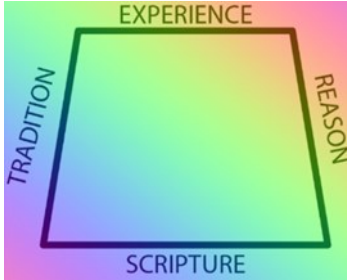




NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 21 JULY 2024 - AFTER PENTECOST 9

Wesleyan Quadrilateral: Experience



At Pentecost I talked about the Wesley quadrilateral as a way of describing the four sources of theology or faith.

According to a review of Wesley's work by Albert Outler, the sources are scripture, tradition, reason, and experience. Over this month I want to

spend a little more time on each.

While Wesley believed, first of all, that the living core of the Christian faith was revealed in "scripture" as the sole foundational source, he also believed that faith is more than merely an acknowledgment of ideas. Thus, as a practical theologian, he contended that part of the theological method would involve "experiential" faith.

Experience is most prominently a source of theology or faith in the Pentecostal denominations. In these churches, individuals' experiences of the Holy Spirit through speaking in tongues and or visions are highlighted as important signs of a person's faith. So much so that some Pentecostal churches see the experience of tongues as a second baptism in the Holy Spirit and necessary for church membership.

However, if experience is lifted as necessary and above all else then it can lead to churches becoming cults around the experiences of one charismatic individual, for example the Peoples Temple cult led by Jim Jones. While people's experience of God is important, it is important that it is held alongside that of the Bible and church tradition.

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SUNDAY 21 July After Pentecost 9 9:30am Family Service Rev Brian Carey	Sunday 28 July After Pentecost 10 9:30am Family Service Rev Dr Geoff Hadley
2 Samuel 7:1-14 P.305 Psalm 89:20-37 P.592 * Ephesians 2:11-22 P.240 * Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 P.53 * Included in Service	2 Samuel 11:1-15 P.308 Psalm 14 P.543 Ephesians 3:14-21 P.242 John 6:1-21 P.123

HYMNS SUNDAY 21 JULY

TiS 163	God, who Stretched the Spangled Heavens
TiS 411	Filled With the Spirit's Power
TiS 235	A Man there Lived in Galilee
TiS 563	Let Him to Whom We Now Belong
TiS 666	We are Marching in the Light of God

	SUNDAY 21 JULY	SUNDAY 28 JULY
Welcomer	Lee-Anne Burnett	Dorothy Carey
Door Steward	Margaret Smithson	Nelly Bakker
Church Council	Debbie Thornton	Anne van Drunen
Bible Reader	Margaret Smithson	Jean Read
Flowers	Rachel Brayshaw	Rachel Brayshaw
Morning Tea	Beth & John McKechnie	Margaret Smithson
Music	Glenn Coughlan - Organ Joseph Lunardi - Violin	Rachel Brayshaw - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin
Multimedia	Rhonda Tilbrook	Deborah Marshall
Media Clicker	Deborah Marshall	Christine Ryan

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Prayers

From The WA Synod: Eastern Wheatbelt Group (Merredin and Southern Cross Uniting Churches) Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu

Our local prayers will be for: Progressive Christian Network.

Wesleyan Quadrilateral: Experience cont.....

In the Basis of Union, the UCA acknowledges the experience of God has “endowed the members of Christ's Church with a diversity of gifts, and that there is no gift without its corresponding service.” We are a people who experience God’s call to be a pilgrim people, we experience God’s call to be always uniting.

What role does experience take part in your faith and beliefs?

Rev Reuben

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

***Sale for Papuan Projects
The Undercroft
50 Berkeley Crescent Floreat,
Saturday 27th July from 9am to 1pm***



A Sale of excellent clothing for everybody. Shoes, swimwear, flippers, kickboards, goggles, and some toys all at bargain prices.

There are portable cots, a tent and a birdcage. Also, two single beds with good innerspring mattresses and sets of linen. Come and browse,

All proceeds go to a worthy cause: The

Black Pearl Network (BPN) a small NFP Charity with a big program for ambitious outcomes for the people of the Papuan provinces of Indonesia.

