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# NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 11 AUGUST 2024 - AFTER PENTECOST 12

## *30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Covenant*

This year the Uniting Church marked two significant anniversaries in our church's journey seeking justice and healing as First and Second Peoples in this land. The 10<sup>th</sup> of July marked the 30th anniversary of the Covenant between the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) and the Uniting Church in Australia, while mid-



July marked the 15th Anniversary of the revised Preamble to the Uniting Church Constitution.

In 1994 the Uniting Church in Australia formally entered into a Covenant with the Uniting Aboriginal and

Islander Christian Congress so that together we could contribute to a more just church and nation. On behalf of the Second Peoples of the UCA, the Uniting Church's 7th President Dr Jill Tabart read a statement acknowledging past wrongs and making a new commitment to the relationship. On behalf of First Peoples of UAICC, Congress Chairperson Pastor Bill Hollingsworth responded acknowledging past pain and looking to future with hope. You can read the Covenanting Statement here: <https://ucaassembly.recollect.net.au/nodes/view/310>

In 2009 the Assembly of the UCA passed a resolution to revise the Preamble to the Constitution, acknowledging: Aboriginal and Islander peoples as the First Peoples of Australia; the tragic colonial history of injustice, violence and dispossession of First Peoples and the Church's

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## OUR CHURCH LIFE

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Sunday 11 August After Pentecost 12 9:30am Family Service Rev Mervyn Anderson Rev Reuben Edmonds		SUNDAY 18 August After Pentecost 13 9:30am Family Service Rev Reuben Edmonds	
2 Samuel 18:5-19, 15, 31-33 * Psalm 130 Ephesians 4:24-5:2 * John 6:35, 41-51 * Included in Service	P.317 P.619 P.243 P.124	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Psalm 111 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58	P.331 P.608 P.244 P.125
<b>HYMNS SUNDAY 11 AUGUST</b>			
SoG 821	All Are Welcome		
TiS 411	Filled With the Spirit's Power		
TiS 654	When Love is Found		
SoG 787	Christ Be Our Light		
Overhead	For You Deep Stillness		
	<b>SUNDAY 11 AUGUST</b>	<b>SUNDAY 18 AUGUST</b>	
Welcomer	Ross Gobby	Michiko Stuart	
Door Steward	Michiko Stuart	Jill Heaney	
Church Council	Debbie Thornton	Els Mengler	
Bible Reader	Philip Smith	Keith Bakker	
Flowers	Linda Harris	Linda Harris	
Morning Tea	Margaret Oliver Marie Yuncken	Cathy Smith Margaret Wolfe	
Music	Geoff Hadley - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin	Anne van Drunen - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin	
Multimedia	Michael van Drunen	Deborah Marshall	
Media Clicker	Lillian Hadley	Marie Yuncken	

## OUR CHURCH LIFE

### *Prayers*

**From The WA Synod:** South Perth and Star Street Uniting Churches  
The United Church in Papua New Guinea.

**Our local prayers will be for:** Black Pearl Network and West Papua

### All Saints Floreat UC Events This Week

Lectionary Bible Study	Monday, 12 August	2:00pm Page Room
Ladies Book Club	Tuesday, 13 August	Jean Read Home
Open House Playgroup	Wednesday, 14 August	9:30-11:30am Page & Buttfield Rooms
Sing Along	Thursday, 15 August	2:00pm - Church Hall
Black Pearl Network Quiz Night	Saturday 17 August	6:30-9:30pm All Saints Floreat Church Hall

### *30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Covenant cont....*

complicity in this history; the First Peoples had already encountered the Creator God before the arrival of the colonisers; the Spirit was already in the land revealing God to the people through law, custom and ceremony. You can read the Revised Preamble here: <https://ucaassembly.recollect.net.au/nodes/view/137>

In marking these anniversaries, we celebrate the progress we have made and lament the action we have not taken together. As a congregation we are called to continue to find ways we can live out the UCA's covenant with congress and local first nations people.

How can All Saints Floreat continue to build relationships with first nations people in Mowanjum, Floreat, and in the UAICC?

*Rev Reuben*

## OUR CHURCH LIFE

### *Roster: Musicians*



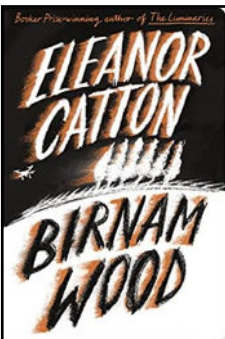
Singing is a wonderful part of our worship and to help us we rely on wonderful musicians to accompany us. Our musicians are given the list of hymns by the Minister (usually the Monday before the service), they rehearse them during the week and then beautifully lead us on Sunday. We are grateful for those who currently play the organ, piano, or violin but we are also happy

to include others.

Do you have a musical gift you would like to share? Feeling nervous about trying? We can pair you up with one of our experienced musicians. All are welcome to speak to Christine about how you can contribute your musical gifts to our worship services.

If you would like to be part of this important ministry in our worship services, please contact the Musician coordinator, Christine Ryan, or Marika in the office.

Thank you.



### *Ladies Bookclub*

The August meeting will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 2.30 pm at Jean Read's home.

The book to be discussed is Birnam Wood  
by Eleanor Catton

## CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION

**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

### ***Black Pearl Network Quiz night Saturday 17th August 2024***

***All Saints Floreat UC, 6:30pm to 9:30pm***



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.**

**Lee-Anne will be selling tickets at Morning Tea after the  
Service on Sunday, so bring your card to pay.**

**Quiz Master for the evening will be our very own Deborah  
Marshall so it's going to be a fun night!!!!!!**

For more information, go to:

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

## *Friendship Group News*

Our Friendship Group met for a 'Christmas in July' morning tea in community room at the Leaweena Lodge on July 27th. We were sorry that several of our group were unable to join us because of medical problems. We played a few games followed by a Christmas morning tea. We shared stories about particular memories we have about a Christmas past. Perhaps the most fascinating memory was shared by Rolf who told us of his visit to the place the Wise Men came from. It is a story we would like him to share more widely when we celebrate Epiphany next Christmas.



