

# NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 3 MARCH 2024 - LENT 3

## Everyone is Welcome. Really?

Earlier this week the Mardi Gras, the Sydney LGBTIQ+ pride parade, Committee formally rescinded their invitation to the NSW police to march in the parade. This decision comes after years of campaigning by some parts of the community who saw the police, particularly in



uniform, as a reminder of their oppression and treatment by the police. The first Mardi Gras parade in 1978 was met with significant police violence. Recently a compromise has been reached to allow the police to march in plain clothes.

For some this will be enough, for others the police presence will make them feel unwelcome.

In recent times some churches were faced with a similar choice. During Covid, vaccine mandates became common, and churches had to choose whether to require vaccines or not. Those that imposed the mandate welcomed vulnerable people with compromised immune systems but said to the unvaccinated, I am sorry, but you are not welcome here. Those churches that didn't impose the mandate welcomed the unvaccinated but said to those vulnerable members of the community I am sorry, but you are not welcome/safe here.

It is clear in our beliefs that God loves everyone, and Jesus Christ died and rose again to bring salvation to all people. But this world is broken and so while churches and institutions will aim to be the kingdom of God and welcome everyone, sometimes we must make tough choices.

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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.*

<b>SUNDAY 3 MARCH</b> <b>LENT 3</b> <b>9:30 Communion Service</b> <b>Rev Reuben Edmonds</b>	<b>SUNDAY 10 MARCH</b> <b>LENT 4</b> <b>9:30 Family Service</b> <b>Rev Reuben Edmonds</b>
* 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	* Numbers 21:4-9 P.152 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 P.604 Ephesians 2:1-10 P.241 * John 3:14-21 P.119 * Included in the service

### HYMNS SUNDAY 3 MARCH

TiS 179	Praise with Joy the World's Creator
TiS 665	Jesus Christ is Waiting
TiS 511	Let Us Break Bread Together
TiS 756	Sanctus & Benedictus Qui Venit
TiS 640	Fill Us With Your Love
Overhead	May the Road Rise Up to Meet You

	SUNDAY 3 MARCH	SUNDAY 10 MARCH
WELCOMER	Lee-Anne Burnett	Debbie Thornton
DOOR STEWARD	Beth McKechnie	Rhondda Tilbrook
ELDER	Anne van Drunen	
BIBLE READER	Helen Bloomfield	Lindsay Wolfe
FLOWERS	Marie Yuncken	Debbie Thornton
MORNING TEA	Beth & John McKechnie	Carole Brearley Cathy Smith
MUSIC	Glenn Coughlan - Organ Joseph Lunardi - Violin	Anne van Drunen - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin
MULTIMEDIA	Rhondda Tilbrook	Richard Smith
MEDIA CLICKER	Michael van Drunen	Keith Bakker

## OUR CHURCH LIFE

### Prayers

This week we pray for The National Uniting Church Adult Fellowship and Uniting World, Lent Event 2024.

Our local prayers will be for Choirs who use our Church - Churchlands Choral Society, Perth Symphonic Chorus, Quire Voices, UWA Choral Society

### All Saints Floreat UC Events This Week

Sunday, 3 March	Lenten Study Series	11:30am - St Nicholas' Church
Monday, 4 March	Lectionary Bible Study with Rev Reuben	2:00pm - Page Room
Tuesday, 5 March	Lenten Study Group (Repeat of Sunday)	2:00pm - All Saints Floreat
Wednesday, 6 March	Open House Playgroup	9:30am - Page Room
Wednesday, 6 March	Lenten Study Group (Repeat of Sunday)	10:45am - St Nicholas' Church
Wednesday, 6 March	Care Group Meeting	1:45pm - Vestry
Thursday, 7 March	Know our Bible (KYB)	9:45am to 11:30am - Creche
Thursday, 7 March	Worship Committee	2:00pm - Page Room

### **\*\* Save the Date \*\***

**Floreat Uniting Church Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday, 17 March 2024. Immediately after Sunday Service**

**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

## CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION

### *Friendship Group News*

Two weeks ago, with a forecast maximum of 43 degrees a delayed meeting of our group seemed like a good idea! So, imagine our disappointment when the day came around, last week, and it was raining – also not suitable for a Garden Party. However, we're a resilient bunch so we huddled inside the 'al fresco area, in our stunning (!) hats, swapped stories and enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea.

