



NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER 2023 - PENTECOST 19

Well, in reality we are in the middle of Spring, Djilba – first spring is behind us and we’re now in the season of Kambarang – second spring. Next week, here at Floreat, we’ll be celebrating our annual Variety Afternoon hosted by the friendship groups, our theme is ‘Spring and New Beginnings’ – when we set that date the date for the referendum was unknown. The theme might have you thinking otherwise.



So, next week there will be many questions to answer as our afternoon includes a quiz component, and we will have a Q&A with Reuben as he begins his first full time ministry placement at All Saints.

The lectionary for today includes a reading from the Old Testament book of Exodus - the 10 Commandments - among those commandments we are told to NOT covet our neighbours house or give false testimony against our neighbours.

Whilst Psalm 19 is a song of praise from David, it says,

“The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.

They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.”

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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 8 OCTOBER
PENTECOST 19
9:30 Family Service
Rev Brian Carey

SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER
PENTECOST 20
9:30 Family Service
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Isiah 5:12-7
 Matthew 21:33-46

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Exodus 32:1-14
 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
 Phillipians 4:1-9
 Matthew 22:1-14

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HYMNS SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER

TiS 693	Come as you are
TiS 442	All praise to our redeeming Lord
TiS 611	God of grace and God of glory
TiS 411	Filled with the Spirit's power

	SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER	SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER
WELCOMER	VACANT	Carol Brearley
DOOR STEWARDS	VACANT	VACANT
ELDER	Els Mengler	Else Mengler
BIBLE READER	Helen Bloomfield	Jean Read
FLOWERS	Marie Yuncken	Debbie Thornton
MORNING TEA	Beth & John McKechnie	Jean & Graeme Read
MUSIC	Anne van Drunen Joseph Lunardi	Geoff Hadley
MULTIMEDIA	Rhondda Tilbrook	James Millar

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Prayers

This week we pray for the Armadale–Kelmscott, Byford/Mundijong and Gosnells Uniting Churches; and the Tapu Niue Faith Community Foothills St Martin's, Kalamunda Uniting Churches and and Perth Samoan Devotional Group. 98.5 Sonshine FM, Kiribati Uniting Church

Our local prayers will be for Musicians and all who help on rosters.

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For me both these readings have a message for us, Australia's first nations peoples are our neighbours, will we testify FOR them? They have lived in the land of the Wagyl, or Rainbow Serpent, for millennia, sharing a deep spiritual connection to the land, waterways and skies...

The most important question for us next week is, is this the time when Australia's first nations people, who have had no speech, will be given a voice?

Deborah Marshall

*For information on Baptism, Confirmation or Church
Membership, please contact The Church Office
Phone: 9387 6371*

Sunday Services at All Saints are Live Streamed
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

Summary of the Church Council meeting held on Tuesday 19 September, 2023.

- ◆ The Chair of Elders to form a committee to review what it means to be an Elder within the All Saints community. Reuben Edmonds to be included in the committee when he is Minister in Placement. This was raised at the AGM.
- ◆ Children's Outreach – an invitation to be extended to Julie Ridden to address those interested members of the congregation at a meeting during the day, date yet to be set.
- ◆ Carols by Candlelight in the Park – this will not proceed this year. Planning for 2024 to commence early in 2024 and local Churches and the Salvation Army to be invited to participate.
- ◆ The painting of the Minister's Office, Administration Office, and the kitchen has been completed thanks to a very generous donation of \$3,000.00.
- ◆ Deborah Marshall , The Creative Living Centre Treasurer has stepped down from this role.
- ◆ Reuben Edmonds' ordination service is scheduled for Saturday 30 September at 2pm at Wesley Church, Perth.
- ◆ The induction service of Reuben Edmonds as Minister in Placement is scheduled for Saturday, 21 October 2023 at
- ◆ 3 pm at All Saints Floreat Uniting Church followed by an afternoon tea in the hall. Ministers and representatives of local Churches to be invited to the induction service.
- ◆ A neighbour has complained about the Good Samaritan Industry (GSI) bins and the influx of people attempting to remove articles of clothing from

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them, resulting in a mess with the clothing been scattered around. The FAIG

recommended that the bins should be removed to foster a good relationship with our neighbours. However, the Church Council have requested that the cost of installing security lighting and a CCTV camera to be investigated instead.

