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# NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024 - PENTECOST

## Pentecost



Pentecost is a major festival in the Christian church, celebrated on the Sunday that falls on the 50th day of Easter. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other disciples following the Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ and it marks the beginning of the Christian church's mission to the world.

Pentecost is often celebrated as the birth of the whole Christian church and so it is also a time to be reminded of the similarities between denominations and how we all seek to love God and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. As such we will be praying for several of the local Christian churches in our area this week.

In many churches Pentecost is symbolised with the colour red, a rare colour in our liturgical church calendar. Therefore, you will find me wearing my red stole, the same one used for my ordination, and we will be using a beautiful new communion tablecloth thanks to Christine. You are all also invited to join with the theme and wear something red, orange, or yellow as we celebrate this occasion.

*Rev Reuben*

## OUR CHURCH LIFE

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SUNDAY 19 MAY Pentecost 9:30am Family Service Rev Reuben Edmonds		SUNDAY 26 MAY Trinity Sunday 9:30am Family Service Rev Cyrus Kung	
* Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-4 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 * John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 *Included in Service	P.149 P.838 P.601  P.195 P.139	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17	P.674 P.552 P.195 P.119
HYMNS SUNDAY 19 MAY			
TiS 418	She Sits Like a Bird		
TiS 416	Great God , Your Spirit, Like the		
TiS 776 (ii)	The Lord Bless You		
TiS 420	Holy Spirit Go Before Us		
TiS 414	There's A Spirit		
	SUNDAY 19 MAY	SUNDAY 26 MAY	
Welcomer	Debbie Thornton	Carol Brearley	
Door Steward	Beth McKechnie		
Church Council	Marie Yuncken	Anne van Drunen	
Bible Reader	Geoff Hadley	Margaret Oliver	
Flowers	Debbie Thornton	Rachel Brayshaw	
Morning Tea	Beth & John McKechnie	Michiko & Barry Stuart Marg Smithson	
Music	Christine Ryan - Piano Anne van Drunen - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin	Rachel Brayshaw - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin	
Multimedia	Rhondda Tilbrook	Richard Smith	
Media Clicker	Lillian Hadley	Christine Ryan	

## OUR CHURCH LIFE

### *Prayers*

This week we pray for Church Law Committee and the Nominating Committee. Standards for Ministries Committee and the Church Polity Reference Committee. Our local prayers will be for local churches - St Nicholas Anglican, St Cecilia's Catholic and Floreat Salvation Army Corps.

### *Confirmations*

When someone is baptised as a child, they become a baptised member of a congregation until they are old enough to reaffirm the vows taken by their parents on their behalf. We call the ritual of reaffirmation of vows: confirmation.

It is exciting for our community that we have two members of our church who are wishing to participate in confirmation and by doing so publicly declare their faith, confirm their identity as a follower of Christ, and become confirmed members of All Saints Floreat Uniting Church.

I invite you to come and celebrate with Bruce Kennedy and Joseph Lunardi as they take this next step on their respective journeys of faith.

*Rev Reuben*

### **All Saints Floreat UC Events This Week**

Tuesday, 21 May	Elders Meeting	5:00pm - Page Room
Wednesday, 22 May	Open House Playgroup	9:30am - Page & Buttfield Rooms
Thursday, 23 May	KYB	9:45am - Creche

### *Lectionary Bible Studies*

Please note there will be no Lectionary Bible Study Group on Monday, 20 May or 27 May. Study will resume on Monday, 3 June.



## **YOUR RETIRING OFFERING THIS SUNDAY WILL GO TO UNITING AID NOLLAMARA MONETARY FUND**

Uniting Aid assists clients in the local government area of the City of Stirling, with current Centrelink or Health Cards, with emergency relief in the form of food, clothing, household goods etc., and some financial assistance with utility bills. The centre at 19 Monterey Street, Nollamara is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9.00am to 11.45am.

An Op-shop also operates from the Nollamara premises which sells items of clothing and household goods — second-hand and new at very low prices. This helps cover some of the centre's operational costs.

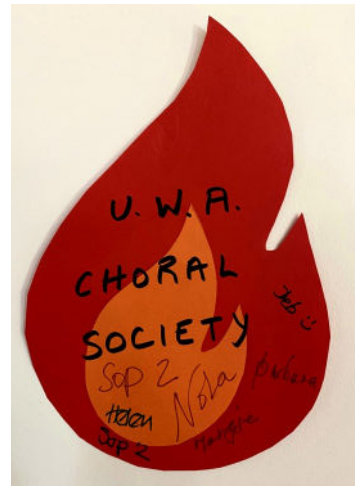
## *Pentecost Flames*



Throughout this week we have invited the many people who come and use our building regularly to place their names on flames and put them up around our church. This is a visual reminder that our community is a broad one and is not limited by our worship on Sunday morning. You can see some of the groups in the included photos but you will find many more as you explore the church.

Come and celebrate Pentecost with us on Sunday and add your name to a flame in our church and be reminded of the large and caring community you are apart of.

*Rev Reuben Edmonds*





## *Guest Minister - 26 May 2024*

Rev Cyrus Kung will be conducting the service on Sunday, 26 May 2024 as Rev Reuben will be taking this Sunday off. Rev Reuben will be available during the week leading up to Sunday 26 May.