*Around the table we have Rolf Prager, Lillian Hadley, Maureen Wilson, Helen Bloomfield, Margaret Smithson and Laode Haisu.*

*Photo taken by Geoff Hadley.*

*Lillian Hadley*

Friendship group participants each belong to a small group (8-11) which meets informally about once every six weeks. This provides opportunities to get to know people in a relaxed and informal setting. The mix of people in a group is changed each year so that over the years the sense of belonging increases as we get to know more people.

**If you would like to join a Friendship Group and participate in events like the ones featured here and others, please contact the office.**

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We held our Friendship lunch at the Sporting Globe recently.

It was a tad noisy but we still enjoyed the food, the camaraderie and many lively conversations. It was a special treat to have John and Barbara Boxshall and Clare and David Saggars joining us for the first time. The photo was kindly taken by the waitress to mark the occasion. Miraculously, it has everyone's face in it!!



*From Left to right we have Dot Lewis, Ruth White, Margaret Davies, John Boxshall, Barbara Boxshall, Carol Brearley, John Bearley, David Saggars, Clare Saggars and Julie Walters.*

*Dot Lewis*

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

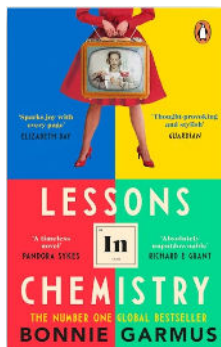
If so, we would be very interested in considering it for publication in future editions of the News & Notes.

Please submit your item to Marika Leonard, Office Administrator at [office@allsaintsfloreat.com.au](mailto:office@allsaintsfloreat.com.au). Thank you



## *Ladies Book Club Book Review*

### LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY BY BONNIE GARMUS



We started our Book Club meeting by watching an Interview with the author on Youtube. She told us how she gave a presentation at a meeting at work. She was the only female present. Her boss made her very angry by claiming her ideas as his own! She was so angry that she started writing this book after the meeting!

Lessons in Chemistry is the first novel from Bonnie Garmus. She was 65 when the book was published after many rejections. It was on the bestseller list in America for a year!

The story is set in the early 1960s and is about Elizabeth Zott, a former research chemist, who has a successful television cooking program. She has a daughter, Madeleine, who attends Elementary School and is extremely intelligent. She has a dog called Six-Thirty. At that time, it was expected that women would get married, stop working and become housewives. That's what it was like for my mother.

As Elizabeth gives a cooking demonstration, she also explains the chemical reactions that are happening. At the end of her session, she always said: "Boys, set the table! Your mother needs a moment to herself!"

Elizabeth did not want to get married because it would mean that she would lose her own name and take on her husband's name. She was aware of the sexism in the workplace and if she was aware of a woman who dreamt of having a career, she would encourage her to do the study needed to achieve that dream!

Once I started reading "Lessons in Chemistry", I found that I couldn't put it down!

*Helen Bloomfield*



## CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION



**Our Retiring Offering this week will go to Maaman 'O' Miya Uniting Church, Coolbellup, WA**

### ***Electronic Keyboard Needed!!***



Boab Network has been contacted by a Boab volunteer ( Fiona ) who is based at Balgo Remote Community.

There is a small Protestant congregation meeting at the Community for a Sunday Service and they would love an electronic keyboard.

Does anyone have a preferably full electronic keyboard which they would be prepared to donate? A smaller keyboard may be acceptable. A small amplifier has been donated, but we need the keyboard.

Please contact Marie or Lee-Anne if you are able to help.

Thank you

### ***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

Thank you

## CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION

### Living the Questions

Session 12:

### Practicing Resurrection

Monday August 12th at

All Saints Floreat Uniting Church.

**We meet in the Undercroft with  
Coffee and Chat at 9.30am and  
Study from 10 to 11.30am.**



**FOCUS:** While much has been made of Jesus' literal and physical resurrection being the core historical event of Christianity, the Biblical texts themselves present conflicting evidence. For many today, the resuscitation of Jesus' body is less important than the idea of resurrection as a credible and meaningful principle for living.

Resurrections of Jesus

“...and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain.”

– Paul, 1 Corinthians 15:14

Even as Jesus' virgin birth and healing miracles are embraced as metaphor, the resurrection remains for many the one core, non-negotiable, and historical fact at the heart of Christianity. Yet the only way one can maintain an unquestioning literal interpretation of the events surrounding that first Easter is by steadfastly avoiding the reading of the Bible.

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

Elizabeth Burns, 0418 935 488 (Albany)

*Richard Smith*

**\*\*\*\* Save the Date \*\*\*\***  
***Call for Volunteers***



***Preparation for City to Surf  
BBQ - Saturday, 24 August***

***City to Surf BBQ  
Sunday, 25 August***



We are calling for volunteers to help on Saturday afternoon 24th from 1:00pm to help prepare kebabs, BBQ and donate slices and biscuits to serve on Sunday morning 25 August

Volunteers for Sunday 25 August from 7:30am to set up and serve tea and coffee , serve BBQ buns and sausages etc.

Last year we had our first customer at 8:10 am!!

We also need volunteers to give out the flyers , be down at the bus stop and chat to the people coming up to the church grounds.

Then to help pack away afterwards.

***There will be no service in the church on Sunday , 25 August 2024.***

***The Sunday service will be prerecorded and made available for viewing online***

# 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  
19 September  
17 October

21 November  
19 December

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

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