- ◆ The Archiving Report created by Julie Walters was approved and the material is ready to be archived.
- ◆ The Frontier Service BBQ to be postponed until early 2024 due to all the events taking place in October 2023.
- ◆ The Scotch College Junior Orchestra to perform at All Saints on Sunday service on 3 December 2023.
- ◆ The internet provider iinet will be ceasing their email service from 31 October 2023. All Saints will be moving to Aussie Broadband.
- ◆ Rev Dr Bill Loader will be doing Lenten studies in Perth during March 2024.

Michael van Drunen

Chair - Church Council



Christmas cakes, mince pies and Christmas puddings

are all on sale again this year with
proceeds going to Harry Perkins Institute
of Medical Research.

The order form is in the foyer.

Please contact Marie Yuncken on 0410 061 279 with any queries.

ORDERS MUST BE IN BY MID NOVEMBER.

What do grape vines represent in the Bible? How is the vineyard relevant to God?



Vines are tended and grapes are picked in a vineyard. In ancient Israel grapes were a major agricultural product, used especially for eating and for making wine.

Throughout the biblical period the vineyard was part of everyday life for many in Israel. So it is not surprising that the vineyard became a biblical symbol for the people of God.

The most famous use of the vineyard symbolism in the Old Testament appears in Isaiah 5, where we are told, “The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.” In his “song” of the vineyard Isaiah recalls the careful and loving treatment that the owner (God) gave to his vineyard (Israel). Yet the vineyard yielded only wild grapes (sin and rebellion). Out of frustration the owner threatens to destroy the vineyard (by means of the Assyrian army) and make it into a ruin.

The historical context for Isaiah’s song of the vineyard was an attack expected against Jerusalem by the Assyrian army in the eighth century B.C. Isaiah foresaw that such an attack would have disastrous effects for Judah, just as an earlier attack had on the northern kingdom of Israel. The only way the disaster might be averted, according to Isaiah, was for Judah to put aside its sinful and rebellious ways, and to try once more to do God’s will as the chosen people of God. However, the way in which Isaiah’s song of the vineyard is expressed held out little hope for such a conversion.

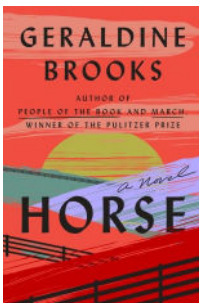
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The vineyard image appears also in Jesus' parable in Matthew 21. As the text now stands, the parable is clearly a kind of allegory. The landowner is God, the vineyard is Israel as God's special people, the tenants are the political and religious leaders of Israel, the harvest is the fullness of God's kingdom and the judgment that will accompany it, the servants sent to collect the landowner's produce are the prophets, and the landowner's son is Jesus.

The parable begins by describing God's extraordinary care for the vineyard in terms clearly alluding to Isaiah 5. When the tenants abuse the servants and the son, the owner comes and destroys the wicked tenants. In Matthew's context this is very likely an allusion to the destruction of Jerusalem not only in 587 B.C. but also in A.D. 70. Note, however, that the vineyard itself is preserved and placed under new management. Note also that the chief priests and elders of the people recognize that the parable is being told about them. They need to be replaced as the leaders of God's people.

These vineyard texts insist that God remains in personal relationship with his people, continues to care for and preserve them and stays faithful even when the people fail to do so. Thus the vineyard is an image of hope: it emphasizes God's continuing care for his people.

Brian Carey



Ladies Bookclub

Ladies Bookclub will be
discussing *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks on
Monday 9th October
at 7.45 pm at Rhondda's home

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EMAIL ISSUES

The Church office experienced email issues when sending out bulk emails during the week ending 30 September.

