



# NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2024 - LENT 2

## Why Do We Have the Old Testament?

In our Lenten study on Grace this week, one of the questions was “How important to your faith is the bigger story of God’s relationship with humanity as presented to us in the Old Testament?”

One example is Marcion of Sinope who is attributed with recording the earliest canon for Christianity in 144 CE. But he didn’t include the Old Testament. Instead, he only included a shortened version of Luke, and 10 Pauline epistles. Marcionites held that the God of the Hebrew Bible was inconsistent with their beliefs of Jesus Christ and so denounced it. Marcionism was eventually denounced as heresy and so we have our much longer Bibles as we know them today.

What the Marcionites demonstrate is that the relationship between the Old and New Testaments should not be taken for granted. It is not uncommon to find Christians today who prioritise the New Testament and might suggest the Old Testament is irrelevant. Some scholars have suggested that the names ‘Old’ and ‘New’ contribute to this perception and have suggested using First and Second Testaments.

For me, the Old Testament is a treasure. It has stories of beliefs about the beginnings. It has histories of the early Israel Kingdom. It has the cries and laments during times of suffering. It has poetry, hymns, prophecies, and more. The Old Testament wonderfully complements the New Testament and grounds our faith in a history of God’s activity from the beginning of time.

How important is the Old Testament to you and your 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.*

<b>SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY</b> <b>LENT 2</b> <b>9:30 Family Service</b> <b>Rev Reuben Edmonds</b>	<b>SUNDAY 3 MARCH</b> <b>LENT 3</b> <b>9:30 Communion Service</b> <b>Rev Reuben Edmonds</b>
* Genesis 17:1-7, 25-16 P.16 Psalm 22:23-31 P.549 Romans 4:13-25 P.191 * Mark 8:31-38 or P.57  * Included in the service	* Exodus 20:1-17 P.76 Psalm 19 P.547 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 P.206 * John 2:13-22 P.118  * Included in the service

### HYMNS SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY

TiS 125	The God of Abraham Praise
TiS 129	Amazing Grace
Overhead	When we are Tested (Tune TiS 547)
TiS 690	Beauty for Brokenness
TiS 778	Shalom

	SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY	SUNDAY 3 MARCH
WELCOMER	Carol Brearley	
DOOR STEWARD	Beth McKechnie	
ELDER	Els Mengler	Anne van Drunen
BIBLE READER	Keith Bakker	Helen Bloomfield
FLOWERS	Marie Yuncken	
MORNING TEA	Mavis & Glenn Coughlan	
MUSIC	Geoff Hadley -Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin	Glenn Coughlan - Organ Joseph Lunardi - Violin
MULTIMEDIA	James Millar	Rhondda Tilbrook
MEDIA CLICKER	Lillian Hadley	

## OUR CHURCH LIFE

### Prayers

This week we pray for The National Uniting Church Adult Fellowship .

Our local prayers will be for Kids Hope and Floreat Park Primary.

### All Saints Floreat UC Events This Week

Sunday, 25 February	Lenten Study Series	11:30am - All Saints Floreat
Monday, 26 February	Lectionary Bible Study with Rev Reuben	2:00pm - Page Room
Tuesday, 27 February	Lenten Study Group (Repeat of Sunday)	2:00pm - All Saints Floreat
Wednesday, 28 February	Open House Playgroup	9:30am - Page Room
Wednesday, 28 February	Lenten Study Group (Repeat of Sunday)	10:45 - St Nicholas' Church
Thursday, 29 February	Know our Bible (KYB)	9:45am to 11:30am Creche



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WEET-BIX & ROLLED OATS  
TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY**

### 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,  
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## CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION

### **Vale John Talbert**

John Talbert, a member of our congregation, died peacefully on Tuesday, 20 February 2024 after a long illness .

We send our sympathy and prayers to Sue and all of the Talbert family.

A Service of Remembrance will be held at All Saints Floreat at 11:00am on Wednesday, 6 March 2024



### **Vale Marie Wilson**

Marie Wilson, a member of our congregation, died peacefully on Wednesday, 21 February 2024 after a short illness.