Activities such as the provision of training in construction of clean water collection systems, support of centres teaching English to open doors to overseas scholarships, employment, positions of influence in local and regional government and branching out to develop vocational training in tourism and hospitality.

Please come and support our venture with our near neighbours.

The BPN is an agency of the All Saints Floreat Uniting Church, in partnership with the GKI TP Church of Papua.

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Roster: Flowers

With the introduction of the new coordinators and pools for each roster, we want to highlight each role and their duties so you can consider whether you might like to participate in this ministry of the church. This week, we look at the flowers roster.



The flower person's primary responsibility is to make sure that the two pedestals in the Sanctuary of the Church have vases of flowers to beautify the Sunday service. In the flower preparation room there are vases, oasis, and Marika has a small budget towards the cost of flowers needed. However, many people find flowers and greenery in their gardens which are suitable for the occasion.

There are a few special days in the liturgical calendar which call for a particular colour in the arrangements, for example white for Easter Day, and there is a calendar of these days on the wall in the Flower room. It is wonderful to share our creativeness through the flowers in the church and it is so appreciated by the congregation.

Most of the arrangements will last for two weeks (if they are kept watered!) so the names are rostered for every 2 weeks. If the flowers don't last that long, it is possible to use the pot plants or vases of artificial flowers which can be used to fill the gap.

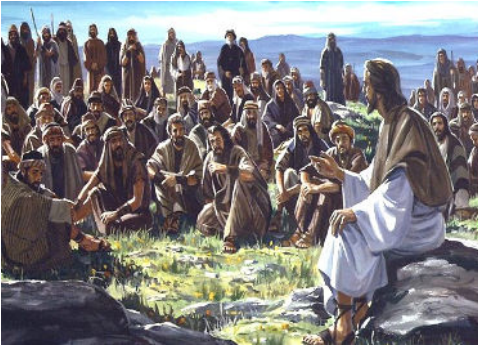
If you would like to be part of this beautiful ministry in our services, please contact the flowers coordinator, Marie Yuncken, or Marika in the office.

Thank you.

Our Readings This Week

Our readings from scripture today bring some real challenges as to how we both understand and live the faith. The lectionary set for today includes a section of the 6th Chapter of the Gospel of Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 but I have added the extra verses from 35-52 to the lesson.

A lot happens in the sixth chapter of the Gospel of Mark. Jesus is rejected in his hometown. He sends the twelve on mission. John the Baptist is killed. Jesus feeds the five thousand and walks on water. These are all major events in Mark's narrative, so much so that the passages appointed for today pale in comparison. Sure, Jesus heals many people in the end, but otherwise these pericopes seem to have missed the dramatic boat.



But in fact, the passages that make up the Gospel reading for today serve in important ways to advance Mark's central concern: the inauguration of the kingdom of God in Jesus. These verses emphasize Jesus' identity as the true, divine shepherd, who will

guide his sheep into the kingdom; and the nature of that kingdom, through healings that disrupt the economy of this world.

Gospel of Mark gives us stories woven together enabling insights to our own stories. Ephesians a letter written to confirm the need for unity under the Lordship of Christ through Baptism.

Ephesians 2 calls its hearers to remember their own story, but to remember it in a particular way: not necessarily the way that they experienced it at the time, but from the perspective of their present experience of God's welcoming grace.

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For the early church, the question of how such Gentiles could be welcomed as part of God’s people was a wrenching debate, as is seen most clearly in Acts and Galatians.

Jews and Gentiles were separated by a painful and often violent history, by divergent cultures and convictions, by mutual hostility and suspicion.

Ephesians declares peace on new terms, the peace forged not by the “lords” of Empire in its manifold forms, but in the blood and bone of the Crucified. The cross undermined the wall dividing Jew and non-Jew, but that is only the beginning.

The new household of God is not a purely spiritual reality that we visit briefly on Sundays — a weekly “time out” in which we pretend peace is possible by sitting next to people we scrupulously avoid the rest of the time. The church is the daring practice of a new politics — a different kind of power, the self-outpoured, boundary-crossing power of Christ’s cross. We trust this power, letting it undermine every wall, until we are “built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God” (verse 22).