As a result, a few of you failed to receive the important email about sharing lifts and parking at Wesley Church on Saturday 30 September. Unfortunately, News & Notes for Sunday, 1 October failed to reach some of you as well!

We apologise for any inconvenience this might have caused you.

Michael van Drunen

Chair – Church Council

IS IT TIME YOU HAD A NEW MODERN NAME BADGE?

If you are interested in acquiring a new name badge, then please put your name on the list located next to the roster list on the door as you enter the Hall for morning tea.

I am getting one, why don't you?

The new name badges are so much easier to read. Please wear your name badge when you come to Church.

The charge for badges is \$15.00. You may pay at the office or put your payment in an envelope with your name and what it is for and put it in the Offering Plate on Sunday.

Michael van Drunen

Chair – Church Council

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Vale Ban King

Last Thursday, 28 September 2023, Ban King, a member of our congregation, died peacefully at Hollywood Hospital surrounded by his family.

We send our sympathy to Irene.



PERTH INNER CITY YOUTH SERVICES

Friday 13 October 2023—PICYS

Food Pick-Up City Beach

Jean Young, Lynne Jackson

08 9446 5319



TEMPORARY OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER

The landline telephone number
9387 6371 is currently unavailable.

To contact the office, please call
0415 781 956. This number will be manned
during normal office hours.

If your call is not answered, please leave a
message.

Thank you.





Paul Formosa

A prominent ethicist Professor and Head of the Department of Philosophy, and Co-Director of the Macquarie University Ethics & Agency Research Centre, Macquarie University writing in *The Conversation*, September 25th addressed the question of “**Is it ethical non-Indigenous people get to decide on the Voice? Is it OK for one group to have rights others don’t?**”

Paul wrote:

Australians will soon be asked to vote on whether we should “alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice”.

Two philosophical concerns have been raised about this proposal.

First, is it appropriate for members of one group to decide what rights members of another group get? Why should non-Indigenous Australians get to decide if the First Peoples of Australia are granted an institutional Voice?

Second, is it appropriate to give members of one group rights that members of another group lack? Isn’t our system of government based on the idea we are all equal and therefore we should all have the same rights?

The author concludes: in relation to the first concern:

..... And there is actually nothing unusual about citizens and their elected representatives making decisions about what rights and entitlements others have. This is the very nature of democracies.

But this raises a more fundamental tension within our liberal-democratic political system. The tension lies between the “liberal” element, which seeks to

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secure the rights and liberties of all individuals, and the “democratic” element, which seeks to enact self-rule by the people.

This tension generates a problem known as the “tyranny of the majority”. This is where a democratic majority is able to violate the rights of a smaller minority.

In both the same-sex marriage and Voice votes, there is a large majority with the power to decide the rights of a minority.

Democracies typically guard against a majority mistreating a minority, in part, by enshrining foundational rights and liberties in a constitution that is difficult to change democratically.

This puts an imperfect, but practical, check on the exercise of that tyranny. The rights and entitlements set out in a constitution stipulate the fundamental terms of cooperation within a political community.

For example, the Australian constitution sets out that our political community is based around a Commonwealth with legislative, executive and judicial branches, as well as granting several explicit rights (such as the right to vote and the right to trial by jury) and implied rights (such as the freedom of political communication).

Enacting a constitutional change serves both a symbolic function, by expressing that something is part of the foundational framework of our political community, and a practical function of partially insulating it from changing democratic whims.

The author writes in relation to the second concern:

This leads to the second issue, whether there is something undemocratic about members of one group having different rights to members of other groups.

..... There are at least two obvious bases.

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First, as a rectification of past injustices. For example, if someone steals a painting from you, then you are entitled to have your property back or to receive restitution. This can apply cross-generationally.

..... First Nations people of Australia have suffered specific and significant injustices that other groups have not, such as the loss of sovereignty over their traditional lands, and they are therefore entitled to redress, which could (in part) take the form of a Voice.

The second basis is to rectify a specific disadvantage. As Canadian political philosopher Will Kymlicka puts it:

we match the rights to the kinds of disadvantage being compensated for.

