

NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER 2023 - ADVENT 4

Merry Christmas

It has been just over two months since I came to be the minister at All Saints Floreat Uniting Church, and it seems to have flown by!

With every change in minister come bumps and surprises but I have been grateful for the love and support I have felt from all of you. Each week you have been encouraging where you have enjoyed the service and patient when you thought I strayed a little. Thank you for your kind compliments and the constructive feedback. I look forward to many more services and no doubt much more feedback!

Thank you to the many people who sit on committees and have supported me as I have learnt how All Saints Floreat works. It is incredible to see the love people put into this place and the many hours of volunteering.

A special thank you to Beth and Michael for their leadership and wisdom as I have begun this new ordained ministry.

I wish you every blessing this Christmas and I look forward to the next season of church life as we continue to work together to be disciples of Christ in this world.

Rev Reuben.

Moderator's Christmas Message 2023

Christmas greetings from the Moderator of the Uniting Church Synod of Western Australia, Rev Dr Ian Tozer, can be read by clicking on the following link: <https://unitingchurchwa.org.au/news/moderators-christmas-message-2023/>



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 24 DECEMBER
ADVENT 4
 9:30 Family Service
 Rev Reuben Edmonds

MONDAY 25 DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS DAY
 9:00 Family Service
 Rev Reuben Edmonds

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
 * Included in today's service

* Isaiah 52:7-10
 * Luke 2:1-20

* Included in today's service

HYMNS SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER

Overhead	Light a Candle Bright and Tall (Tune TiS 314)
TiS 217	Love Divine, All Love's Excelling
TiS 693	Come as You Are
Overhead	Christmas Comes Close
TiS 779	May the Feet of God

HYMNS MONDAY 25 DECEMBER

Overhead	Light a Candle Bright and Tall (Tune TiS 314)
TiS 301	First Noel
TiS 303	Hark the Herald Angels Sing
TiS 322	North Wind is Tossing the Leaves
TiS 307	Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy

To contact Rev Reuben Edmonds, the Minister of All Saints Floreat Uniting Church, please email: minister@allsaintsfloreat.com.au or telephone: 0404 935 167

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

CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION

Duty Roster

	SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER	MONDAY 25 DECEMBER
WELCOMER	Lee-Anne Burnett	
DOOR STEWARD	Jan White	
ELDER	Anne van Drunen	Els Mengler
BIBLE READER	Margaret Smithson	Michael van Drunen
FLOWERS	Marie Yuncken Linda Harris	Marie Yuncken Linda Harris
MORNING TEA	Margaret Smithson Marie Yuncken	No Morning Tea
MUSIC	Geoff Hadley Joseph Lunardi	Glenn Coughlan Anne Coughlan Joseph Lunardi
MULTIMEDIA	Deborah Marshall	Rhondda Tilbrook
MEDIA CLICKER	Lillian Hadley	Christine Ryan

Prayers

This week we pray for Northampton Uniting Church and the Multicultural National Conferences, Assembly Circles of Interest: Walking Together as First and Second Peoples, and Being a Multicultural Church.

Our local prayers will be for Boab Network and Mowanjum.

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

CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION

Accommodation Required in February 2024



Planning is well underway for the next Australian Papuan Cultural Exchange Program (APCEP) course which begins in early February 2024. As usual we are looking for hospitable members of the congregation to offer board and lodging for the students. They will be here for twelve weeks and we are hoping to place them in one or two homes during their stay. They will attend Milner International College of English during the week and the Black Pearl Network will

organise outings for them during their program. Hosts would be asked to provide a safe comfortable place for them to stay for up to 12 weeks but preferably for at least 6 weeks as moving house is a stressful time for the students.

If you can help with accommodation for Anne or Yunus, please contact Lee-Anne on 0414153323



Fourth Sunday of Advent



Showing Love to the most vulnerable

Sisters Srinidhi* and Mahira* are Sri Lankan refugees who have been living in refugee camps in India for decades and aren't able to access medical care outside the camps. OfERR, a refugee-run organisation supported by Act for Peace, has been providing crucial support in the camps for over 40 years. Through the Christmas Bowl you can help send health workers into the camps and provide medical care to those who need it. **Please give today.**



*Names 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