

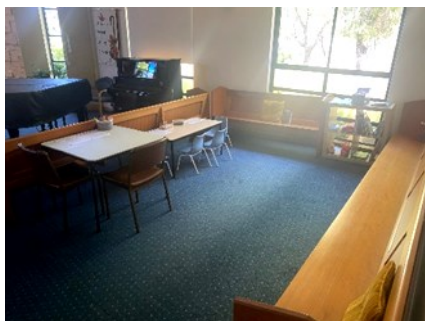


NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 2023 - ADVENT 1

Welcoming Children and Families

Since arriving at All Saints Floreat, I have heard several people speak about the importance of having a diverse group of people in the congregation, and in particular a sense of grief at the low number of children and families currently attending. But if we want to have children in our worship, we need to make them feel welcome and a part of our community.



As a first step, the Church Council and I have decided to move some pews and create a space for children in our sanctuary. While the creche is an important zone for those parents who wish to have a quieter space, there are many parents who will really appreciate a space in church where they can sit, and their children will enjoy. The new children's zone provides enough room for prams and an easy exit through the flower room if needed for any reason. We have ordered a colourful rug to go down and we hope to add some low noise toys to the area.

This is a first step, but an important one, in ensuring that when families are invited to attend worship, they feel welcome and comfortable in our worship space. I look forward to further exploring how we can help all people feel welcome and affirmed in our church.

Rev Reuben

OUR CHURCH LIFE



WELCOME

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 3 DECEMBER
ADVENT 1
9:30 Carol Service
Rev Reuben Edmonds

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER
ADVENT 2
9:30 Communion Service
Rev Reuben Edmonds

Isiah 64:1-9 P.726
 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 P.587
 * 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 P.205
 * Mark 13:24-37 P.66
 * Included in today's service

Isaiah 40:1-11 P.701
 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 P.589
 2 Peter 3:8-15a P.296
 Mark 1:1-8 P.45

HYMNS SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER

TiS 304	O Come All Ye Faithful
TiS 316	O Little Town of Bethlehem
TiS 312	Once in Royal David's City
TiS 303	Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Overhead	May the Road Rise Up to Meet You
TiS 268	Joy to the World

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER

WELCOMER		Carol Brearley
DOOR STEWARD	Beth McKechnie	
ELDER	Els Mengler	Jill Heaney
BIBLE READER	Jean Read	Marg Smithson
FLOWERS		Debbie Thornton
MORNING TEA	Carol Brearley Pam Burgess	Marg Smithson Cathy Smith
MUSIC	Scotch College Concert Band	Glen Coughlan Joseph Lunardi
MULTIMEDIA	Rhondda Tilbrook	Rhondda Tilbrook
MEDIA CLICKER		Deborah Marshall

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Prayers

This week we pray for Moora Uniting Church, Hope Community Services Inc.
Our local prayers will be for Elders and Church Councillors.

Your special offering throughout December will go to

Christmas Bowl



Each December Floreat Uniting Church supports the ongoing work of the World Council of Churches' by giving our Christmas Day Offering to the Act for Peace Christmas Bowl. Your individual donations throughout December will help support communities around the world affected by conflict and disaster.

For further information, please contact Bob Sumner: 0439 875 818

First Sunday of Advent



Hope for families forced to flee

Jehan*, a brave mother of five, made the courageous decision to escape on foot to Pakistan with her family when Afghanistan fell to the Taliban in 2021. Your gifts through the Christmas Bowl can help Act for Peace coordinate rapid emergency responses with local partners, like Church World Services Asia, so that they can immediately act, giving families like Jehan's safety in exile – and hope for the future – when they need it most. **Please give today.**



*Name changed for safety reasons



CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au



The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

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, 21 November 2023

The new Chair of Elders, Beth McKechnie was congratulated on her appointment. Beth advised that Elders will be meeting monthly.