For example, Australians with a disability are entitled to certain rights, such as disability support, that members of other groups are not.

On a range of measures, from health to education and wealth, Australia's First Nations people face significant disadvantages, and it's therefore reasonable members of that group receive specific rights to counteract the specific forms of disadvantage they experience.

The writer concludes: Neither of these questions are the important ones

In democracies, majorities are asked to vote on what rights a minority has and members of different groups can have different rights. Rather than focus on whether a Voice would "divide us by race", we should focus (among other things) on the substantive issues of whether the proposed changes will be effective in helping to rectify past injustices or to counteract specific disadvantages, and whether any such changes should be embedded in our Constitution.

Inclusion in the Constitution would serve as an enduring expression of their foundational role in our political community, and would partially insulate them from democratic meddling.

Submitted and edited by Richard Smith

**THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP
CHRISTMAS GIFT BAG APPEAL 2023
SUPPORTING UNITING AID.**

**FROM SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER GIFT BAGS WILL
BE AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER AND OFFICE**

Please take a bag and add your choice of any Christmas festive treat - shortbread biscuits, chocolates, savoury party mix, single serve Christmas pud/cake or anything with a Christmas theme. All items **MUST** be commercially packaged with a recent use by date.

It is OK to add a Christmas Cracker or small festive item. You may decorate your bag if you wish. Ribbon will be available with bags. The bag is small so just remember to pick appropriately sized items.

No toiletry items this year please!

**Thank you for your friendship group support
Putting a smile on faces at Christmas
(PLEASE RETURN BAGS TO CHURCH OFFICE BY
26th NOVEMBER)**

Any questions contact Amanda Brown - 0434 260 117

**All Members and Friends are invited
to the
Spring and
New Beginnings
Afternoon Tea and Variety Show
Saturday, 14 October—2:00pm SHARP!!**

Our musicians are practising
and the food is organised.

Come to a free afternoon of entertainment,
food and fun.

Starting at 2:00pm sharp!!

Make sure you are early,
seated and ready to participate in plenty of time.

**The afternoon is free but your generous donations will
go towards the Christmas Gift Bag
Appeal and a Christmas Tree for the Church.**

**For catering purposes, please let us
know you are coming by signing the
list in the foyer.**

Good Grief

A seminar on grief and loss
with Dr David Michie

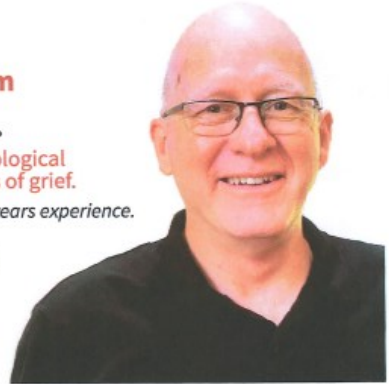
St Edmund's Anglican Church Hall
Saturday 14 October 2:30pm-4:30pm

Grief and loss come to us all.

In this seminar David Michie will bring both psychological
and Christian resources to bear on the experiences of grief.

David is a qualified counsellor and social worker with 36 years experience.

RSVP to office@stedmunds.org.au or 9387 2287



**The duty roster for
October,
November and
December 2023
is on the Hall Door.**

**Thank you to everyone
who has
volunteered.**

**There are blanks places to
be filled so please check the
roster and volunteer if you
can.**

**Thank you. Your help is
much appreciated.**

TIMOR LESTE VISION'S

QUIZ 2023 NIGHT

**SATURDAY
28 OCTOBER**

6PM OPEN FOR
7PM START

**FLOREAT ATHENA
SOCCER CLUB**

41 BRITANNIA RD,
LEEDERVILLE

Includes raffles, games and silent auction.

Delicious home cooked savoury
and sweet snacks, available from 6.00 p.m!



Tickets: \$30pp (8 per table)

Free Parking

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Contact: Joanne 0407 195 555

Email: info@tlv.org.au

