



Geebung Wavell Heights Uniting Church

19th July 2026

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"**

Rev Charissa Sulia via Pastor Movana (Ana) Teulilo-Schaaf

Message from the President

This year, as I have joined Christians from across Tonga and around the world to mark 200 years of Christianity in Tonga, I have been reminded that the Church is at its best when people from different cultures, languages and traditions realise that, in Christ, we belong to one another as the Body of Christ. That is the vision at the heart of Intercultural Neighbouring Sunday.

Paul reminds us that "we are one body with many members" (1 Corinthians 12). Our diversity is not a problem to overcome; it is a gift through which the Holy Spirit continues to shape, challenge and renew us. Each culture, language, generation and community reveals something of God's richness that none of us can reveal alone.

As the Uniting Church, we have long affirmed that the Gospel calls us beyond cultural, racial and national boundaries to a life of reconciliation and shared discipleship. Our Basis of Union reminds us that we are called to bear witness to a unity of faith and life in Christ that transcends cultural, economic, national and racial boundaries. As we continue to grow as a multicultural and intercultural Church, we are learning to receive one another as gifts and to grow together in Christ. We begin by listening to and learning from First Peoples, whose wisdom continues to shape who we are becoming as the Body of Christ.

This year's theme, "Belonging: One Body, Many Members," invites every congregation to reflect: Who belongs? Whose gifts are waiting to be discovered? Whose voices might help us hear Christ more clearly? Who is still waiting to know they truly belong? Belonging is more than welcoming people through our doors. It means making room for one another in our worship, leadership, decision-making and shared life together. It means allowing Christ to reshape us as we listen deeply, learn humbly and serve alongside one another. When we help one another belong, we bear witness to Christ, who first welcomed us.

My prayer is that wherever the Uniting Church gathers and serves—in our congregations, schools, agencies and councils—we will continue weaving Christ's love across cultures and boundaries, becoming communities where every person knows they belong, every culture is honoured, every gift is welcomed, and every generation finds its place within the Body of Christ. In doing so, may we bear faithful witness to the reconciling love of Jesus Christ in our world today.

Ofa lahi atu,

Rev Charissa Suli

President of the Uniting Church in Australia

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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 —July

Sunday July 19th *Combined Service 9am
@ Geebung*

Tuesday July 21st *Church Council Meeting
@ Wavell @6:30pm*

Sunday July 26th *Combined 9am Service
@ Wavell*

Special Events & Services —August

Sunday August 2nd *Combined Service 9am
@ Geebung*

Sunday August 9th *Combined 9am Service
@ Wavell*

Sunday August 16th *Combined Service 9am
@ Geebung*

Sunday August 23rd *Combined 9am Service
@ Wavell*

Sunday August 30th *Combined Service 9am
@ Geebung*

Verse of the week:

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

(NIV) 1 Thessalonians 5:23

For your attention



Advance Notice

Debbie will have some sick leave in August so the office will be unattended the week commencing August 10th, so there will be no Notices for Sunday August 16th. The following week Debbie will work from home and attend the office for a limited time on Friday August 21st so there will be printed Notices on August 23rd. Thank you

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God, you know us through and through -
you see us when we sit down and when we stand up,
you know our thoughts before we speak them.

There's nowhere we can go, to hide from you -
in our fear,
in our tiredness,
in our doubt.

You're already right there with us,
sustaining us in ways we cannot see.
So search us now.

Look into the corners of our life together
that we'd rather not show you.

Find what's grown stale,

what's grown fearful,
what's grown small,
and renew us, God.

Give us fresh courage, love, hope, and strength

to walk your path that leads to life -

not just for our sake, but for the sake of all
still waiting to know the joy and peace that
comes with your love.

Amen.

The People Who Need Our Prayers

Tony Marson

Sylvia Marson

Ann Bain

Edna Street

Norma Jenkins

Lian Tan

Maree Massey

Bert Wilton

Margaret Ferris

Marica Halliday

Marj & Bruce McKenzie

Ray Langdon

Malcolm & Judy McMillan

Joy Bryans

Sylvia Bray



“Living in Hope”

Genesis 28:10-19a; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

These three readings invite us to *trust* in God's *presence* and *purpose* even when life seems *uncertain, unfinished, or filled with contradictions*.

Genesis 28:10-19a

In **Genesis**, Jacob is alone, fleeing from trouble and unsure of his future. Yet in that vulnerable moment, God reveals a ladder reaching between heaven and earth and assures Jacob of His presence. Jacob discovers that God is not confined to sacred places; God meets us in ordinary and difficult circumstances. What seemed like a place of fear becomes a holy place because God is there.

Romans 8:12-25

In **Romans** passage, Paul reminds believers that they are children of God and heirs of His promise. Yet this inheritance is not fully realized. Creation itself groans, longing for renewal. Christians live in the tension between present suffering and future glory. Hope becomes the virtue that sustains us as we wait for God's complete redemption.

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

In Gospel **Matthew**, Jesus explains the parable of the wheat and the weeds. Good and evil grow together in the world until the final harvest. Rather than demanding immediate judgment, God exercises patience, allowing time for growth and repentance. The kingdom of God is already present, but it is not yet fully revealed.

Jointly, these readings teach us that God's work often unfolds gradually. Jacob had to trust God's promise before he could see its fulfillment. Paul calls us to persevere in hope while awaiting redemption. Jesus teaches us to trust God's wisdom when we encounter the coexistence of good and evil.

Our challenge is to recognize God's presence in uncertain places, remain hopeful during times of waiting, and cultivate goodness without becoming discouraged by the imperfections around us. God is at work even when His purposes are not yet fully visible.

Like Jacob, we can awaken to discover, *"Surely the Lord is in this place."*

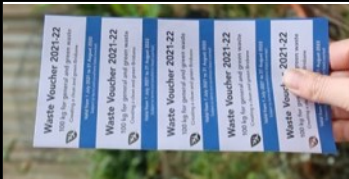
Like Paul, we can hope with perseverance.

Like the faithful wheat in **Jesus' parable**, we can continue growing until God's harvest is complete.

Malo, Peace & Grace

Pastor Moana (Ana) Teulilo-Schaaf

Notes from today's message



Do you have any unused Dump Vouchers or spare vouchers please?

If you do, could you please consider passing these onto David McKenzie or Ray Cartmill for the use of reducing the garden waste and rubbish from the church grounds.

July 19

Pentecost 8

Gen 28: 10-19a
Ps 139: 1-12, 23-24
Rom 8: 12-25
Mt 13: 24-30, 36-43

July 26

Pentecost 9

Gen 29: 15-28
Ps 105: 1-11 45B
Rom 8: 26-39
Mat 13: 31-33, 44-52

August 2

Pentecost 10

Gen 32: 22-31
Ps 17: 1-7, 15
Rom 9: 1-5
Mat 14: 13-21

August 9

Pentecost 11

Gen 37: 1-4, 12-28
Ps 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Rom 10: 5-15
Mat 14: 22-33

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

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Holy Communion 1st Sun.



Visit us at:

Wavell Heights Uniting Church

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