As you know, you'd wear your best hat to any Garden Party, and yet ours



seemed somewhat varied – probably on account of the fact that the hat was meant to tell something about yourself. You can see from the photo our eclectic collection of

millinery...

Honourable mentions went to people wearing hats that reflected their heritage, school days and various sporting interests (racing x2 and soccer), one of us was being a sun-smart Aussie, but the prize for the furthest travelled hat went to Su with her Peruvian topper.

We're looking forward to future meetings of our friendly group.

*Deborah Marshall*

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

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### *Friendship Group News*

Saturday mornings are not my favourite time for socialising but when you gather in a beautiful setting with a great group of people on the first cool day for weeks, and enjoy fabulous food, then It is different. On 24<sup>th</sup> February eight of our group were fortunate to gather in the restaurant at Ocean Gardens, City Beach for brunch, followed by a tour of the wonderful facilities and gardens.

Thank you, Amanda for organising this for us.

*Dorothy Carey*

### **Everyone is Welcome. Really?** *(Continued)*

Sometimes we do not welcome the violent and abusive to protect the rest of the congregation. Sometimes we must choose to not to welcome some individuals so we can welcome others.

“Everyone is welcome, except...” might be more accurate to the reality of this world.

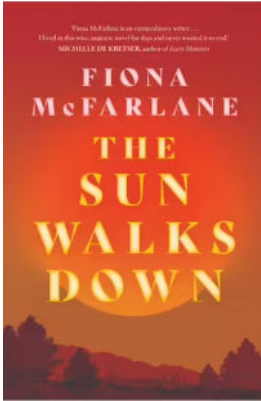
What do you think? Do you agree? Do you disagree? Why?

*Rev Reuben*

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



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### *Ladies Bookclub*

Ladies Bookclub will meet at Rhondda Tilbrook's home at 7.45 pm on Monday 11 March to discuss

“The Sun Walks Down” by Fiona McFarlane

### *A Job Well Done*



The Vestry was a hive of activity on Tuesday this week when Deborah Marshall, Lindsay Wolfe and Roy Pearce got together to assemble a cupboard sourced from Ikea by Marie Yuncken.

Ten and a half man hours of hard work - both mental and physical - were put to good use and as you can see from the photos, the work paid off!!

The cupboard will be used to better protect our banners and communion table cloths and provide an easily accessible place for candles and other worship materials.

Thanks to everyone concerned for a job well done.





 **Don't miss this one-off sale!**

**Heaps of goods at  
Bargain Prices!**



**Entry Fee  
\$2.00  
Includes  
Morning Tea!**



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*For more info call Claire 0448 183 728*



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**8:00 AM TO 12:00 PM  
SATURDAY 16 MARCH  
ALL SAINTS FLOREAT UC  
50 BERKELEY CRES.  
FLOREAT**

***Can you help??***

***Set up Friday, 15 March from 9:00am  
Help at Sale Saturday, 16 March from 8:00am to 12 noon  
Pack-Up Sunday, 17 March from 11:00am  
~ Contact Claire Smith for Information ~***

**Free  
Community  
Singing  
Group**



Our Monthly Sing-Along is the perfect blend of fun and harmony.

Come and sing your favourite tunes on the  
**third Thursday of every month**  
**2:00pm to 4:00pm**

**EVERYBODY IS INVITED**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, 21 March 2024**

Create unforgettable memories and build a  
**community** through the joy of **singing**.

No auditions. No need to read music.  
Afternoon Tea Provided

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