

# NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2024 - EPIPHANY 5

## What's in a name?

Names often speak volumes about a person or object. In just moments you might discern its identity and purpose and decide whether it is something you like or not.

For example, we have our Elders. I am reliably informed at the last AGM of All Saints, a proposal was put forward to change the name of the Elders. After much discussion it was decided to postpone that proposal and reconsider.

In that time the identity and purpose of our Elders have changed. They now meet monthly and have delegated oversight of the worship, local mission, education, and pastoral care and the committees that lead these areas. They are often supporting me as the Minister in seeking to faithfully nurture this community.

The name Elders comes from our church traditions and has served the church well. Perhaps it is the best name for these wonderful people. While others feel that Elders as a name has connotations of age that unhelpfully discourages some people from considering becoming an Elder. Other suggestions have included Stewards, Ministry Team, Leaders, and Church Connectors.

So, before the next AGM (Sunday, 17 March 2024) we want to know what you think? We will have a suggestion box with paper and pens you can use to write what you think (or you can speak or email me or Beth McKechnie directly). Stick with Elders and why? Change to something else and why?

*Rev Reuben*



## 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.*

<b>SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY</b> <b>EPIPHANY 5</b> <b>9:30 Communion Service</b> <b>Rev Reuben Edmonds</b>	<b>SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY</b> <b>TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS</b> <b>9:30 Family Service</b> <b>Rev Reuben Edmonds</b>
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Isiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c * 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 * Mark 1:29-39  * Included in today's service	P.702 P.626 P.213 P.46	2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9	P.363 P.566 P.225 P.57
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### HYMNS SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY

TiS 432	Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
TiS 526	Living Lord
Tune TiS 431	You are Called to Tell the Story
TiS 473	Community of Christ
TiS 778	Shalom

	SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY	SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY
WELCOMER	Debbie Thornton	
DOOR STEWARD	Jan White	
ELDER	Els Mengler	
BIBLE READER	Helen Bloomfield	Marg Smithson
FLOWERS	Debbie Thornton	
MORNING TEA	Michiko Stuart	
MUSIC	Glenn Coughlan Joseph Lunardi	Anne van Drunen Joseph Lunardi
MULTIMEDIA	Rhondda Tilbrook	Deborah Marshall
MEDIA CLICKER	Marie Yuncken	

## OUR CHURCH LIFE

### Prayers

This week we pray for St Luke's Carnarvon Uniting Church Synod of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

Our local prayers will be for Black Pearl Network and West Papua.

### All Saints Floreat UC Events This Week

Monday, 5 February	Lectionary Bible Study with Rev Reuben	2:00pm - Page Room
Monday, 5 February	Ladies Book Club	7:45pm Rhondda's House
Wednesday, 7 February	Open House Playgroup	9:30am Page Room
Wednesday, 7 February	Care Group Meeting	Vestry
Thursday, 8 February	(Know Your Bible) KYB	9:45am to 11:30am Creche
Thursday, 8 February	CLC Board Meeting	Undercroft
Friday, 9 February	Summer Spirit	6:00pm to 9:00pm Cambridge Bowling Club
Saturday, 10 February	Summer Spirit	8:30am to 4:30pm All Saints Floreat UC

### Ash Wednesday Service

9:30 am - 14 February 2024

All are welcome

### 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

APCEP

**Australian Papuan Cultural Exchange Program (APCEP)**



*Anne Batorinding*

This weekend is the beginning of the 7th Australian Papuan Cultural Exchange Program (APCEP). I am keen to introduce Anne Batorinding from Manokwari and Yunus Elopore from Wamena. They arrived in Perth on Friday and are staying with two families from Trinity North Uniting Church who have long been our close partners in this project. They will attend English

classes at the Milner

International College of English where they are the recipients of scholarships to cover all their educational costs for the next twelve weeks. This partnership has allowed the APCEP course to continue even in the face of serious funding cuts which have curtailed other Black Pearl Network (BPN) projects. Other costs of their visit to Perth



*Yunus Elopore*

will be covered by donations from our churches. Through projects like this one, our local churches have been drawn into close partnerships and are constantly discovering the benefits and rewards of working together towards a shared goal.

