



NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2024 - PALM SUNDAY

First Impressions

This week we are celebrating Palm Sunday and Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. With palm branches, cloaks, a donkey, and a lot of shouts of hosanna, he is making quite the first impression on the people of Jerusalem.

It makes me wonder what kind of first impression we make as the church. As a minister when I walk around the community, I am acutely aware of representing the church. I wear a clerical collar most days as I feel it makes a clear first impression of clergy in the community. As a result, I certainly get my fair share of quizzical looks in the shops. But for others the collar and clergy represent all the discrimination or trauma they have experienced in churches.



A few members have recently asked about the badges I wear and what they mean. I wear my Equal Voices WA rainbow badge, a white cross over the Progress Pride Flag, and my He/him pronouns

badge to give a first impression that I am an ally/member of the LGBTIQ+ community. For some the clerical collar and the badges make for a radical combination and this prompts people to reconsider their assumptions about clergy and the church. For others they might discover a church who loves and affirms them for who they are.

So, I will continue to wear my clerical collar with my badges in the hopes of beginning conversations that explore what our church believes. What first impression are you making? What first impression is our church making?

Rev Reuben

OUR CHURCH LIFE

SUNDAY 24 MARCH PALM SUNDAY 9:30am Family Service Rev Reuben Edmonds		THURSDAY 28 MARCH MAUNDY THURSDAY 5:00pm Family Service Rev Reuben Edmonds	
* 1 Kings 1: 38 – 40 * Zechariah 9: 9 – 10 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 * Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16 * Included in the service	P.330 P.919 P.610 P.61 P.134	*Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 * 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35 * Mark 14:22-25 * Included in the service	P.67 P.609 P.214 P.135 P.60

HYMNS SUNDAY 24 MARCH

SoG 804	Down The Ages (Tune TiS 153)
TiS 693	Come as You Are
TiS 217 (i)	Love Divine
TiS 687	God Gives Us a Future
TiS 666	Marching in the Light of God

	SUNDAY 24 MARCH	THURSDAY 28 MARCH
WELCOMER	Carol Brearley	
DOOR STEWARD	Beth McKechnie	Beth McKechnie
CHURCH COUNCIL	Anne van Drunen	Els Mengler
BIBLE READER	Geoff Hadley	John McKechnie
FLOWERS	Debbie Thornton	Debbie Thornton
MORNING TEA	Michiko & Barry Stuart	
MUSIC	Christine Ryan - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin	Christine Ryan - Piano
MULTIMEDIA	James Millar	Rhondda Tilbrook
MEDIA CLICKER	Lillian Hadley	Lillian Hadley

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

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Prayers

This week we pray for Maaman 'O' Mia, Mandurah and South Mandurah Uniting Churches. Frontier Services Bush Chaplains, Mid-West and Pilbara.

Our local prayers will be for our Care Group and Carers.

FRIDAY 29 MARCH GOOD FRIDAY 9:30am Family Service Rev Reuben Edmonds	SUNDAY 31 MARCH EASTER SUNDAY 9:30am Family Service Rev Reuben Edmonds
Isaiah 52:13-53:12 P.716 * Psalm 22:10-15 P.548 Hebrews 10:16-25 or P.283 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 P.278 John 18:1-19:42 P.141 * Mark 14:1-15:39 P.66 * Psalm 69: 6-15 P.577 * Included in the service	Isaiah 25:6-9 P.689 Psalm 118:1-2, 12-24 P.610 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or P.219 * Acts 10:34-43 P.161 John 20:1-18 or P.144 * Mark 16:1-8 P.71 * Included in the service

	FRIDAY 29 MARCH	SUNDAY 31 MARCH
WELCOMER		
DOOR STEWARD	Anne van Drunen	
CHURCH COUNCIL		Anne van Drunen
BIBLE READER	Marg Smithson	Phillip Smith
FLOWERS	/	Marie Yuncken
MORNING TEA	/	Cathy Smith
MUSIC	Glenn Coughlan—Organ Joseph Lunardi - Violin	Glenn Coughlan—Organ Joseph Lunardi - Violin
MULTIMEDIA	Deborah Marshall	Rhondda Tilbrook
MEDIA CLICKER	Michael van Drunen	Christine Ryan

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All Saints Floreat UC Events This Week

Monday, 25 March	Lectionary Bible Study with Rev Reuben	2:00pm - Page Room
Wednesday, 27 March	Open House Playgroup	9:30am - Page Room
Thursday, 28 March	Know our Bible (KYB)	9:45am to 11:30am - Creche
Thursday, 28 March	Maundy Thursday Service	5:00pm
Friday, 29 March	Good Friday Service	9:30am
Sunday, 31 March	Easter Service	9:30am

Easter Service

Over the Easter period we have one long service which begins on Maundy Thursday and ends with our celebrations on Easter Day.

Maundy Thursday 5pm

This part of the service will follow the rhythm of our usual Sunday Communion Service and is focused around the story of the Last Supper. As the service is midway there will be no blessing or supper.

Good Friday 9:30am

This part of the service is focused around a dramatic reading of Mark's Passion narrative. There will be hymns and prayers interspersed but no sermon. The service will continue so there is no blessing or morning tea.

