



NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 2023 - ADVENT 2

Communion in the Uniting Church

Communion, the Lord's Supper, or the Eucharist is one of two sacraments, alongside Baptism, in the Uniting Church. For some this is a meal they have participated in hundreds of times while for others it may be relatively new. Some of the beliefs and practices of the Uniting Church about communion are:



The Uniting Church believes that Christ is really present in the action of the Eucharist. It is not simply a memorial, a remembering of something that happened a long time ago. It is a

re-remembering, a re-making of that event in our midst and for our benefit. However, it also does not believe that the elements transform into the actual blood and body of Christ (like the Catholic and Orthodox churches).

It has become common in the Uniting Church to celebrate communion monthly in contrast to Catholic and Anglican services which do it weekly and the presbyterian church which celebrated communion every three months. However, some Uniting Churches do celebrate communion more frequently.

The Basis of Union states that all baptised Christians are welcome to the communion table. However, many Uniting Church congregations, such as All Saints Floreat, go further and invite all people present at worship to participate at a truly open table. This invitation also extends to children of any age.

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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 10 DECEMBER ADVENT 2 9:30 Communion Service Rev Reuben Edmonds	SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER ADVENT 3 9:30 Family Service Rev Reuben Edmonds
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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 * Included in today's service	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 P.724 Psalm 126 or P.618 Luke 1:46b-55 P.74 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 P.259 John 1:6-8, 19-28 P.116
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HYMNS SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER

Tune TiS 314	Light a Candle Bright and Tall
TiS 316	O Little Town of Bethlehem
TiS 538	Feed us Now
TiS 473	Community in Christ
TiS 778	Shalom to You Now

	SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER	SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER
WELCOMER	Carol Brearley	
DOOR STEWARD	Beth McKechnie	Bob Sumner
ELDER	Jill Heaney	Lee-Anne Burnett
BIBLE READER	Margaret Smithson	Deborah Marshall
FLOWERS	In memory of Margaret Agren	Debbie Thornton
MORNING TEA	Margaret Smithson Cathy Smith	Nellie & Keith Bakker Jean & Graeme Read
MUSIC	Glenn Coughlan	Christine Ryan Joseph Lunardi
MULTIMEDIA	Rhondda Tilbrook	Michael van Drunen
MEDIA CLICKER	Deborah Marshall	

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As communion is a sacrament, the Uniting Church only authorises ordained ministers and trained lay members of the church to preside over communion, however all members are welcome to help with distribution.

What do you think? Do these beliefs and practices make sense to you? Do you agree or disagree with some or all of them?

Rev Reuben

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

Second Sunday of Advent



Bringing Peace to refugees in Ethiopia

Sara* fled to Ethiopia from Yemen eight years ago with her four children. In Addis Ababa refugees are at risk of severe exploitation, with little access to education, medical care, or basics like food. Through Act for Peace's partner, the Ethiopian Orthodox Church Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission, you can help provide refugees with medical and psychological care, as well as livelihoods training, giving people like Sara the chance to build secure futures for their families. **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

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Joan and Richard McKenna



Joan and **Richard** joined All Saints Presbyterian Church in Peebles Road, Floreat in 1966 and then transferred to St Aidan's, Claremont in 1986. After moving to Mt Lawley last year (2022) they have been made to feel at home back at All Saints, Floreat Uniting Church.

Joan was born in Merredin and **Richard** was born in Wagin but he grew up in Dangin (near Quairading). Dangin is now a ghost town.

Joan and **Richard** were married at the end of 1962 and worked in Canberra for three years returning to Perth when **Richard** took on the position of Economist at the R & I Bank. They have three children: Alison (now in Adelaide), David (now in Newcastle Upon Tyne) and Karen here in Perth.

Richard studied Business Management in Manchester, England in the late 70's for over two years and the family enjoyed exploring. On returning to Perth Richard lectured in Business Management at Edith Cowan University and Joan worked as a Programmer and as a Librarian. After they both retired, Joan catalogued for a book distributor on the edge of the New Forest, Hampshire, England, an idyllic spot.

Currently they both volunteer at the Uniting Church Archives. Richard plays bridge and they both try to keep up with family and friends.

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A random selection of events over many years include :

1. Watching Canberra's Lake Burley Griffin fill.
2. Richard taught at a Catholic University for a semester in Java and climbed Borobodur.
3. Spent a week stranded In New York after Super Storm Sandy with no electricity or transport.
4. Were shipwrecked on Transit Reef on the way to Rottneest.
5. Had Numerous house exchanges in England .

Currently, renovating their "downsizer" keeps them grounded and they are enjoying All Saint's Fellowship.

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*The flowers in the church
today have been placed in
memory of
Margaret Agren.*

*A long-time member of All
Saints Floreat Uniting Church.*

Prayers

This week we pray for North Midlands Shared Ministry (Carnamah, and Three Springs Uniting Churches), Methodist Church of Sri Lanka

Our local prayers will be for Uniting Aid.



The following email was received by Amanda Brown from Bonnie Yau, CEO Uniting Aid.

Dear Amanda,

We are profoundly grateful to you and the congregation members for the generous gifts brought in by Margaret and Lindsay. Your contribution for our clients means a lot, and we thank you sincerely for your compassion. These beautiful gifts have the power to brighten the lives of the working poor who struggle between utility bills and putting food on the table. I believe these extra Christmas gifts can bring hope, peace, joy, and love during the festive season. We truly value each one.

Preparing all these gifts is a substantial task, and your generous contribution is greatly appreciated. I thank God for your love, compassion, and constant support. Your generosity, kindness, and love to those less fortunate are sincerely appreciated.

Please convey our heartfelt gratitude to all your members for their remarkable contributions. As our Lord said, "it is more blessed to give than to receive," and we believe your generosity and compassion will bring blessings to you as well.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas.

Warm Regards

Bonnie Yau
CEO, UNITING AID

Thank you to Friendship groups for your support
Amanda Brown

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

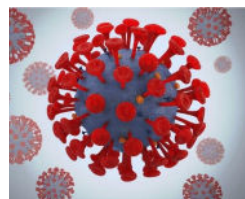
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churches wa

Special Guests Robin & Dorothy Mann
Australian Christian Music Artists

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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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.



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.

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