



NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 21 APRIL 2024 - EASTER 4

Acknowledgement of Country



For thousands of years the protocols of welcoming visitors from other lands and country has been practiced within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Yawarllaayi/Gomeroi elder Barbara Flick Nicol says “Aboriginal people are always aware if they are in another people’s country, and especially talking about land in other’s country. At first it was a principle for us – it wasn’t expressly stated, but there was an understanding that there was a traditional protocol. If people wanted to (venture to other’s lands) they would carry a message stick, asking properly. That was the protocol that they could meet. It’s always been something that we did as a people, understanding and observing the fact that when you are in somebody else’s country, that you acknowledge them.”

As part of Australian society’s journey towards reconciliation an Acknowledgement of Country began to be used around the time of the 1992 Mabo decision. In 2010, Federal Parliament made the decision to open each session with an Acknowledgement of the Ngunnawal Clan-Nation. Today it is official protocol to begin Parliament with the Lord’s Prayer and an Acknowledgement of Country and on most public occasions for government, business, education, and health

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OUR CHURCH LIFE

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SUNDAY 21 APRIL Easter 4 9:30am Family Service Rev Dr Cathie Lambert		SUNDAY 28 APRIL Easter 5 9:30am Family Service Rev Reuben Edmonds	
Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 * 1 John 3:16-24 * John 10:11-18 * Included in the Service	P.152 P.549 P.304 P.131	Acts 8: 26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8	P.158 P.549 P.305 P.138
HYMNS SUNDAY 21 APRIL			
TiS 156	Morning Has Broken		
TiS 10	The Lord's My Shepherd		
TiS 650	Brother, Sister Let Me Serve You		
TiS 420	Holy Spirit Go Before Us		
TiS 778	Shalom to You Now		
	SUNDAY 21 APRIL	SUNDAY 28 APRIL	
Welcomer			
Door Steward	Beth McKechnie Michiko Stuart		
Church Council	Michael van Drunen		
Bible Reader	Jean Read	Anne van Drunen	
Flowers	Marie Yuncken		
Morning Tea	Carol Brearley Jean Read	Michiko & Barry Stuart	
Music	Christine Ryan - Piano Felicity Taylor - Piano Joseph Lunardi -Violin	Geoff Hadley - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin	
Multimedia	Deborah Marshall	Michael van Drunen	
Media Clicker	Lillian Hadley	Christine Ryan	

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Prayers

This week we pray for Lay Preachers, PNEUMA, Uniting Church Adult Fellowship and Uniting Church Mission Fellowship Synod of South Australia. Our local prayers will be for YouthCARE Chaplaincy.

All Saints Floreat UC Events This Week

Monday 22 April	Lectionary Bible Study	2:00pm Page Room
Wednesday, 24 April	Open House Playgroup	9:30am - Page & Buttfield Rooms
Thursday, 25 April	KYB	9:45am - Creche

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 1 met at the Zamia Café in Kings Park on April 12th.

No photo this time but a small but intimate Friendship Group met on the morning of April 12th at the Zamia Café in Kings Park for brunch. Seated on the veranda overlooking the Arthur Fairall Playground was ideal, and we had a good time as friends of All Saints.

As it turned out, Jean and Graeme Read, Margaret Oliver and Margaret and Lindsay Wolfe are Perth originals which is quite rare given the makeup of All Saints members!

Kings Park is a beautiful park and brings back many memories of growing up in Perth.

Margaret Wolfe

OUR CHURCH LIFE

Acknowledgement of Country cont.....

acknowledgement, organisations, it is accepted protocol to begin with a Welcome by or Acknowledgement of the recognised traditional owners, the sovereign First Nation Peoples.

For the Uniting Church, we include an acknowledgement of country an important expression of the covenant which the Uniting Church in Australia has with the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC), the Preamble to our Uniting Church in Australia Constitution, and the affirmation by the 15th Assembly in 2018 of Aboriginal and Islander Australians as sovereign peoples in this land.

In many ways we contextualise our worship for the 21st century, for our Australian context, and for our community while honouring the rich traditions of church worship over the last two millennia. When we include an acknowledgement of country at the beginning of worship, we are contextualising our worship and deeply honouring the ancient customs of this land, while also demonstrating our commitment to covenant with the first peoples here today. We also do not use the common secular but instead acknowledge our first peoples in our Christian context and theology.

When I was ordained, I was charged with affirming and committing myself to the covenant made between the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress and the Uniting Church and to accept the obligation to serve both First and Second peoples. As part of that commitment, I will always begin worship with an acknowledgement of country as it's the least I can do to honour this covenant.

You can read the covenant that is displayed on our noticeboard, or you can read about the UCA's journey of recognising first peoples here:

<https://uniting.church/covenanting/>

Rev Reuben

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Social Day Outing & Going Places *Two Rocks - Wednesday 24th 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)



Church Busy Bee - Thank You!!



John Brearley, Keith Bakker and Andrew Syme filling the garden bin

A big **THANK YOU** to the more than 20 people who helped tidy the dark corners of our church stores.

The kitchen cupboards have been emptied and sorted, the Vestry is organised and tidy, and the inventory of catering stuff has been updated.

The garden has been weeded and prepared for planting, the Sound room culled and tidied, the Undercroft kitchen sorted and cleaned. However the prize for tackling the most challenging jobs of the day was a toss-up between Andrew Syme / Sue Talbert in the Hall store and Mavis Coughlan who cleaned the cleaners cupboard.