Easter Sunday 9:30am

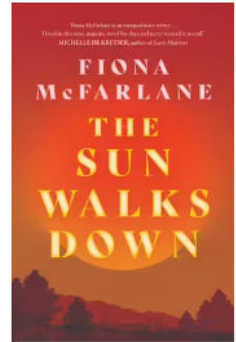
This final part of the service will follow the rhythm of our regular Sunday service and is focused on the resurrection. We will sing some wonderful hymns, and please join us for a big morning tea as we celebrate our Risen Lord!

Rev Reuben

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Book Review

The Sun Walks Down by Fiona McFarlane



The title of the novel is a reference to the idea suggested by one of the characters, a Swedish artist, that “the sun doesn’t set in Swedish, it walks down.” There are seven sunsets in the story which happens over a week in September 1883 in the Flinders Ranges. A six year old boy, Denny, disappears during a dust storm in that week and a range of characters are either involved in the search or are part of the wider story.

Denny sees the sunset as “the time of day when the sun touched the red hill and the gods came creeping out of it” and the farmers consider the sky in terms of the weather, and their harvest.

The main characters provide different perspectives on the search for Denny, life in the outback and the ideas of belonging, destruction and loss. These characters are introduced in the first part of the book so at times it is difficult to keep track of them all out. During the second half the characters interact more and the story moves to its unexpected finish.

The descriptions in the book provide good impressions of the dry countryside and the challenges faced by the farmers trying to make a living and the way the different characters react to the disappearance of Denny.

Rhonda Tilbrook

BLACK PEARL
NETWORK 

Thank You!

A big thank you to all the helpers at the recent Sale for the Black Pearl Network. To the cooks and morning tea ladies, cashiers, doorman and overseers. Huge thanks to Heather, Coral and Cathy for the hours spent sorting and pricing. It was a good community outreach and a lovely social morning.

Claire Smith

CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION

Summary of the 36th Annual General Meeting of All Saints Floreat Uniting Church Congregation held 17 March 2024

- ◆ Rev Reuben Edmonds opened the meeting with a prayer.
- ◆ The minutes of the 35th AGM were accepted by consensus.
- ◆ No Business arising.
- ◆ The Chair introduced the 2023 Councillors and Elders to the meeting via a PowerPoint presentation.
- ◆ All of the 2023 Reports taken as read and accepted by consensus.
It was suggested that: all children in the baptismal register be included in the church membership numbers.
The Chair has directed this to Elders.
- ◆ 2023 Audited Financial Statements of All Saints were reported on by the Treasurer and adopted by consensus.
- ◆ The 2024 Budget of All Saints was presented by the Treasurer and accepted by consensus.
- ◆ The 2023 Audited Financial Statements of the Creative Living Centre were reported on at the Public meeting held on Sunday 10 March 2024. These were presented by the Chair and adopted by consensus.
- ◆ The 2024 Budget of the Creative Living Centre was presented by the Chair and accepted by consensus.
- ◆ Election of Elders – The following were unanimously elected:
Beth McKechnie – 3rd term,
Els Mengler – 4th term,
Michiko Stuart – 1st term and
Debbie Thornton – 1st term.

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Election of Presbytery Representative – Deborah Marshall the current All Saints representative was unanimously re-elected by consensus.

The Chair thanked Marie Yuncken for being the 2nd Presbytery Representative, who stood down at the end of 2023.

A vacancy to be the 2nd Presbytery Representative is yet to be filled.

- ◆ It was proposed by Beth McKechnie and seconded by Lee-Anne Burnett following discussion at Elders' Committee since the AGM of 2023 that:

The name "Elder" be abolished and the new term of "Ministry Team" be adopted.

After a lively discussion it was proposed that:

The decision be carried over for further discussion at the Elders Committee.

General Business:

- ◆ The Chair presented by PowerPoint the Church Council and Tasks Group goals for 2024 –accepted by consensus.
- ◆ The meeting was reminded of the importance of record keeping for a Safe Church and that all movements of people onto, off and between committees should be reported to the Safe Church committee as they occur.
- ◆ The meeting acknowledged the great work being done by Claire and Richard Smith in the support of the CLC and all its outreach. \$2,500 was raised for the CLC at Saturday's (16 March 2024) sale.
- ◆ The Chair acknowledged Marie Yuncken's work as the Property Manager.
- ◆ The following were thanked for their input into making the AGM a success: Val Chew for her photographs, all the report writers, Rev Reuben's leadership, Christine Ryan for taking the minutes and Marika Leonard for her great work in the office.

Michael van Drunen
Chair – Church Council



Churchlands Choral Society Inc.

Open Rehearsal

7pm-8pm Monday 25 March 2024

A preview of our upcoming concert *Let There be Light* and choral workshop lead by Music Director, Rachel Martella.

Family, friends, new members and industry guests all welcome!
Entry by \$5 donation - Supper included!

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Register at churchlandschoralsociety@gmail.com

Busy Bee and Tidy Up



A few hours
Saturday, 13 April 2024
from 9:00am

**Are you buzzing with energy??
Come along and help with the
Busy Bee and offer a bit of elbow
grease tidying up and polishing
inside and out.**

Assist with kitchen tidying, store room tidying, polishing church furniture, general garden tidy up.

Everyone is welcome and, indeed, encouraged!!!!

Delicious morning tea. Bring the family!