Rev. Cyrus Kung is a Second Generation Hong Kong Australian and ordained Minister in the Uniting Church. He is passionate about seeing people connect with the deeper parts of themselves whilst exploring the simplicity of Christ in the complexities of life in the 21st Century.

Creativity, third spaces, liminality, in betweenness and hybridity shapes much of his approach to ministry and community life in his local context. Cyrus is currently Act2 Administration and Engagement Officer.



### *Trauma Teddies*

This Sunday we will be blessing the Trauma Teddies made by members and friends of our congregation. These teddies will be given to sick children at Perth Children's Hospital.

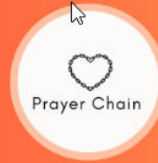
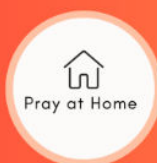
Thanks to Joan McKenna, Margaret Davies, Margaret Harris, Heather Booth, Lillian Hadley, Jean Read, Ann Gobby, Merle Schupp and Carol Brearley for their hard work knitting, stuffing, and decorating the bears.

## OUR CHURCH LIFE

# UNITING IN PRAYER 2024

19 May - 22 June

## 5 Ways To Connect



Resources Now Available: [act2uca.com/unitinginprayer2024](https://act2uca.com/unitinginprayer2024)

[Uniting in Prayer](#) is a time to pray and reflect on our past and present as the Uniting Church and what God might have in store for our future. All who call the Uniting Church home are invited to join together in thanksgiving and hope to pray and seek the leading of the Spirit for the years ahead.

This year we will be drawing on the upcoming Assembly theme, “Threads of Love, Weaving Christ’s Love Across Cultures and Boundaries” as a catalyst for reflection. You can read more about the theme on the Assembly website—[uniting.church/on-the-road-to-the-17th-assembly/](https://uniting.church/on-the-road-to-the-17th-assembly/)

During these days of prayer we will join together to pray and reflect on our past and present as the Uniting Church. Seeking to acknowledge and honour our shared humanity in God our creator, and act upon our shared call to shape a world that mirrors the love and unity Christ has for us all.

*Rev Cyrus Kung*

*Act2 Administration and Engagement Officer*

## *Flower Arranging Workshop Wednesday, 8 May 2024*

A wonderful afternoon workshop of flower arranging was enjoyed on Wednesday, 8 May.



Linda Harris shared lots of wisdom with us as we played with the flowers and greenery. We hope you enjoy some of the products of our session.

Thank you Linda for helping us all ( and for your beautiful scones).

The arrangements created during the workshop were displayed in the Church Sanctuary on Sunday, 12 May 2024.





## *Friendship Group News*

Our Friendship Group (Carmen Savundra, Bob Sumner, Margaret Haddock, Alison Kirwan, Helen and Richard Lilley) enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea and good conversation at Bob Sumner's home recently.



*Rhondda Tilbrook*

## *Kathy Dufty Memorial Service*

A service of Remembrance will be held at All Saints Floreat at 2:00pm on Monday, 20 May 2024 followed by Afternoon Tea.





## *Invitation*

**Uniting Church in Australia**

**Birthday Dinner**

**Saturday 22 June 2024**

**Arrive at 4:00pm for 4:30pm Dinner 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.*

**\$35.00 per head.**

*Tickets may be purchased from  
Debbie Thornton after the service on Sunday  
or from Marika in the office.*

## Living the Questions

### Session 6

### A Passion for Christ:

### Paul the Apostle

**Mon May 20<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Coffee and chat,  
Study 10 – 11.30am. Leader Richard Smith**



**FOCUS:** Little of what most people think of as Christianity has been untouched by the legacy of Paul's writing and influence. The many understandings of his interpretation of Christianity continue to be re-examined in the 21st century.

Perhaps no single person is more responsible for the existence of Christianity as we know it today than that balding preacher from Tarsus whom we know as Paul. Idolized by some as the conduit through which God dictated an eternal and unchanging moral code and discredited by others as a misogynist crank, Paul is without question one of the most controversial figures in the history of Christianity. But one thing can't be questioned: his passion for Christ and his apparent willingness to risk life and limb in propagating his interpretation of Christ's message and purpose. As very little, if any, of what most people think of as Christianity has been untouched by the influence of this itinerant tentmaker, a thorough examination of the changing understandings and significance of Paul's writings and ideas is critical to a faithful expression of Christianity today.

Come join the discussion and learn things you never thought of before.

Karen apologises as she is away on pilgrimage walking the Santiago De Compostela trail in northern Spain.

*Richard Smith*

# Formation for all

Towards a Culture of  
Discipleship Making

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**Saturday 8 June 2024**  
**9.30am – 1.00pm**  
**Leeming Uniting Church**  
**66 Farrington Road, Leeming**  
**and online**

One of the biggest challenges facing our churches is discipleship. How do we help our people become more like Jesus - more loving, more accepting, and more aligned with God's purposes in the world? Rev Rob Douglas will help us discover some unique tools for disciple-making from Luke 9 and 10. Expect practical insights tailored to your church's context, ready to be implemented.

To register go to - <https://tinyurl.com/Formation-for-all>

\$20 in person (refreshments included)

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