

NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 9 JULY 2023 - PENTECOST 6

The Story of Rebekah and the Restoration of the Covenant from Genesis 24.

The First Lesson for this Sunday imparts confidence that God is with those who travel to new and unfamiliar destinations, just as God is with those whose homecomings are to places changed by a loved one's death or by new family ties.



The servant recognizes God's enduring loyalty to Abraham and his family in a chance meeting at the well (Gen. 24:12-14, 21, 26-27, 40). It is the servant's

testimony of how the LORD led him to Isaac's future wife (24:42-49) that wins the consent of Rebekah's family to his plan (24:50-51). They adopt his perspective that "The thing comes from the LORD" (Gen. 24:50), so they will do "as the LORD has spoken" (Gen. 24:51). The servant cannot rest until he has returned to his master, his mission successful by the grace of God (24:54-56).

Rebekah's journey begins at the well. In the Bible, wells provide a meeting place for marriage partners. Jacob meets Rachel at a well (Gen. 29:1-30), and Moses meets the seven daughters of Jethro, including his future wife, Zipporah, at a well (Exod. 2:15-22). In Genesis 24,

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OUR CHURCH LIFE



A warm welcome to visitors worshipping with us today. We invite you to join us in the Hall after the service for Morning Tea and a time of fellowship.

SUNDAY 9 JULY PENTECOST 6 9.30am Family Service Rev Brian Carey		SUNDAY 16 JULY PENTECOST 7 9.30am Family Service John Steed	
BIBLE READINGS:		BIBLE READINGS:	
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	P.24 P.16	Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	P.25 P.614 P.195 P.19
HYMNS SUNDAY 9 JULY			
TiS 188	Where wide sky rolls down and touches the red sand		
Tis 571	Forth in your name, O Lord I go		
Overhead	“We played the flute!” the children said		
TiS 563	Let him to whom we now belong		
	SUNDAY 9 JULY	SUNDAY 16 JULY	
WELCOMER	Carol Brearley	Lee-Anne Burnett	
DOOR STEWARDS		Bob Sumner	
ELDER	Rex Harrison		
BIBLE READER	Marg Smithson	Helen Bloomfield	
FLOWERS		Marie Yuncken	
MORNING TEA	Marg Smithson Cathy Smith	Jill Heaney	
MUSIC	Geoff Hadley Peter Hadley	Christine Ryan Joseph Lunardi	
MULTIMEDIA	Richard Smith	Michael van Drunen	

OUR CHURCH LIFE

Prayers

East Avon Group (Cunderdin/Meckering and Quairading Uniting Churches). Assembly Circle of Interest: Growing in Faith

Our local prayers will be for Creative Living Centre and Craft Groups.

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however, Rebekah encounters no future husband but only a thirsty matchmaker in need of lodging.

When asked, Rebekah agrees without hesitation to go with the servant to marry his master's son, sight unseen (Gen. 24:58). This choice comes as no surprise, since we know Rebekah's decisive character from her earlier actions.

For the last time in the story, the servant acts and points out to Rebekah her future husband, explaining to Isaac all that has happened. Then the servant, who testified to God's guiding presence in the encounter at the well, disappears from narrative view. His oath has been fulfilled, and God's loyalty to Abraham and his family has been made known in Isaac and Rebekah's union.

This is a story about travelling and hospitality, about meeting strangers who become family, and about taking risks and leaving home in order to find a home. It is a story that testifies to the power of love that comfort and heal grief. Most of all, it is a story of faith journeys with paths that providentially cross. The servant's witness emboldens us to move into the future, confident that God's angel leads us on our way (24:7, 40).

Brian Carey

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and may be viewed via YouTube at 9:30am each Sunday.
If you attend our services and would prefer not to be filmed,
please avoid the front four rows of pews. Thank you

CRISIS SUPPORT – TRANBY ENGAGEMENT HUB

Uniting

Uniting WA, Aberdeen Street crisis centre is a safe, supportive environment where people are provided with

essential services such as showers, food and clothing.

Over 300 homeless folks pass through the centre on a daily basis, where only 4 permanent staff and a team of volunteers, cook, clean and attend to their laundry. Medical, legal, counselling and advocacy services are provided with visiting agencies. There is access to telephones and computers.



Over two days, we took two loads of warm clothing, shoes, toiletries and towels to the Uniting Crisis Centre from Floreat UC Creative Living Centre. It was an eye opener for us both to witness the extent and the needs of the homeless in Perth.

Claire and Richard



COME TOGETHER FOR YES

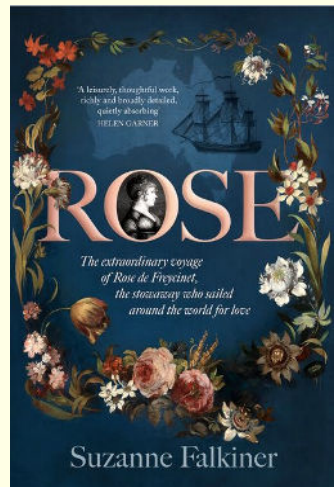
Marie Yuncken and Rev Elly Smith attended the Rally at Russell Square to launch the Yes Campaign for the Voice to Parliament on Sunday.

Although they missed some of the speeches after being at church there was a great feeling of optimism in the crowd. Many were wearing the tee shirts and carrying the large banners as they left.

Ladies Book club

We will meet on
Monday 10th July at 7.45 pm
at Rhondda's home.

The book for July is
"Rose" by Suzanne Falkiner



Event: The Voice – Uniting or Dividing the Nation?



Come and hear from the Hon Robert French AC, Prof Fiona Stanley AC, and Thomas Mayo hosted by Kate Chaney MP.

This will be a fantastic opportunity to hear from these leading minds about the Voice to Parliament.

We hope you can attend and promote it through your own networks by sharing Kate's social media posts for the event that will be going up this week. We would love everyone to bring 5 people who are undecided!

Monday 10 July: 5.30 – 7pm
Marist Auditorium, Newman College,
216 Empire Ave, Churchlands

Book tickets: [here](#)

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Recitals at Ross



Eliza Bourgault du Coudray (harp)
Darryn Santana (guitar)

present

Sounds of a Mystical World ...

Thursday 13 July, 12.30pm

Ross Memorial Church
Corner of Hay & Colin Streets, West Perth

Bring along your lunch and enjoy some beautiful music in a peaceful sanctuary



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VOLUNTEER



The Duty Roster for July, August & September 2023
is on the Hall Door

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered.
There are blank spaces to be filled so please check
the roster and volunteer if you can.

Thank you. Your help is much appreciated

CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION

**Do you have an article, story,
recipe or other item that may be of interest to the
Church community?**

If so, we would be very interested in considering it for
publication in future editions of the News & Notes.

Please submit your item to
Marika Leonard,
Office Administrator at floreatuc2@westnet.com.au

Thank you

Preserves for Sale



A beautiful array of jams and marmalade are for sale and can be
found on top of the cupboard in the foyer.

Prices as marked.

Please place cash for any purchases in the slot on the top right
of the cupboard. Thank you.