

# NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 14 APRIL 2024 - EASTER 3

## *1 John*

During the Easter season for this year the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), that is used by churches all over the globe and All Saints, includes a reading from 1 John each week. So, this year we are going to focus on the first letter of John as we reflect on Christ's resurrection each week during the Easter season. With this focus in mind, I thought it would be great to let you know a bit of background on first John.

1 John is the first of three Johannine epistles included in the New Testament. The author of the epistle is unknown (they don't introduce themselves in the letter). Some scholars have argued it is the same John who authored the gospel and was Jesus's disciple. Others argue it is a disciple of John's like the second and third letters of John which are attributed to the Elder. The letter is likely written in Ephesus between 95 and 110 CE.

After initial expectations that Jesus would return quickly, communities began to grapple with life as a follower of Jesus and divisions began in some of the church communities. It appears from the letter that some disillusioned believers have left the communities claiming Jesus was never the Messiah or God. In response we have 1 John, steeped in the theology and tradition of the gospel of John and more of a sermon than a letter, which seeks to remind the followers of Christ about who Jesus is and the love of God.

We will be exploring these themes more over the coming weeks. If you want to learn more about 1 John I recommend a video by the Bible Project. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l3QkE6nKylM&ab\\_channel=BibleProject](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l3QkE6nKylM&ab_channel=BibleProject)

*Rev Reuben*



## OUR CHURCH LIFE

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<b>SUNDAY 14 APRIL</b> <b>EASTER 3</b> <b>9:30am Family Service</b> <b>Rev Reuben Edmonds</b>	<b>SUNDAY 21 APRIL</b> <b>EASTER 4</b> <b>9:30am Family Service</b> <b>Rev Dr Cathie Lambert</b>
Acts 3: 12-19 P.151 Psalm 4 P.539 * 1 John 3:1-7 P.304 * Luke 24: 36b-48 P.114 * Included in the service	Acts 4:5-12 P.152 Psalm 23 P.549 1 John 3:16-24 P.304 John 10:11-18 P.131

### HYMNS SUNDAY 14 APRIL

TiS 380	Yours Be the Glory
TiS 169	Our God, We Know Your Providence
TiS 417	Loving Spirit (Tune TiS 101)
TiS 613	Lord of All Hopefulness
TiS 720	Halle Halle Hallelujah

	SUNDAY 14 APRIL	SUNDAY 21 APRIL
WELCOMER		
DOOR STEWARD	Beth McKechnie	
CHURCH COUNCIL	Anne van Drunen	Michael van Drunen
BIBLE READER	Geoff Hadley	Jean Read
FLOWERS		
MORNING TEA	Beth & John McKechnie	Carol Brearley Jean Read
MUSIC	Rachel Brayshaw - Piano Michelle Komatsu - Cello	Felicity Taylor - Piano Joseph Lunardi -Violin
MULTIMEDIA	Richard Smith	Deborah Marshall
MEDIA CLICKER	Lillian Hadley	

## OUR CHURCH LIFE

### Prayers

This week we pray for Bunbury St Augustine and Capel Uniting Churches  
Defence Force Chaplaincy.

Our local prayers will be for Finance and Infrastructure Group.

### All Saints Floreat UC Events This Week

Monday, 15 April	Elders Meeting	5:00pm - Manse
Tuesday, 16 April	FAIG Meeting	7:30pm
Wednesday, 17 April	Open House Playgroup	9:30am - Page & Buttfield Rooms
Wednesday, 17 April	KIT Group	1:00pm - Vestry
Thursday, 18 April	KYB	9:45am - Creche
Thursday, 18 April	Sing A Long	2:00pm - Church Hall

### *Note:*

Rev Reuben will be taking Sunday 21 April 2024 off and Rev Dr Cathie Lambert will be taking Service on that day.

Consequently there will be no Lectionary Bible Study on Monday, 15 April.  
Lectionary Bible Study will re-commence on Monday, 22 April 2024.

**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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# *Social Day Outing & Going Places* *Two Rocks - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024*

A social day out has been arranged to travel by Marmion Ave, then Yanchep Beach Road & Two Rocks Road to Two Rocks for a picnic lunch on the beach.

We will assemble at All Saints Floreat Uniting Church at 9:45am and travel to Two Rocks by car.



As we intend to have a picnic on the beach it is suggested that we each bring food for morning tea and lunch or as an alternative there is the Oven Door Bakery and Cafe's at Two Rocks

As we travel on Marmion Ave we can observe how Perth has expanded and developed up the West Coast all the way to Yanchep and beyond.

