



NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2024 - LENT 1

Lent



The season of Lent in the liturgical year commemorates the 40 days Jesus Christ spent fasting in the desert and enduring temptation by Satan, as recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, before beginning his public ministry.

The 40 days begin on Ash Wednesday and finish on Holy Saturday before we celebrate the resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday. For those keeping count, we do not count Sundays during the Lent season as part of the 40 days as every Sunday is a celebration of Christ and the resurrection. If you are committing to a Lenten discipline this season you get a break each Sunday!

Most traditional denominations mark the season, including orthodox, eastern, catholic, Anglican, and the Uniting Church. Some Baptist, Pentecostal, Reformed, and Methodist churches will mark Lent while others will not.

While some do not like the season of Lent because it can be a darker and less joyous season, I believe it is important to mark. We use the revised common lectionary for our Bible readings each week partly because it challenges the preacher and the congregation to read and interpret a wide selection of the Bible, often some difficult parts. Similarly, I believe the liturgical calendar for the church year offers us times of celebration and times of confession and reflection. And so, I encourage you to embrace the discomfort and difficulty that Lent can bring as part of constantly reflecting and renewing our faith.

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.

SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY
LENT 1
9:30 Family Service
Rev Reuben Edmonds

SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY
LENT 2
9:30 Family Service
Rev Reuben Edmonds

* Genesis 9:8-17	P.10
Psalm 25:1-10	P.550
1 Peter 3:18-22	P.293
* Mark 1:9-15	P.46
* Included in the service	

* Genesis 17:1-7, 25-16	P.16
Psalm 22:23-31	P.549
Romans 4:13-25	P.191
* Mark 8:31-38	P.57
* Included in the service	

HYMNS SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY

TiS 217	Love Divine
Tune TiS 314	Shades of Purple, Shades of Blue
TiS 194	O Love How Deep (Tune TiS 601)
TiS 677	To the Lost Christ Shows His Face
TiS 779	May the Feet

	SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY	SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY
WELCOMER		Carol Brearley
DOOR STEWARD	Jean & Graeme Read	Beth McKechnie
ELDER	Jill Heaney	Els Mengler
BIBLE READER	Jean Read	Keith Bakker
FLOWERS		Marie Yuncken
MORNING TEA	Carol Brearley	Mavis & Glenn Coughlan
MUSIC	Geoff Hadley - Piano Anne van Drunen - Piano	Geoff Hadley - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin
MULTIMEDIA	Richard Smith	James Millar
MEDIA CLICKER	Els Mengler	Lillian Hadley

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Prayers

This week we pray for Emmaus Walks, Kairos Prison Walks and Chrysalis Flights, Trinity Residential College and the China Christian Council .

Our local prayers will be for Worship Committee.

All Saints Floreat UC Events This Week

Sunday, 18 February	Start of Lenten Study Group	11:30am - St Nicholas' Church
Monday, 19 February	Lectionary Bible Study with Rev Reuben	2:00pm - Page Room
Monday, 19 February	Elders Meeting	5:00pm - Page Room
Tuesday, 20 February	Lenten Study Group (Repeat of Sunday)	2:00pm - All Saints, Floreat
Tuesday, 20 February	Church Council Meeting	6:00pm - Page Room
Wednesday, 21 February	Open House Playgroup	9:30am Page Room
Wednesday, 21 February	Lenten Study Group (Repeat of Sunday)	10:45am - St Nicholas' Church
Wednesday, 21 February	KIT Group	11:30am - Vestry
Thursday, 22 February	Know our Bible (KYB)	9:45am to 11:30am - Creche

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

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

Pancake Perfection

Shrove Tuesday Extravaganza Filled with Flavours and Fun



Thank you to everyone who came to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Brunch. The morning was a huge success with a steady flow of visitors enjoying perfect pancakes cooked by Rev Reuben.

Everyone who attended agreed that the morning was great fun with a great friendly atmosphere and very tasty food. Thank you to Rev Reuben, Maxine Davies, Lee-Anne Burnett and Marika Leonard.



Ash Wednesday Service



I had never attended an Ash Wednesday service before.

When I raced into church on Wednesday morning fresh from the pool where I had just completed my daily swim, my

mind was crowded with all the busy-ness planned for the coming day. As I sought to banish those busy thoughts from my consciousness, the service began with the sounding of the bells and proceeded through a liturgy that left many of us moved and thoughtful.

The reading from Matthew 6:1-21 was thought provoking and I found myself mulling over whether or not I had ever given anything, financial, time, energy or otherwise and not received any reward for it. I struggled to remember any time when a gift given had not returned to me some kind of reward, even that warm inward smile of knowing one had made someone's day a little brighter. It brought with it a realisation that we must persevere with those gifts we give with only a negative return or none at all, not even satisfaction. The scriptures exhort us to do so in order to secure God's reward. That feels a bit like a bribe to me so maybe I just need to accept that a gift given without any positive return is still a gift worth giving.

The receiving of the mark of the cross was a very special part of the service and by the time all wore the mark of Christ, there were quite a few glistening eyes amongst us. This was a special service, one that left more of a mark on me than merely the cross in ash. I'll be ready and waiting for next year's Ash Wednesday service.

Lee-Anne Burnett

CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION

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 Monday, 19 February.

Michael van Drunen
Chair, Church Council

SAVE THE DATE

Fundraising Sale
At All Saints Floreat
For Black Pearl Network

Great Bargains!!!

Saturday, 16 March 2024

8:00am to 12:00 noon

If you have items in good condition that you would like to donate for the sale, please leave them in the office. Thank you.

Lenten Study 2024

lead by

Fr. Gareth and Rev. Reuben

The Grace of God



Five Bible Studies for Lent

John Birch

Join Fr. Gareth and Rev. Reuben over five weeks starting in February for a Lenten Study to be held at St. Nicholas' Church and All Saints Floreat.

Three Opportunities to Participate:

- **Starting Sunday 18 Feb, 11:30am St. Nicholas' ***
- **Starting Tuesday 20 Feb, 2:00pm All Saints Floreat**
- **Starting Wednesday 21 Feb, 10:45am at St. Nicholas'**

***This session will be held alternately at St. Nicholas' and All Saints Floreat over the five weeks of study.**

**For more information, contact Fr. Gareth on 0474 000 923
or Rev. Reuben on 0404 935 167**

House Sitter Needed

A member of the congregation will be away on holiday from late March for several weeks and is hoping to find a live-in house-sitter who would love and feed their cat and water the garden for that time.

If you have any suggestions, please leave them with Marika in the office,
Tel: (08) 6185 1116, or Email: office@allsaintsfloreat.com.au

Thank you.

VOLUNTEER!!!!!!



The Duty Roster for February to April 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.

Do you have an article, story, recipe or other item that may be of interest to the Church community?

If so, we would be very interested in considering it for publication in future editions of the News & Notes.

Please submit your item to Marika Leonard,
Office Administrator at office@allsaintsfloreat.com.au

Thank you