We send our sympathy and prayers to daughters Ailsa, Jo and Sandra and all the Wilson family,

A graveside burial will be held at 2:00pm on Wednesday, 28 February 2024 at Karrakatta Cemetery followed by a Service of Remembrance at All Saints Floreat at 3:30pm



## Friendship Group News

**Twelve people** squeezed around our outside table last Friday evening for dinner and fellowship.

The Melville's and Wolfe's were away so were unable to make it, however, it was made up by having the pleasure of the three Papuan students and Reuben. Zelda's daughter was able to bring her and join us for the evening; Lee-Anne Burnett, Margaret Oliver, Coral & Tony Lalich and ourselves making up the 12. Conversation did not lag, we are learning more about West Papua, and weather wise it was the perfect night with a gentle breeze. I think a good time was had by all.

*Jean Read*

**On Saturday** our friendship group met for a leisurely breakfast at the Teebox Cafe as our first meeting for 2024. Despite being depleted in numbers through illness and the rival attractions of Japan, we had a great time meeting new friends and getting to know each other better. Sorry there are no photos as we were too busy munching and chatting.

We are looking forward to meeting the rest of the group next time.

*Margaret Davies*

**Our Friendship** group for 2024 met for afternoon tea at the Hadley's on Sunday 18th.

As a 'rite of passage' into the new group we each had to indicate where we were born, why it was at that location and some thoughts about our primary schooling. It was interesting that of the nine group members present, and Reuben, there were only two born in WA, two born in Sydney and the other six in a variety of locations overseas. We also spent time planning our activities for most of the rest of the year. This includes lunch out and lunch in a home, croquet and afternoon tea, morning tea in a retirement village. So much to look forward to as we get to know new friends better.

*Lillian Hadley*

## CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION

### *Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP)* *Your Help is Needed*

At the 47th Annual Meeting of the Synod of WA, a proposed Disability Access and Inclusion Policy was adopted. The policy is a result of four years of work by the Disability Royal Commission Synod Task Group and now paves the way for the development of a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) for 2023-2026.

The Policy also encourages congregations, agencies, and schools to develop their own Disability Access and Inclusion Plans, specific to their individual situations and relevant legislative requirements, further contributing to a positive difference to lives of people with disabilities in the Uniting Church WA community. More information can be found at: [Uniting Church WA Adopts Disability Access and Inclusion Policy - Uniting Church Western Australia](#)

We would like to start work on the Plan for All Saints Floreat and this, of course, requires input from members of the congregation.

If you would like to join in putting this very worthwhile plan together, please contact Rev Reuben.

### **Your Retiring Offering this week and throughout March will go to the Uniting World Lent Event**



## *Calling all Knit-wits*

Heather Booth and Carol Brearley are producing "Trauma Teddies" for children who panic about needles or surgery. Having a teddy to hold and cuddle helps to take their minds off it and comfort them. The teddies are 240cms tall, knitted with 8-ply wool, stitched, stuffed and decorated. Heather and I took about 20 to the Volunteer Co-ordinator at Perth Children's Hospital and he was so delighted he would like more and more..... So, if there are any knit-wits who can help us increase production, please talk to us. Thank you.



**Heather Booth:** 0403 820 949; **Carol Brearley:** 0419 904 137

## *Counting and Coffee Anyone?*

The **Creative Living Centre** is looking for ten people to each sit in a chair beside the road for two hours on the morning of Tuesday 5th March 2024.



The weather is expected to be balmy and you are welcome to take your own thermos of coffee.

Whilst sitting drinking your coffee you would be expected to look out for cyclists and keep a tally of any you see. Doesn't sound too onerous does it? If you take up the challenge, we will be able to raise \$700 for the work of the Black Pearl Network.

If you can help, please contact **Lee-Anne** on 0414 153 323.

# World Day of Prayer 2024 Palestine Friday, 1 March 2024



St Andrew's Anglican Church  
177 Stirling Hwy,  
West Nedlands  
10:00am

St Paul's Anglican Church  
57 Brompton Road  
City Beach  
10:00am