This week, and throughout February, our retiring offering will go to the work of the Black Pearl Network and will allow us to continue to develop a high level of English teaching in the Black Pearl English Centres (BPEC), of which we now run 17, spread all over the Papuan provinces. The introduction of low fees for these courses is slowly moving the program towards being self-sustaining. Anne and Yunus have both been selected from these centres.

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The Vocational Training Programme in hospitality and tourism will also be supported by our donations, including scholarships for four Papuan students currently studying at a university in Bali to prepare them to take up teaching positions in this programme. The First Flush Clean Water Program (FFS), which is now developing close partnerships with three universities in the Papuan provinces, is also working towards being a self-sustaining project with benefits to be delivered to villages all over Papuan Indonesia. The university students will plan and execute FFS projects as a part of their undergraduate studies in engineering, forestry and other related disciplines, under the guidance of BPN staff.

Projects in the Papuan provinces are constantly developing and changing as we and our Papuan partners adapt to changing economic and local conditions but with your support we will strive to meet the challenges of working with our close neighbours for our mutual benefit.

*Lee-Anne Burnett*

### Your Retiring Offering this week and throughout February will go to the Black Pearl Network

**BLACK PEARL**  
NETWORK



Making a Difference in  
Papua

## Mission Planning

This year All Saints Floreat UC will be seeking to write a new mission plan. This process will involve a lot of discernment, some research, and plenty of congregational consultation.

To begin the process, the Church Council has decided to create a short-term sub-committee to help research and write the mission plan.

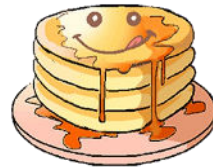
If you are interested in joining this sub-committee and having an important role in shaping the future mission of our church, then please speak to Rev Reuben or myself before 19 February.

*Michael van Drunen*  
*Chair, Church Council*

## FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

We are in the process of finalising the Friendship Groups for this year.

If you would like to join a Friendship Group, please contact Julie Walters. Tel: 0424 261453



**Shrove Tuesday**  
**Pancake Brunch**  
**Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
**10:30am - Page Room**  
Before we begin Lent the following day on Ash Wednesday, come along and enjoy some pancakes and conversation.

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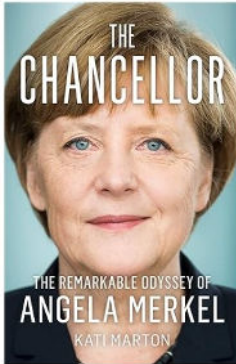
### Ladies Book Club

Our first meeting for 2024 will be on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7.45 pm at Rhondda's home.

We will be discussing The Chancellor – the Remarkable Odyssey of Angela Merkel by Kati

Marton

New members are welcome to join the group. Please contact Rhondda Tilbrook.



### All Saints Floreat UC Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February 9:30am

You are all welcome to this special service to mark the start of Lent including marking with ashes for those who wish to participate.



## Emergency Contact Form

Included with this News & Notes is an **Emergency Contact Form**. The form asks for emergency contact details and the information on the form will be used in the event of an emergency while at Church.

Please complete the form and drop it into the box provided on the table in the foyer on Sunday or return it to Marika Leonard in the Church Office by either leaving it in the folder marked "Emergency Forms" on the desk in the office or scanning and emailing to [office@allsaintsfloreat.com.au](mailto:office@allsaintsfloreat.com.au) or send by post.

Thank you for your co-operation.

*Margie & Bruce Dangerfield*

## New Hand Rail



Church Council's decision to erect a hand rail to support those requiring assistance to navigate the stairs in the Sanctuary has been accomplished.

On Wednesday last week, Richard and Claire Smith supplied and installed the rail, which will make it easier for people to access the lectern.

Thank you Claire and Richard.

## All Saints Floreat Playgroup

**The playgroup meets every Wednesday morning during term time and will commence again for Term 1 on Wednesday, 7 February 2023.**



**The playgroup is open to all pre-school children and their carers. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Val Chew on 0411 478 833**

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Floreat Uniting Church, please email:  
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