



Geebung Wavell Heights Uniting Church

31st August 2025
Our Mission Statement

*"Sharing the love of Jesus together
in welcoming all people into the
fellowship of the church as well as
ministering to the community"*

How God's Grace Will Change You

Fred Rogers was the creator of *Mister Rogers' Neighbourhood*, a children's television show that began airing in 1968 and ran until 2000 (895 episodes). In 1997 Mr. Rogers won the Lifetime Achievement Award, an Emmy Award presented in recognition of the significant lifetime achievements of an individual in the American television industry, and he gave an acceptance speech like no other. You can watch it on YouTube. Here's a portion of what he said that evening:

So many people have helped me to come to this night. Some of you are here. Some are far away. Some are even in Heaven. All of us have special ones who have loved us into being. Would you take, along with me, ten seconds to think of the people who have helped you become who you are? Those who have cared about you and wanted what was best for you in life. Ten seconds of silence. I'll watch the time.

Quiet fell like a warm blanket over the glamorous audience in the Pasadena Civic Auditorium. For ten seconds of live TV, solemn silence was the only sound that aired. And then he said,

Whomever you've been thinking about, how pleased they must be to know the difference you feel they've made.

The video shows actors and actresses tearing up during and after those ten seconds of silence. If you try the exercise yourself, just ten seconds, you'll see why. We are who we are today because of the people who have loved us along the way — not because of our achievements. And not because we earned their love but simply because they gave us love as a gift, no strings attached.

Here's our question to you: Who do you know who, given this ten-second exercise, will think of *you*? If you're married, you hope it's your spouse. If you're a parent, you hope it's your children. But who else will think of you as "loving them into being"? Maybe the more important question is this: How are you doing when it comes to loving other people unconditionally?

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For your Diary

Weekly Activities -

Tuesday Indoor Bowls 1:30pm @ Wavell
Sunday Worship Service 9am
See below for locations

Special Events & Services — August

Sunday August 31st Combined 9am Service
 @ Geebung Led by
 Rev Amos Manoharan

Special Events & Services —September

Sunday September 7th Combined 9am Service
 @ Wavell Father's Day led by
 Rev. Stanley Tuilovoni

Wednesday September 10th Adult Fellowship
 1:30pm @ Geebung

Sunday September 14th Combined 9am Service
 @ Geebung
 Led by Rev Peter & Betty Clark

Tuesday September 16th Church Council Meet
 @ Wavell—6:30pm

Sunday September 21st Combined 9am Service
 @ Wavell led by
 Rev. Stanley Tuilovoni

Sunday September 28th Combined 9am Service
 @ Geebung Led by Peter Jenkins

Special Events & Services —October

Sunday October 5th Combined 9am Service
 @ Wavell led by
 Rev. Stanley Tuilovoni

Sunday October 12th Hymnfest 9am Service
 @ Geebung Led by Maree Massey
 Rev. Stanley Tuilovoni M.C.

For your attention



Updating the Church Directory

Over the next month or so we would like to update our Church Directory to include our new friends to the Geebung Wavell Congregation. If you have changed any details since 2023 or would be happy to be included in our Directory, please complete the form in the red folder on the foyer table over the next few weeks. Thank you



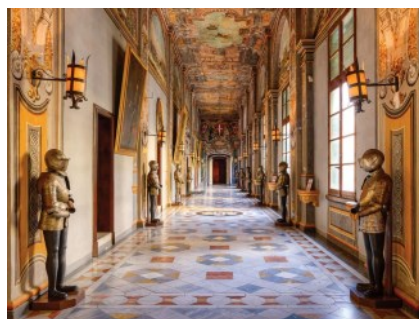
Adult Fellowship

**WEDNESDAY
 SEPTEMBER 10TH
 1:30PM at
 GEEBUNG**

Everyone is warmly invited to join us for Adult Fellowship as we have a special guest, Maree Massey coming to talk to us about her visit Malta.

Maree will cover some of the interesting history, art and culture through the ages.

Please bring a plate of afternoon tea to share and enjoy the fellowship and eye opening beauty of Malta.



The People Who Need Our Prayers

Ann Bain

Maree Massey

Sylvia Marson

Graham Power

Bert Wilton

Edna Street

Norma Jenkins

Lian Tan

Margaret Ferris

Marj & Bruce McKenzie

Malcolm & Judy McMillian



From the Front page.....

The best kind of love = the kind of love Jesus gave

True self-giving is offering the best of who you are to others, and it comes with no strings attached.

So let us ask again: How are you doing when it comes to loving others without expecting anything in return? We're not asking as a ploy. This isn't a trick or a guilt play. We're asking because we know it's difficult to love without conditions. Doing so is the very height of emotional and interpersonal health.

Is it even possible?

Abusive relationships are an exception to this, of course. There must be conditions and limits on how much a person gives before it becomes unhealthy and, in fact, no longer loving. It's important to underscore this point. But what we're focused on is bringing the best version of you to your relationships. On occasion, that requires boundaries or even escape. But it always requires the best kind of love — the kind of love Jesus gave. No strings attached.

But how?

Truth be told, you can't give what you don't have. This is precisely why we want you to stop trying to *earn* God's love and *receive* it. Only then can you genuinely offer the best kind of love to your family and friends and even strangers.

We resonate with theologian Karl Barth, who is known to have said, "Laughter is the closest thing to the grace of God." Don't you want more unrestrained and uproarious grace in your life? Don't you want spontaneous moments of grace with others? The key is to first fully receive — not achieve — God's grace in your own heart. Only then can you truly give it to others.

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Note from today's message

Vale Graham Power

With Deepest Sympathy

News is to hand that a valued and faithful member of our congregation Graham Power passed away at Mercy Community Aged Care at Nudgee very recently.

As we know, Graham gave of himself unstintingly to family, friends, church and community and he will be sadly missed.

Our condolences are extended to Graham's family and friends.

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

(More details to follow when they become available)



August 31

Pentecost 12

Jer 2: 4-13

Ps 81: 1, 10-16

Heb 13: 1-8, 15-16

Lk 14: 1, 7-14

September 7

Pentecost 13

Jer 18: 1-11

Ps 139: 1-6 13-18

Phlm 1-21

Lk 14: 25-33

September 14

Pentecost 14

Jer 4: 11-12, 22-28

Ps 14

1 Tim 1: 12-17

Lk 15: 1-10

September 21

Pentecost 15

Jer 8: 18—9:1

Ps 79: 1-9

1 Tim 2: 1-7

Lk 16: 1-13

GEEBUNG

Alternating

59 Simla Ave

Sunday Worship 9.00am
Holy Communion 1st Sun.



Visit us at:

Geebung Uniting Church

WAVELL HEIGHTS

Alternating

147 Rode Road

Sunday Worship 9.00am
Holy Communion 1st Sun.



Visit us at:

Wavell Heights Uniting Church

G/W CHURCH COUNCIL

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