Rev Reuben, Andy Yuncken and Sue Talbert sorting and tidying the Vestry

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We mustn't forget to thank the cooks and coffee makers who turned on morning tea for us all. It was a great catch-up time.



L to R: *Andy Yuncken, Alison Kirwan, Bob Sumner, Jean Young, Andrew Syme, Sue Talbert, Marg Dangerfield, Maxine Davies (obscured), Jean Read, Keith Bakker, Margaret Oliver, Carol Brearley, John Brearley, Margaret Wolfè, Rev Reuben.*

Absent from photo but also busy bee workers:

Mavis Coughlan, Claire Smith, Richard Smith, Marie Yuncken

Well done all of you.

Marie Yuncken

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

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. Thank you.



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

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Do You Have a Backpack You No Longer Use?

Hello Church Friends.



Alison and I (Babs) from Uniting Aid are requesting your assistance with adult “**BACKPACKS**”.

If you have any lying around at home please could you leave them at the church office. We have a huge increase in **HOMELESS** clients and a **BACKPACK** is ideal for them to safely carry some belonging that we give them. They are often robbed and items stolen off them so this is the most secure bag we can give them. Thank you in advance.

We would also like to thank you for your continued support with the cereal drive for Uniting Aid every first Sunday of the month.

Kind regards

Babs Tuzee

VOLUNTEER!!!!!!

We need

YOU!



The Duty Roster for March to June 2024 is on the Hall Door.

There are blank spaces to be filled so please check the roster and volunteer if you can. Thank you. Your

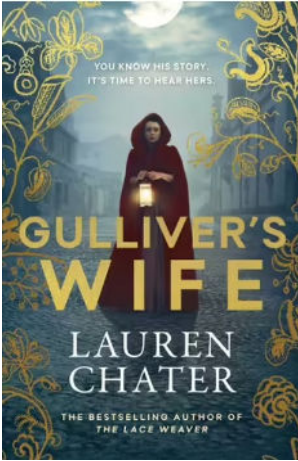
**Your Retiring Offering
this Week
and throughout April
will be for the
BOAB Network**



On a journey with the
Mowanjum Community

Book Review

Gulliver's Wife by Lauren Chater



This spinoff story from Jonathan Swift's Travels is a carefully researched and thoughtfully imagined tale, for general readership, of the original Lemuel Gulliver's near invisible wife.

Mary Gulliver's is a London midwife trying hard to keep her home and children intact and thriving, while her husband and children's father is having an adventurous life abroad. But then, after three years away he returns home much changed and with fanciful stories of his adventures. From then things begin to fall apart.

London in the 1700s was not a safe place for ordinary women and children. Crime and disease were rife. Women and children were considered the property of husbands and fathers. In Gulliver's absence, Mary had established a life for herself as a well respected midwife. She worked during the day to monitor pregnancies and was available at any time of the day or night to attend to births. Mary and her sister midwives had inherited a body of knowledge about plants and their medieval uses. Mary maintained a herb garden to provide for the potents to treat all manner of health related issues. Such knowledge was passed on to the apprentice midwives.

The book describes some intriguing material about the historical status of midwives, the power of the church and the ongoing attempts on the part of the male medical fraternity to disempower midwives and devalue their work. The story is illustrated by many examples of living in poverty in a port town in the 18th century.

Dorothy Carey

CLC IN ACTION



This week the Creative Living Centre was able to assist three delightful children increase their winter wardrobe.

A Busy Week for the Ute – Courtesy of Jo and Matthew Smith.

The Ute was loaded with the discarded items from the Church's Busy Bee on Saturday and delivered to Brockway tip.

Then again on Tuesday, the CLC Board Members plus Reuben, loaded all the obsolete books etc from the Church's bygone days. These were admitted, free of charge (perhaps the result of Rev Reuben's collar), to Brockway Transfer Station.



On Wednesday, ahead of the Uniting WA Tranby Engagement Hub's winter appeal for the homeless, the Ute was loaded with boxes.

The boxes contained coats, jumpers, tracksuits, jeans, sleeping bags, toilet bags, backpacks, shoes, scarves, gloves and umbrellas. Also, bath towels for the 150 homeless folk who shower there each day.

Adam at Tranby said the suitcases would be very much appreciated by the homeless to transport their meagre belongings.

Living the Questions studies continues:

Mon 22nd April from 9.30am for coffee
then 10am for study.



Session 2. Taking the Bible Seriously.

FOCUS: The authority one places in the Bible plays a critical role in one's worldview and understanding of the Christian life.

The Bible's influence has been recognized for centuries. It has been quoted and misquoted, used and abused, appealed to and discredited. Biblical texts have also been used to oppress women, support slavery, justify wars, and today, bolster White Supremacy and other discriminatory movements.

Preachers try to bring the texts alive; classes and small groups provide vital places of discovery. Personal study allows the Bible to speak to an individual's situation. But what is it exactly that we're looking for? The Bible is so big, so intimidating, it's difficult to know where to start. It's often hard to know what to believe or what not to believe.

The LtQ studies have been a great help for many in answering these questions saving many from abandoning their Christian faith and Church. It is also a great help in speaking about the Gospel to the secular world in words that can be understood.

Richard Smith

PERTH INNER CITY YOUTH SERVICES

Friday 26 March 2024

Food Pick-Up Floreat

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Rhonda Tilbrook: Tel 0407 085 937