- ◆ It was agreed By Church Council that: The Worship, Care, Mission and Education Committees become the responsibility of Elders. Reporting to Church Council by Elders on the activities of these Committees to be done quarterly.
- ◆ The immediate resignation of Rex Harrison as Chair of Elders was noted.
- ◆ Children's Outreach – the start date is still to be decided.
- ◆ International Children's Day United Nations to be marked in 2024.
- ◆ GSI Bins and complaints from neighbour – The bins have been updated. An application to the Town Of Cambridge for an available subsidy for the installation of a security system to be completed. Quotes have been obtained for the purchase of the system and installation of it by a licensed security system electrician.
- ◆ The internet provider Iinet will be turned off at the end of November 2023.
- ◆ Requests for weddings at All Saints by couples not linked to All Saints are being vetted by Reuben. A wedding has been scheduled for Thursday 4 January 2024.
- ◆ The Bank account signatories to be updated.
- ◆ The electric piano located in the hall is in need of repair. The cost of the repairs to be taken from the donation received from the Uniting Singers earlier this year.

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- ◆ The Principal of Floreat Park Primary School is very keen to develop opportunities for All Saints to engage with the school.
- ◆ A space for children in worship to be created by relocating two pews on the piano side to the choir pew side to create the space required.
- ◆ Morning tea – 6 new small tables to be purchased.
- ◆ Morning tea during January 2024 – a low key morning tea will be provided in the hall after each service.
- ◆ Friday has been designated as Reuben's day off.
- ◆ The Ministers Benevolent Fund to be renamed Community Relief Fund.
- ◆ The All Saints AGM has been scheduled for 10:45 am Sunday 17 March 2024.

Michael van Drunen
Chair, Church Council

FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

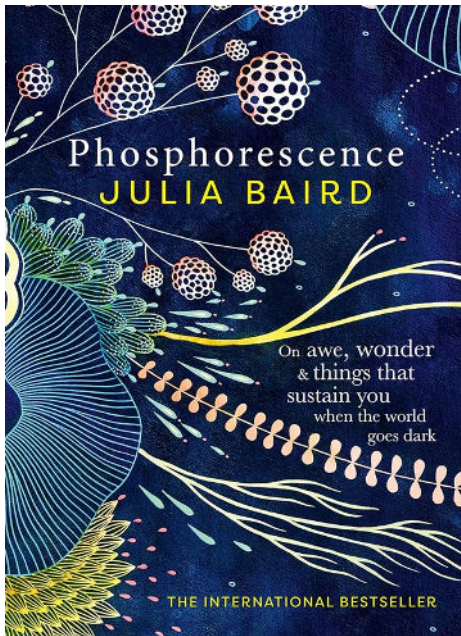


*Would you like to join one of our
Friendship Groups?*

- * *Meet new people,*
- * *widen your circle of friends and*
- * *join in activities .*

*New groups will be formed in the New
Year. Pick up a leaflet from the table in
the foyer for more information.*

*Phone Lillian on 0455 148 217 or
Julie on 0424 261 453*



Book Review “Phosphorescence”

by Julia Baird

As I lay in hospital pondering my own mortality, I happened upon Julia Baird's "Phosphorescence: On awe, wonder and things that sustain you when the world goes dark". I had downloaded it on my Kindle to read it in the darkness of sleepless nights. The book explores the finding of joy and resilience in the face of challenging circumstances as it delves into themes on the pursuit of a

meaningful and joyful life, even in difficult times.

Julia Baird, an Australian journalist of the ABC's "The Drum", draws on her personal experiences and the lessons she learnt through her own life and suffering from life threatening surgery. This gives a clue to the metaphorical title "Phosphorescence", which suggests a type of inner glow or light that can persist in our world even in the darkest moments. A glow that shines in nature, particularly within the trees of forests where many go to seek healing.

The significance of the book lies in its exploration of the human capacity for resilience and ability to find joy and meaning, even when faced with adversity. The impact of such a book is subjective, depending on the individual's perspective and experiences.

Richard Smith

Ecumenical Christmas Service



Mary's Boy Child

5.30pm, Sunday 10 December 2023

St John's Lutheran Church Perth WA
16 Aberdeen St, Perth WA 6000



Special Guests Robin & Dorothy Mann
Australian Christian Music Artists

Large Print Hymns and Readings for Sunday Service

You may have noticed that some members of the congregation have large-print copies of the hymns and readings . We currently print six copies for people to take as needed but think more may need to be printed.

If you would like a large-print copy, please let Marika in the office know so that additional copies can be made available.

Thank you

Come along to the All Saints Sing-A-Long

Thursday, 21 December 2023

2:00pm in the Church Hall



Afternoon tea is provided during the session, as we rest our singing vocal chords and get to know each other. Just a gold coin donation.