**For more information, if you wish to join our tour, please contact Bill Gamel (9243 4010) or Bob Sumner (0439 875 818)**



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### *Church Council Meeting*

The next Church Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 30 April 2024 commencing at 6:00pm in the Page Room.

### *Friendship Group News*

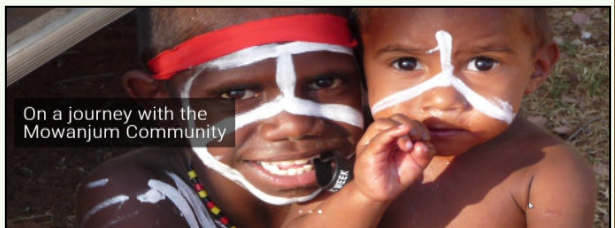
Another group enjoying lunch at the Tee Box. Unfortunately we had four absentees due to health but the smaller group made it easier for whole table conversations.

*Dorothy Carey*



*Marilyn West, Cath Walker, Brian Carey, Dorothy Carey, Jan White, Russell Birks, Norm Gribble.*

**Your Retiring Offering  
this Week  
and throughout April  
will be for the  
BOAB Network**



On a journey with the  
Mowanjum Community

***Hands-On Floral Workshop***  
***8 May 2024 - 2:00pm - Church Hall***



On May 8th at 2.00 we are fortunate to have Linda Harris to run a hands-on workshop on 'doing' flowers. She is a florist with loads of experience in church floral art and running workshops.

She will talk about what vases to use, proportions and size of arrangements, using foliage, choosing flowers and colours of flowers. We will all have a chance to work with her.

This will be a fun afternoon for everyone in the church hall, so please RSVP and come along. We need to know how many places to set up so contact Marie Yuncken (0410 061 279) or Marika in the church office (08 6185 1116) or email [office@allsaintsfloreat.com.au](mailto:office@allsaintsfloreat.com.au). Thank you.

***Hearing Aid Loop***  
***All Saints Floreat has a hearing aid loop in the Church Sanctuary.***

**There are pews with the hearing aid loop sign on the end. If you sit in these rows, the loop will work more effectively.**

The hearing loop may not work as well if you're on the border of the room. Turn your hearing aid to the "T" setting. T stands for "telecoil" which translates the signal from the loop into audio in your hearing aid.

## A Word About Your Church Offering

With the return of the collection being taken in the pews each week it is timely to remind everyone of the two ways that your offering can be made to All Saints.

The preferred method is via your bank as a regular EFT. The church bank account details are:

BSB: 036 063

Account number: 122093

Account name: All Saints Floreat

By using this method there are many advantages. These include ensuring a regular flow of funds to assist the congregation in meeting our budgeted expenses for our own running costs, wages and our Mission and Service contribution for the work of the wider Uniting church. Payment by EFT also means less cash for our volunteers to handle, count and bank each week, which with the closure of our local branch means travel further afield. The disadvantage is that sometimes we set up our EFT payments and forget about them which means that, we do not review and adjust them.

Alternatively, the weekly collection in the pews is available for those who are unable to use the EFT system for any reason, visitors who are not familiar with our online method and, to boost your giving if you haven't increased your regular EFT in the way that you may intend to.

As you will recall, at the AGM I took the opportunity to ask all our members to review their regular giving and to consider increasing the amount by around 5% to meet our budget. If you have not yet done so I would ask that you prayerfully consider your giving to All Saints.

*Deborah Marshall*

## CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION

**In 2024, the Progressive Christianity Network WA is offering a study series at All Saints Floreat Uniting Church from 9.30am (Coffee), Studies at 10am to 11.30am.**

The twenty-one studies developed by two United Methodist ministers will be in three series of seven sessions on Monday mornings:

**April 15<sup>th</sup> to May 27<sup>th</sup>  
July 15<sup>th</sup> to August 26<sup>th</sup>  
October 7<sup>th</sup> to November 18<sup>th</sup>**

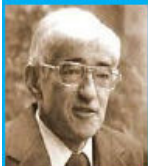
Study notes and discussion questions will be available for \$20 for each series.

These studies explore the best of modern theological thought with over thirty international scholars, ministers and lay people.

**FOR INFORMATION ON SESSION 1, SEE NEXT PAGE**

The aim of "Living the Questions" is to foster exploration, intellectual engagement, inclusivity, ethical reflection, adaptability, community building, and personal transformation.

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### Session 1 - Faith as a Journey, Not a Destination

The first study of 7 sessions commences on Monday April 15<sup>th</sup> from 9.30am for coffee and chat, then 10am to 11.30am at All Saints Floreat UC, 50 Berkeley Cres. Floreat.



Session Leader: Karen Sloan, Wembley Downs UC

Cost: \$20 for the first 7 sessions which includes participants notes (66 pages).

