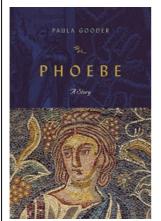
## NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 26 MAY 2024 - TRINITY SUNDAY

#### **Phoebe**

#### Phoebe



#### Romans 16: 1 - 2

"I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae, so that you may welcome her in the Lord, as is fitting for the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a benefactor of many and of myself as well.

As Paul finishes his longest letter, that we know of, he speaks of many people he knows and sends greetings but most important is the

first and her name is Phoebe. Phoebe is named a deacon of the church, and most interpreters agree that by listing her first she would have been the person entrusted to not only deliver Paul's letter to the churches in Rome but also to read it out and help the Roman followers of Jesus to understand it. But that's all we know, we have no more information about Phoebe, or how the letter was received.

Into this gap, Paula Gooder seeks to imagine the story of Phoebe and her travels to Rome with this most important letter. Written more like a novel, Gooder brings to life the tension between the diverse followers of Jesus in Rome, the challenges they face in Rome, and their devoted ordinary lives. We journey alongside her own personal struggles and gain glimpses into the lives of Paul and Peter. While clearly a work of fiction, it seeks to honour the history that we know and remain true to context of the time.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book and recommend it to you.

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 26 MAY		SUNDAY 2 June			
Trinity Sunday		After Pentecost 2			
9:30am Family Service		9:30am Communion Service			
Rev Cyrus Kung		Rev Reuben Edmonds &			
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Isaiah 6:1-8	P.674	Ĭ			
* Psalm 29	P.552	1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20) P267 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 P.622			
Romans 8:12-17	P.195	2 Corinthians 4:5-12   P.225			
* John 3:1-17	P.119	Mark 2:23-3:6 P.48			
* Included in Service					
Hymns Sunday 26 May					
TiS 422	Come Holy Spirit Come				
TiS 693	Come As You Are				
TiS 414	There's A Spirit				
TiS 650	Brother Sister Let Me Serve You				
TiS 779	May the Feet of	Tay the Feet of God			
	SUNDAY 26	MAY SUNDAY 2 JUNE			
Welcomer	Carol Brearley		Lee-Anne Burnett		
Door Steward	Lee-Anne Burne	Lee-Anne Burnett		Beth McKechnie	
Church Council	Anne van Drune	e van Drunen			
Bible Reader	Margaret Oliver		Marg Smithson		
Flowers	Rachel Brayshaw				
Morning Tea	Michiko & Barry Stuart Marg Smithson		Marg Smithson		
Music	Rachel Brayshaw - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin		Glenn Coughlan - Organ Joseph Lunardi -Violin		
Multimedia	Richard Smith		James Millar		
Media Clicker	Christine Ryan		Marie Yuncken		

#### **OUR CHURCH LIFE**

#### **Prayers**

This week we pray for Presbytery Standing Committee and Presbytery Property Committee.

Our local prayers will be for Volunteers/Rosters

All Saints Floreat UC Events This Week				
Wednesday, 29 May	Open House Playgroup	9:30am - Page & Buttfield Rooms		
Thursday, 30 May	KYB	9:45am - Creche		
Thursday, 30 May	Mission Plan Task Group Meeting	2:30pm - Page Room		



#### 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

Please contact Debbie Thornton for more details

#### 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



#### Notice of General Meeting of The Council of Churches of Western Australia Inc

Thursday, 13 June 2024

Noranda Uniting Church, 79 Camboon Road, Noranda, WA 6062

Special Guest Speaker - Rev. Dr. Stephen Robinson (CF)

National Disaster Recovery Officer of the Uniting Church in Australia, Coordinator of the NSW and ACT Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy Networks

#### Presenting on:

Preparing for, and responding to, violent attacks on houses of Worship

Registration at 6:00pm with meeting starting at 6:15pm At the conclusion of the meeting, please join us for light refreshments

#### RSVP by Monday 10 June 2024

Simone Micke, General Secretary Email: gensec@churcheswa.org.au

The Council of Churches of Western Australia Inc 4A Centro Avenue, Subiaco, WA 6008

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TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

# All Saints SingAlong



Our Monthly Sing-Along is the perfect blend of fun and harmony.

Come and sing your favourite tunes at the

Next Meeting Thursday, 20 June 2024

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

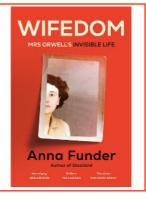
No auditions. No need to read music. Afternoon Tea Provided - Gold Coin Donation

> All Saints Uniting Church 48-50 Berkeley Crescent, Floreat

#### Ladies Book Club

Will meet at Rhondda's home on Monday, 10 June at 7:45pm

The book for June is Wifedom by Anna Funder



Living the Questions
Session 7 – end of Series 1

Out into the World: Challenges Facing Progressive Christians

Mon May 27th 9.30am Coffee and chat, Study 10 – 11.30am. Leader Richard Smith



**FOCUS:** There is a reformation afoot in Christianity – a re-visioning of the traditional understandings of Jesus, the virgin birth, substitutionary atonement, and the Christian life as a whole. Long held ideas of divinity and of faith are changing and evolving to reflect 21st century thought and spirituality. Inspired by these fresh insights, progressive Christians can claim a distinctive voice by being in solidarity with the poor, countering the idolatry of wealth, practicing nonviolence, and by seeking justice and inclusivity in a culture dominated by fear.

#### A Progressive World

"Stagnation in thought or enterprise means death for Christianity as certainly, as it does for any other vital movement. Stagnation, not change, is Christianity's most deadly enemy, for this is a progressive world."

– Harry Emerson Fosdick (1922)

For medieval Europeans, it was understood that famines and plagues were sent by God as punishment for sin. Wars were divine earthly retribution. Feudalism, absolute monarchy, and slavery were ordained by God. In the not-too-distant past those seeking medical help submitted themselves to physicians who slit the skin to "bleed" patients and let the bad "humours" escape. The Bible was cited in turning women away from the polls and relegating African Americans to church balconies.

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The invention of the lightning rod was vehemently denounced by clergy as unwarranted interference with God's use of lightning.

How the world has changed! Today, we take for granted mobile phones, ease of travel, education for our children, and miracles of medicine. Daily work and life are inconceivable without our computers, cars, comfortable homes, and instant communication. We've long-since left the idea of a flat earth and a three-tiered cosmos behind – and we wouldn't dream of going back a thousand years. And yet many Christians today make it proof of their faith and a litmus test of their relationship with God that they embrace thousand-year-old religious ideas – and are proud of it.

Come join the discussion and maybe learn something new.

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



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.

#### **OUR CHURCH LIFE**





COME & JOIN US FOR A DOUBLE

## AUNCH MORNING TEA

by Uniting Church Minister/Author



Released Title:

"Do they make coffins that small?" Ministry in an age of uncertainty

....together with Uniting Church Minister/Author



### Robert Hoskin

Official "Clive the Kimberley Launch: Cockatoo"

> with all proceeds from Robert's book going to the Mowanjum Relief Fund



Saturday, 1st June, 9.30am Church Hall Floreat Uniting Church

