

NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER 2023 - ADVENT 3

Gaudete/ Rejoice/ Rose Sunday

Gaudete Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent in the liturgical calendar of Western Christianity, including the Roman Catholic



Church, the Anglican Communion, Lutheran Churches, and other mainline Protestant churches. Gaudete is Latin for rejoice and reflects the theme of joy for this Sunday.

Gaudete Sunday is often celebrated by changing from purple (or blue) vestment colours to rose coloured vestments. Rose is used as a brighter more joyful colour to further reflect

the theme.

Once included to provide a reprieve from the penitent nature of the season, it continues to be a reminder of the importance of joy in our faith and in our discipleship.

So enjoy a rose-coloured worship service packed with Joy today!

Rev Reuben

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Floreat Uniting Church, please email:*

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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.

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ADVENT 3
 9:30 Family Service
 Rev Reuben Edmonds

SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER
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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
 * Included in today's service

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 P.305
 Luke 1:46b-55 P.74
 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 P.591
 Romans 16:25-27 P.204
 Luke 1:26-38 P.73

HYMNS SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER

Overhead	Light a Candle Bright and Tall (Tune TiS 314 Dix)
TiS 153	Joyful Joyful
TiS 137	For the Beauty of the Earth
TiS 181	Come, O God of all the Earth
TiS 755	You shall Go Out with Joy

	SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER	SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER
WELCOMER		Lee-Anne Burnett
DOOR STEWARD	Bob Sumner	Jan White
ELDER	Lee-Anne Burnett	Anne van Drunen
BIBLE READER	Deborah Marshall	Margaret Smithson
FLOWERS	Debbie Thornton	Marie Yuncken Linda Harris
MORNING TEA	Bakker & Reads	Margaret Smithson Marie Yuncken
MUSIC	Christine Ryan Joseph Lunardi	Geoff Hadley Joseph Lunardi
MULTIMEDIA	Michael van Drunen	Deborah Marshall
MEDIA CLICKER		Lillian Hadley

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Prayers

This week we pray for Dongara and Geraldton Lighthouse Uniting Churches
UCA Redress Ltd and the Protestant Christian Church in Bali.

Our local prayers will be for Worship Committee and Mulitmedia Team.

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

Third Sunday of Advent



Finding Joy in resilience

Twelve long years have passed since Rima* and her family fled their beloved home in Syria as the devastating civil war unfolded. Forced to leave everything behind, they sought refuge in Jordan, carrying with them only the essentials. With your kind gift to the Christmas Bowl, you can support Act for Peace's local partner, the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees, continue to provide vital food packages, hygiene kits, and the long-term support that refugees need to rebuild their lives. **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

Summer Spirit 2024

**SAVE THE DATE -
9 & 10 February 2024**
**To be held at All Saints Floreat
Uniting Church**

Join us at **Summer Spirit 2024** for a two day event that unites the community of the Uniting Church in Western Australia around the theme: *True to Yourself, True to Your Faith: Navigating Authenticity in a Diverse World.*

For more information see:
[Summer Spirit 2024 – Uniting Church Western Australia \(unitingchurchwa.org.au\)](https://www.unitingchurchwa.org.au)

DO YOU HAVE A SPARE BBQ?

Do you have a BBQ in good condition that you would like to donate to All Saints Floreat to replace our worn out model?

Please contact Marie Yuncken,
Tel: 0410 061 279



The Church Office will be closed from Monday, 25 December 2023 to Friday, 5 January 2024 inclusive.

Marika will return on Monday, 8 January 2024.

**All Saints Floreat
Uniting Church
Christmas Day Service**

**Monday,
25 December 2023**

**Will commence at
9:00am**