## NEWS & NOTES

#### SUNDAY 23 JUNE 2024 - AFTER PENTECOST 6

#### Accessible to All

A core principle of many churches is the desire to ensure that worship is accessible to all. This means people can physically make it to worship, and at our congregation if they can't, they have an online option. It also means ensuring our liturgy is accessible through PowerPoints, large font booklets, hearing Aid loops and much more. However, accessibility to worship does not stop at being able to sit and listen or read, it also extends to participation.



Currently at All Saints, I lead most of the worship, with a church councillor who takes the announcements and a variety of people bringing us news for our local prayers and retiring offerings. However, one important part that members of the

congregation are invited to do is read the Bible.

As protestants, the reading of Scripture during a service is essential and important. The reformation led to scripture being translated into many languages making it more accessible than ever. Now, during worship, every member of our congregation is encouraged to consider participating in this ministry during our worship services.

However, the stairs leading to our lectern make it impossible for some members of our congregation to participate in this ministry. Therefore, the Elders and Worship Committee have affirmed that members of the congregation may read the Bible readings from their seat using a microphone. We ask that anyone who wishes to do this sit in the front row of the old choir pews so that they can be picked up on the livestream camera.

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

SUNDAY 30 June After Pentecost 6 9:30am Family Service Rev Reuben Edmonds  2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 * Mark 5:21-43 * Included in Service		2 S	SUNDAY 7 July After Pentecost 7 am Communion Seev Reuben Edmon Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48 orinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:14-29		
Hymns Sunday 30 June					
SiS 11	The God of History (Tune TiS 152)				
TiS 692	Sometimes a Healing Word				
TiS 638	O Christ, the Healer (Tune TiS 594)				
TiS 665	Jesus Christ is Waiting				
TiS 779	May the Feet of God Walk With You				
	SUNDAY 30 JUNE		Sunday 7 July		
Welcomer	Ross Gobby		Carol Brearley		
Door Steward	Lee-Anne Burnett			Beth McKechnie	
Church Council	Els Mengler			Lee-Anne Burnett	
Bible Reader	Margaret Smithson			Lillian Hadley	
Flowers	Keith Bakker				
Morning Tea	Beth & John McKechnie				
Music	Rachel Brayshaw - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin			Glenn Coughlan - Organ Joseph Lunardi - Violin	
Multimedia	Deborah Marshall			Rhondda Tilbrook	
Media Clicker	Christine Ryan			Christine Ryan	

#### **Prayers**

From The WA Synod: Uniting Church Archives and the Uniting Church

Centre Northern Synod

Our local prayers will be for: The Creative Living Centre

All Saints Floreat UC Events This Week				
Monday, 1 July	Lectionary Bible Study	2:00pm - Page Room		
Wednesday, 3 July	Care Group Meeting	1:45pm - Vestry		
Thursday, 4 July	Worship Committee	2:00pm - Vestry		
Saturday, 6 July	Let's Talk About Mission	9:00am to 12:00 noon Church Hall		

#### Rev Reuben Away

Rev Reuben will be attending the Uniting Church Assembly Meeting in Sydney and will be away from Monday 8 July to Sunday 28 July inclusive. There will be no Lectionary Bible Study during this time.

### Offerings may be made to the church via bank transfer to:

Account Name: Uniting Church in Australia - Parish of Floreat

BSB: 036 063. Account Number: 122093

#### 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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#### Let's Talk About Mission Saturday, 6 July 2024 - 9:00am to 12 noon Will You Be Attending?

If you are planning to attend and could bring a contribution for morning tea, please let Beth McKechnie know what you will bring by calling her on 0421 545 583 or seeing her at Church on Sunday. Thank you.

#### Do You Have Any Old Magazines??

If you have old magazines of any type you no longer need, please bring them to church and leave in the office so they can be used at the workshop.

Thank you.

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I look forward to hearing Lillian Hadley bring our readings on July 7th.

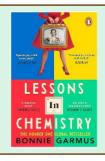
I know this may not be ideal as you may not be able to see our reader in worship as well. However the Elders and I believe that enabling more people to participate in the important ministry is well worth the discomfort of not being able to see the reader.

Rev Reuben

#### Ladies Bookclub

The book for July is "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus

We will meet on Monday 8 July



### Let's Talk About Mission

# Saturday 6 July 9:00am to 12:00pm All Saints Floreat UC Morning Tea Included.

Rev Rob Douglas, Presbytery Minister for Mission, will lead us through an opportunity to imagine what our church looks like at its best, explore the five marks of mission, and then lead us in an opportunity to review our current mission. This will be an important foundation for any imagination we have about future mission.

It is important that our new mission plan reflects the whole congregation, so we need you!

Please make every effort you can to come to the workshop and lets journey together as we discern what God is calling our congregation to do.

We need

#### Church Parking

Church Council has discussed the parking arrangements for church services. There are several people who find walking difficult, or use mobility walkers and wheelchairs so it is important that they are able to park close to the church entrances.

There are two possible accessible entrances.