Contacts: Karen Sloan 0421 314 008, Marie Yuncken 0410 061 279, Richard Smith 0447 232 945, Geoff Schupp 0409 985 538.

### KYB (KNOW YOUR BIBLE)

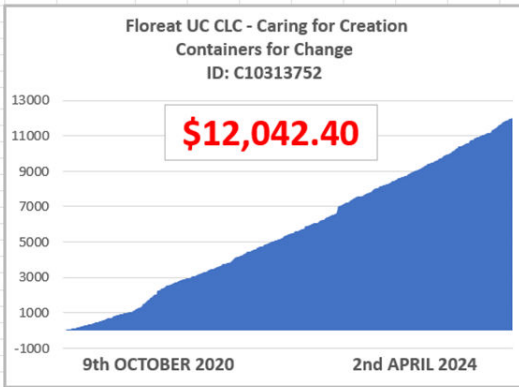
**Thursdays - 9.45-11.30 am**

**(at "All Saints" Uniting Church)**

**Ladies** - are you interested in learning more about the Bible and how to apply this knowledge in your own life and the life of our Church? The KYB Group provides an opportunity to learn more about our faith and hope through biblical teaching, discuss issues of the day and also share in fellowship and friendship, which is so important in building up the community in which we live. The studies are prepared by Christian Women Communicating International (CWCI) - an ecumenical movement. **Contact Sylvia Ryan (9387 4216) or Val Chew (0411 478 833) if you would like more information.**

- ◆ Please note Studies for Term 2, 2024 commence on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 9.45am in the Creche. We will be finishing our study of "The Gospel of Luke" with Unit 9.
- ◆ The following week, 25<sup>th</sup> April, we will give out the books for the new study "Prayers of the Old Testament" with Coffee and Introduction to the Study .
- ◆ All ladies welcome.

## *Floreat UC CLC in Action – Caring for Creation*



A project of Floreat UC CLC is **Caring for Creation** by the recycling of goods for Good Sammy's and Paraquad Industries, providing employment for disabled persons. Also, by **Containers for Change** to support work of the Boab and Black Pearl Networks helping indigenous

peoples of W Papua, Indonesia and NW Kimberley. With the assistance of Wembley Downs and Trinity North Uniting Churches and many volunteers our Containers for Change total this Easter passed \$12,000.

Greater, but hidden, are the contributions towards achieving net zero emissions to counter global warming. For example, emissions from energy use are reduced by 95% by recycling aluminium and 50% for glass. Reduced mining of bauxite needed for aluminium production saves many hectares of jarrah forests in the Darling Ranges. Forests vital for extracting heat warming CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere. Reduction of land fill from plastics saves our waters from being polluted and nano plastics entering the food chain and our bodies. Recycled cardboard saves forests from being cleared and water being used for its manufacturing.

Mother Nature has achieved a remarkable diversity of life over 3.8 billion years of evolution which we are now blessed to enjoy. Since the resources of Earth are finite, Mother Nature has achieved this by recycling everything. We are now beginning to learn that such recycling is part of our sacred duty if we are to live sustainably on this fragile planet we call home.

*Richard Smith*



Do you have any Strelitzia in your garden? If so, can you bring a couple of stems to the church to add to the church vases? Thank you

### ***Election of Lay Synod Representatives***

At the meeting of Presbytery to be held on 1 June, Presbytery will be electing members of the Synod meeting to be held on September 13-15 this year (usually there is opening worship on Friday evening followed by all day meetings on the Saturday and Sunday at one of our schools and is fully catered). The Synod meeting is an important annual meeting that sets directions and priorities for the year and will discuss and decide on a range of proposals.

A large number of confirmed lay members of the Uniting Church need to be elected to be lay members of Synod. This election will take place at the Presbytery meeting on June 15.

You do not need to be a lay member of Presbytery to be elected as a lay member of Synod. Congregations can nominate confirmed members who are not members of Presbytery for this election (we could nominate the whole congregation!). All Saints will pay for the cost of attendance.

If you would like to be elected by the Presbytery to be a lay member of Synod, for more information, please speak to either Deborah Marshall or Rev Reuben. For more information regarding the Synod meeting please visit:

<https://unitingchurchwa.org.au/presbytery-synod/synod/meetings-and-minutes/>

Nominations will close at 12.30 pm on June 15.

# All Saints Sing- Along



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 during 2024.

2:00pm to 4:00pm

18 April	19 September
16 May	17 October
20 June	21 November
18 July	19 December
15 August	

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

No auditions. No need to read music.  
Afternoon Tea Provided - Gold Coin Donation

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