We'll have a special selection
of Christmas Songs and Carols.

Everyone Welcome!!!!

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Wrapping Paper—What you can and can't recycle.

Did you know that during the festive season in Australia, we go through more than 150,000 kilometres of wrapping paper? That's enough to wrap around the Earth's equator almost four times! And guess what? That doesn't even include birthdays or other special occasions throughout the year. But when it comes to recycling, it's not always straightforward.

In Short, some wrapping paper can be recycled and some can't.

Plain: If your wrapping paper is obviously just paper (for example, plain brown paper) then this can go into your recycling bin.

Glossy: If your wrapping paper looks a bit glossy, but you're not sure if it has any sort of coating, the easiest way to find out is to do the 'rip test'.

"The 'Rip Test': If the paper tears easily, it's good to recycle. If it stretches and doesn't tear, it probably contains plastic, and it goes in the general waste bin.

Shiny and sparkly: If your wrapping paper has a little extra bling, like glitter or foil, it can't be recycled. These shiny additions can make your parcel look extra fabulous, but they make the paper non-recyclable.

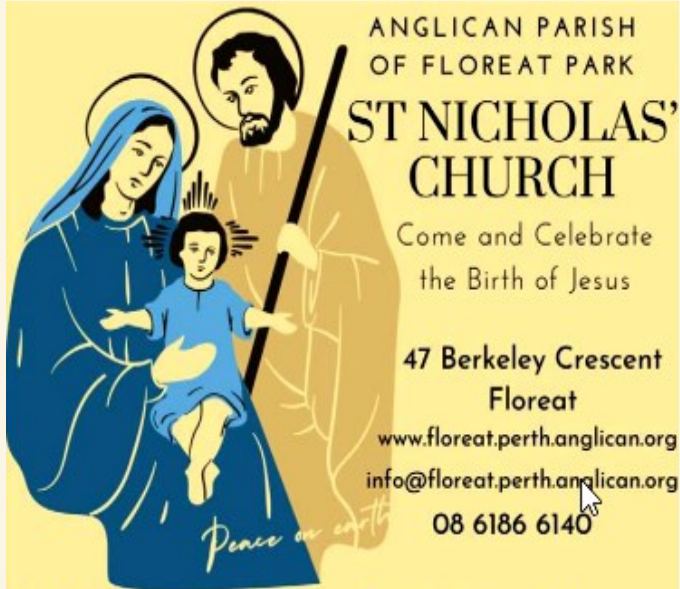
Plastic-coated paper: Some wrapping paper has a thin layer of plastic to make it sturdier. Unfortunately, this type can't be recycled either (it would fail the rip test!). But because of that plastic layer, you could reuse it instead of sending it to a landfill.

Don't Scrunch! When you recycle wrapping paper, don't scrunch it into a ball. It must be folded flat to be recycled. Who knew?? Not us!!

Article taken from Little Aussie Communities

Submitted by Jan White

CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION



Sat 16 Dec – Carols on the Church Lawn, 5.30 pm

Bring a picnic and sing carols
with the Perth University Choral Society (PUCS)

Sun 24 Dec – Children's Nativity Service, 4 pm

Come dressed as your favourite Nativity character

Sun 24 Dec – Midnight Mass, 11.30 pm

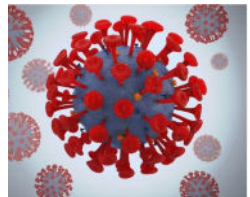
Mon 25 Dec – Quiet Christmas Communion, 7.30 am

Mon 25 Dec – Family Christmas Communion, 9.30 am

COVID

Unfortunately, **COVID** is with us still and possibly on the rise. **Please do not come to Church if you are feeling unwell.**

Masks and hand sanitiser will be available in the foyer.



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Playgroup News



Excitement grew recently at the Wednesday Playgroup when the children worked together to decorate the Christmas Tree in the Page Room.



The Duty Roster for December 2023, January & February 2024 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.



Copies of the **Revive** Magazine December 2023 are available on the table in the foyer.

Please take a copy.

THE CHRONICLES OF LAPLAND - THE RETURN OF THE YETI -

Date: Friday 15th & Saturday 16th December

Time: 6:25pm pre-show entertainment

Bar & canteen open from 6pm for pre-show drinks

Where: Taryn Fiebig Concert Hall, Churchlands



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