- The ramp at the Berkeley Crescent front door. We ask that people who can
  walk well do not park in the roadway in front of the church. There is
  adequate parking in Kirkdale Ave and in Berkeley Crescent across the
  other side of the intersection.
- 2. The other level access to the church is from the grassed area at the back of the Page and Buttfield rooms with entry through the back door of the foyer. In future the gates to the grassed area will be left open on Sundays and the back door unlocked. There are no steps at this entrance and car parking is easy in this area.

Please see the plan on the next page indicating parking areas for our church and speak with Marie or Michael if you have any questions.

Thank you all for your consideration and help with ensuring our church is accessible and inclusive of everyone.

Marie Yuncken



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

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Suggested use of parking places around All Saints Floreat Uniting Church, 50 Berkeley Cres. Floreat

## **Berkeley Crescent**

- In front of the Church for those with wheel chairs, walkers and mobility limitations
- Other street parking for everyone.

# **Behind All Saints Floreat Uniting Church**

Also for those with wheel chairs, walkers and mobility limitations

- Outside the Hall
- On the Grass behind Page & Buttfield Rooms

## **Kirkdale Street**

Both sides of the street for everyone

# Your Retiring Offering on Sunday 30 June will go to CARAD





CARAD is an independent, community-based organisation providing essential welfare and advocacy support to asylum seekers, refugees and detainees in Western Australia.

Since opening its doors in 2000, CARAD has provided support to over 5000 asylum seekers, refugees and detainees through our Client Services and Volunteer Programs.

#### New Roster Coordinators

For several months, the Elders have been discussing the rosters and how some areas are becoming more difficult to fill. It is clear that the current method of having people take it upon themselves to volunteer on the roster on the hall door is just not working effectively.

In reviewing the rosters that are consistently filled, it is clear that one of the most successful strategies is for one volunteer to coordinate a roster and for them to create a roster for a pool of volunteers. This works well for our musicians and media volunteers. Therefore, we have decided to roll it out for all our key Sunday volunteer roles.

We have appointed co-ordinators for each role. Their job will be to create a pool of volunteers for the role and then roster those volunteers onto the Sundays across a period of months. If volunteers find themselves doing multiple duties on a single Sunday, then they are invited to organise a swap themselves. The rosters will continue to be advertised on the hall door (to allow ease of swaps) and in the News and Notes.

The co-ordinators for each role are:

Welcomer – Lee-Anne Burnett Music – Christine Ryan

Door Stewards - Els Mengler Media – Richard Smith

Morning Tea – Heather Booth Clicker – Deborah Marshall

Flowers – Marie Yuncken Bible – Rev Reuben and Marika Leonard

If you have volunteered for a role in the past you will automatically be added to the pool. If you would like to join a pool for a role please speak to a co-ordinator or Marika in the office and we will be happy to add you.

For the next 8 weeks we will include an article in news and notes about each of the roles. Perhaps you may discover a ministry for which you would like to volunteer.

Rev Reuben

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#### Calling all Stitchers!!



Or to be more specific, any Foundation Piecers out there, or Patchwork technicians who would like to master a new and easy skill.

I am looking for a team to assist with a project to decorate our sanctuary and celebrate the Season of Creation this

September. 12inch blocks are all that is required and Foundation Piecing is easy to learn. Come and see me for details. *Christine Ryan* 

#### Do You Have Any Spare Jigsaws?

Rev Reuben and his mum, Dawn, are competing in the WA State Jigsaw Puzzle Competition on 10 August 2024.

If you have any 500 piece jigsaws (especially Ravensberger) that we could borrow for practice, please bring them to the Church.

Thank you

Rev Reuben



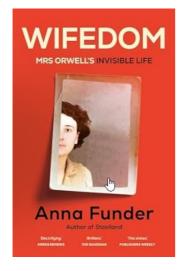
#### New Social Media Pages



All Saints Floreat Uniting Church launched on Facebook and Instagram on Wednesday, 19 June. We hope this will be a new opportunity to reach out to our wider community. If you use Facebook or Instagram, please look for us and like/follow.

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## Book Review Wifedom by Anna Funder



The untold story of Eileen O'Shaughnessy, the wife of George Orwell, is the basis of this novel. We learn that Eileen was a brilliant writer whose achievements were erased by history, criticism and biography and that she did make a major contribution to the work which Orwell produced. Eileen assisted with editing George's early work as well as keeping house in the dilapidated house they had in rural England. In his book Homage to Catalonia Orwell describes his personal experiences and observations while fighting in

the Spanish Civil War. He makes little mention of the fact that Eileen was also in Spain and that she was typing the work he sent her from the front. She worked at the Communist Party's headquarters and provided him with information which he used in his memoir. He refers to "my wife" a few times but never by her name.

In parallel with descriptions of Eileen and George's life Anna Funder contemplates the pressures of motherhood and draws parallels between her own time and Eileen's. She contends that "the whole world was set up to allow men to treat women badly and still think themselves as decent people".

The book has been described as part biography, part memoir, part feminist treatise and part counterfiction. It is worth reading to learn more about both Eileen and George.

Rhondda Tilbrook

#### **OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY**

