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NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2024 - EASTER 5

Amen

We use the word amen a lot. It is the last word of the Bible in the book of Revelation. We end all our prayers with amen, often together as a congregation. I end every sermon with amen. When I receive the



communion elements I respond with Amen. Sometimes when you want to praise or agree with someone you'll say "Amen!" But have you considered what does the word actually mean. What are we communicating when we say Amen.

Its perhaps not surprising that its roots come from our Hebrew traditions. Amen is an Abrahamic declaration of affirmation which is first found in the Hebrew Bible, and subsequently found in the New Testament. It is used in Jewish, Christian, and Muslim practices. Common English translations of the word amen include "verily", "truly", "it is true", and "let it be so".

So, when we use Amen in worship to conclude our prayers, we do so to declare that our prayers are true and we ask God to let it be so. We are all invited to say it as a way of expressing that we too uphold the words of this prayer, especially if it is spoken on our behalf by another. I say Amen, it is true, when a faithful Elder tells me that the bread they have given me is 'the body of Christ broken for you.' When someone say Amen, my instinct is to repeat it. If they say Amen, let it be so, and I agree with what they have said then I naturally respond with Amen.

So next time you say amen in prayer or worship I invite you to ponder about its meaning and why its an appropriate and important concluding word.

Rev Reuben

OUR CHURCH LIFE

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

SUNDAY 28 APRIL Easter 5 9:30am Family Service Rev Reuben Edmonds		SUNDAY 5 MAY Easter 6 9:30am Communion Service Rev Reuben Edmonds	
* Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 * 1 John 4:7-21 * John 15:1-8 *Included in Service	P.158 P.549 P.305 P.138	Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17	P.162 P.597 P.306 P.138
HYMNS SUNDAY 28 APRIL			
TiS 268	Joy to the World		
TiS 686	Because We bear Your Name		
TiS 640	Fill Us With Your Love		
TiS 690	Beauty for Brokenness		
TiS 779	May the Feet		
	SUNDAY 28 APRIL	SUNDAY 5 MAY	
Welcomer	Carol Brearley		
Door Steward	Margie & Bruce Dangerfield		
Church Council	Deborah Marshall		
Bible Reader	Anne van Drunen	Helen Bloomfield	
Flowers		Margaret Oliver	
Morning Tea	Michiko & Barry Stuart		
Music	Glenn Coughlan - Organ Joseph Lunardi - Violin	Geoff Hadley - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin	
Multimedia	Michael van Drunen	James Millar	
Media Clicker	Christine Ryan		

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Prayers

This week we pray for Covenanting Commission and Uniting Disaster Recovery. Solomon Islands Christian Association (SICA).
Our local prayers will be for the Ladies Bookclub.

All Saints Floreat UC Events This Week

Monday, 29 April	Lectionary Bible Study	2:00pm - Page Room
Tuesday, 30 April	Church Council Meeting	6:00pm - Page Room
Wednesday, 1 May	Open House Playgroup	9:30am - Page & Buttfield Rooms
Wednesday, 1 May	Care Group Meeting	1:45pm - Vestry
Thursday, 2 May	KYB	9:45am - Creche

Save the Date
Uniting Church in Australia Birthday Dinner
Saturday 22 June 2024
at All Saints Floreat UC

You are invited to join us for this special dinner to celebrate the 47th birthday of the Uniting Church in Australia.

More details to come.

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

OUR CHURCH LIFE

Thank you

Marie Yuncken received a “thank you” card from the family of Marie Wilson whose memorial service was held at All Saints Floreat recently.

Dear Marie

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation for your hard work in co-ordinating afternoon tea following Marie’s memorial service. Thanks also to your outstanding hospitality team for their work during the afternoon.

We very much appreciated your support.

Kindest regards

Ailsa, Sandra and Jo Wilson.

The card can be seen on the noticeboard in the foyer.



 **Revive**
a fresh perspective on faith, church and life



Revive Magazine April 2024
is available on the table in the
foyer. Please take a copy.

*There is a great interview with
Rev Reuben on page 17.*

Read it now!!!!!!

CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION

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

**Your Retiring Offering
throughout May will be for
Uniting Aid
Nollamara Monetary Fund**



**SUPPORT UNITING AID! BRING YOUR
WEET-BIX & ROLLED OATS
TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY**

CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION

Living the Questions studies continue:

Mon 29th April from 9.30am for coffee then
10:00am to 11:30am for study, led by
Karen Sloan, Wembley Downs UC.

Session 3. Thinking Theologically



The first principle of Progressive Christianity is to:

Seek God, however understood, guided by the life and teachings of Jesus.

There are probably as many understandings of ‘God’ as there are people— with no right or wrong answer. God is a convenient term for the indefinable, which helps people find meaning and purpose in life. To think theologically is an important dimension of our spiritual journey.

People are welcome to join us at any point on this journey of faith, for “God gives us a future daring us to go into dreams and dangers on a path unknown”

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Richard Smith

Do you have an article, story, recipe or other item that may be of interest to the Church community?

If so, we would be very interested in considering it for publication in future editions of the News & Notes.

Please submit your item to Marika Leonard,
Office Administrator at office@allsaintsfloreat.com.au

Thank you

Hands-On Floral Workshop
8 May 2024 - 2:00pm - Church Hall
No Experience Necessary



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 ***please place your name on the sign-up sheet which is on the Hall door*** or contact Marie Yuncken (0410 061 279) or Marika in the church office (08 6185 1116) or email office@allsaintsfloreat.com.au. Thank you.

We need
YOU!



VOLUNTEER!!!!!!

The Duty Roster for May and 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 help is appreciated.

CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION

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.



Preserves for Sale

A beautiful array of jams and marmalade are for sale and can be found on top of the cupboard in the foyer. Prices as marked.

Please place cash for any purchases in the slot on the top right of the cupboard. Thank you.