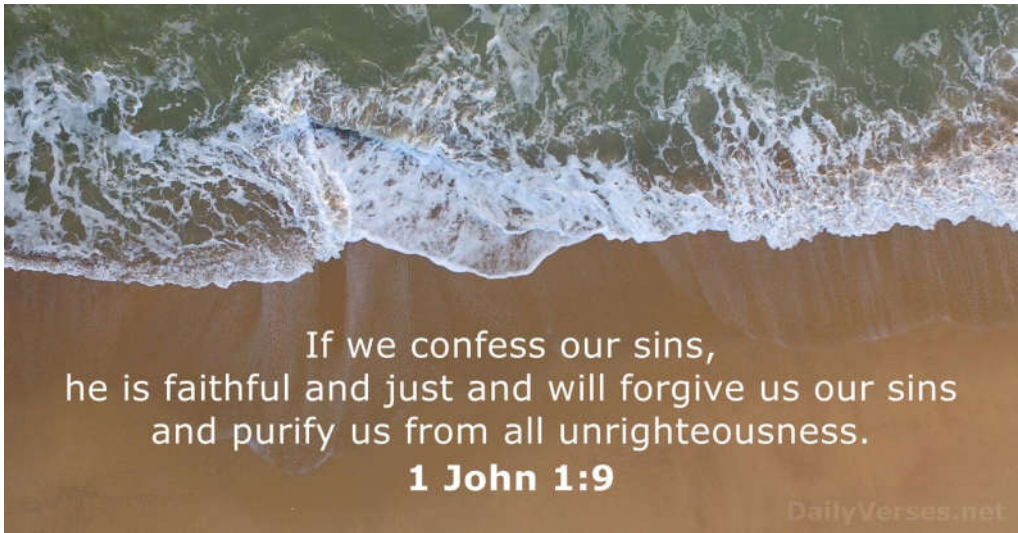
The phrase “For all have sinned” indicates a universal truth. No matter where we come from, our backgrounds, or our stories, we can all relate to

this idea of sin. In our everyday lives, we might not think of ourselves as sinful, especially when we compare ourselves to others. However, this verse pulls us back to the reality that sin exists in every heart.

Sin can take many forms: lying, cheating, anger, hatred, pride, and even negligence toward others. When we think of sin, we might picture something drastic or extreme, but in reality, it often manifests in small, subtle ways. Even simple acts like not being kind, holding grudges, or judging others can create a separation between us and God.

Moreover, when this verse continues with “and fall short of the glory of God,” it emphasizes the consequences of sin. Not only do we sin, but we also miss the mark of a glorious and righteous life that God desires for us. His glory represents His holiness, love, and perfection – characteristics we are called to reflect as His children. This verse reminds us that when we allow sin to dominate our lives, we fall short of that potential.





If we confess our sins,
he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

DailyVerses.net

The importance of repentance becomes much clearer in the context of this verse. When we acknowledge our sins and turn back to God, we can find forgiveness and renewal. This ties into the broader message of the Bible, which tells us that while we may fall short, God's grace is always available for us. We discover in 1 John 1:9 that if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Understanding Romans 3:23 leads us to a deeper appreciation of God's mercy. Initially, we may feel overwhelmed by the weight of our sins, but the verse shines a light on the truth that God makes a way for redemption through Jesus Christ. We are not left in darkness because God has provided us with a relationship with Him through faith. Thus, we can rejoice in knowing that even though we have all sinned, we have been offered a pathway to salvation.

(Dr Ken Williams)

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Please send any items, photos, articles, or things to advertise to
Karen at karen@totalrisk.com.au
or 0438 299 969 by the last Thursday of the month.

For your freewill offering

Uniting Financial Services **BSB 634 634** & **Account numbers** as follows:

Grahamstown 100035375

Karuah

100046015

Medowie 100046201

Raymond Terrace 100046088

Tea Gardens 100046084

Tilligerry

100046093

Our Mission

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

Our Vision

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

Our Values

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



Thank you to those who prayed for the Kairos Outside weekend in March. Kairos Outside supports family or friends of a current or former prison inmate. 7 Guests attended and all enjoyed a wonderful weekend. These weekends are free for Guests which

means the Committee are always looking to fundraise.

Our current fundraiser is the Billy G's Gourmet Cookie and Biscuit Dough. (What a mouthful! LOL) There are 10 flavours to choose from: Anzac, Caramel White, Choc Chunk, Cinnamon Donut, Doggie Dough (for your pet), Golden Classic, Mint Choc, Raspberry White Choc, Strawberry Cheesecake and Triple Choc. The tubs are \$22 each (\$4 of which goes towards Kairos). Each tub makes 40 x 25g cookies. It comes frozen. You can keep it in your freezer, use what you need, and return what you haven't used back to the freezer.

If you would like to support Kairos whilst enjoying delicious cookies, please give your order along with your money to Karen Fogg. Orders close 9th May for pick up on the 29th May.