Unity and the vision given through Christ by the writer of Ephesians:

“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone”.

Rev Brian Carey

CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION

Vale Don Booth

Don Booth, a member of our congregation, passed away peacefully on Monday, 15 July 2024.

We send our sympathy and prayers to Heather and all of the Booth family.



PERTH INNER CITY YOUTH SERVICES

Friday 26 July 2024

Food Pick-Up City Beach

Carol Brearley, Tel: 0419 904 137

Lynne Jackson, Tel: 9446 5319



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 warm welcome to visitors worshipping with us today. We invite you to join us in the Hall after the service for Morning Tea and a time of fellowship.

Rev Dr Paul Dongwon Goh elected President-elect



The 17th Assembly has joyfully elected Rev Dr Paul Dongwon Goh as the next President-elect of the Uniting Church in Australia. He will be the first Korean to serve as President.

First Generation Korean Rev Dr Paul Dongwon Goh is the next President-elect of the Uniting Church in

Australia and will serve as President from 2027-2030.

To read Rev Goh's acceptance speech and more news from the Assembly go to: [President-elect announced – Uniting Church Australia](#)

The Assembly wrapped up on Tuesday, 17 July after six days.

During the six days, the Assembly also installed the new President, Rev Charissa Suli and appointed Mr Andrew Johnson as the new Assembly General Secretary.

Decisions were made, resolutions and proposals passed.

For all the news from the 17th Assembly go to:

[17th Assembly news – Uniting Church Australia](#)

and for social media highlights, go to:

[Uniting Church in Australia | Facebook](#)

Living the Questions Study

Session 9

Monday 22nd July at
All Saints Floreat Uniting
Church.



So, we can meet in the round,
we are moving to the Undercroft with
Coffee and Chat at 9.30am and Study from 10 to 11.30am.

Session 9. The Prophetic Jesus

FOCUS: Jesus was a troublemaker. He said and did things that were upsetting to agents of the political and religious domination systems that oppressed the weak and downtrodden. In this way, Jesus stood firmly in the tradition of the prophets of Hebrew Scripture – those who offered a clear and challenging “alternative script” to the status quo.

Organised by the Progressive Christianity Network of WA Committee:

Karen Sloan, 0421 314 008;

Marie Yuncken, 0410 061 279;

Richard Smith 0447 232 945;

Geoff Schupp, 0409 985 538;

Elizabeth Burns, 0418 935 488 (Albany)

Richard Smith

Black Pearl Network Quiz night Saturday 17th August 2024



The International Partnerships and Development Commission are supporting our work in West Papua

Gather a table of eight or purchase individual tickets.

Bring your own nibbles. Tea and coffee available for gold coin donation.

BYO if you want something stronger.

For tickets go to the link:

[The First Ever IPDC Uniting Church WA Quiz Night | Humanitix](#)

A promotional graphic for a quiz night. At the top center, the words "QUIZ NIGHT" are written in a bold, white, sans-serif font on a blue, rounded rectangular background. Below this, the text reads: "Be a part of the very first IPDC WA Uniting Church Quiz Night! Get one or more tables of 8 together from your congregation and compete to take the trophy back to your church to be proudly displayed for the coming year! Compete for prizes, have some fun, and show off your smarts!". Below the text, it says "Fun Games - BYO food and drinks - Tea, coffee available". The graphic is decorated with four icons: two lightbulbs with gears inside (one yellow, one blue) and two starburst shapes (one blue with a white cross, one yellow with a black pearl). At the bottom, there are two website URLs: "www.facebook.com/blackpearlnetworkwa/" on the left and "www.blackpearlnetwork.org" on the right, with a yellow button in the center that says "Get your ticket now!".

Preserves for Sale

A beautiful array of jams, marmalade and honey are for sale on top of the cupboard in the foyer.

Prices as marked. Please place cash payment in the slot on the top right of the cupboard. Thank you.

All Saints Sing- Along



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

Come and sing your favourite tunes on the
third Thursday of every month during 2024.
2:00pm to 4:00pm

15 August	21 November
19 September	19 December
17 October	

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
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