



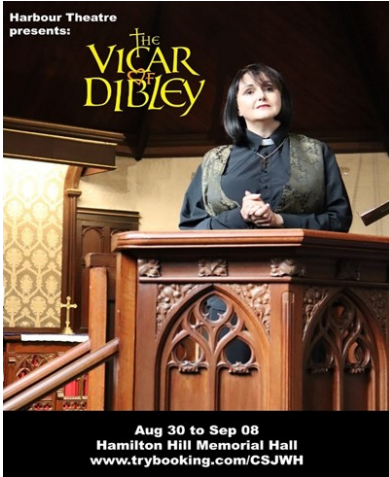
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# NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2024 - SEASON OF CREATION 2

## *“The Vicar of Dibley” Comedy or Blasphemy?*



Last week I went to see a stage production of the Vicar of Dibley by Harbour Theatre. I really enjoyed it as I remember watching the show as a child and laughing at the various characters and mishaps. Watching it again, it had new meaning now that I am a minister myself. Listening to the vicar complaining there was nothing to put in the newsletter just after Marika and I, mainly

Marika, also had to find content to fill the newsletter was hilarious in a new relatable way. However, there were definitely no similarities between the unique characters of the Dibley Parish Council and the All-Saints Church Council.

Some criticise shows like these for making fun of the church or Christianity, however, I admire it for the way it humorously depicts the church and the various human fallibilities of it. I think it can be dangerous when religions get so protective of their beliefs or rituals that no one is allowed to have a laugh at their expense. Rather I appreciate the ways that humour can ground us and enable us to appreciate all the more the ways we form community and the beliefs we share.

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## OUR CHURCH LIFE

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Sunday 8 September  
Season of Creation 2  
9:30am Family Service  
Rev Ken Devereux  
Rev Reuben Edmonds

Sunday 15 September  
Season of Creation 3  
9:30am Family Service  
Richard Smith

Theme: Humanity/  
Care of Creation  
\* Genesis 1:26-28  
Psalm 8  
\* Mark 10:41-45  
\* Included in Service

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Theme: Wisdom Found in  
Nature  
\* Job 28:1-27  
\* Mark 4: 26-32  
\* Included in Service

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### HYMNS SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

TiS 148	All Things Praise You (Tune TiS 134)
TiS 168	For the Fruits of All Creation
TiS 668	Touch the Earth Lightly
TiS 687	God Gives Us a Future
TiS 779	May the Feet

### SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

### SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

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Welcomer	Rhondda Tilbrook	Debbie Thornton
Door Steward	Bob Sumner	David Saggars
Church Council	Anne van Drunen	Marie Yuncken
Bible Reader	John McKechnie	Hellen Bloomfield
Flowers	Margaret Oliver	Margaret Oliver
Morning Tea	Carol Brearley Marie Yuncken	Carol Brearley Margaret Wolfe
Music	Geoff Hadley - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin	Christine Ryan - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin
Multimedia	James Millar	Michael van Drunen
Media Clicker	Christine Ryan	Els Mengler

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### *Prayers*

**From The WA Synod:** Synod Business Committee, Covenanting Commission and the Committee for Counselling, UnitingCare Forum

**Our local prayers will be for:** Kids Hope and Floreat Park Primary.

### All Saints Floreat UC Events This Week

Lectionary Bible Study	Monday, 9 September	2:00pm - Page Room
Open House Playgroup	Wednesday, 11 September	9:30-11:30am Page & Buttfield Rooms
Ladies KYB	Thursday, 12 September	9:45am - Creche
Worship Committee Meeting	Thursday, 12 September	12:00pm - Vestry
All Saints Mission Planning Meeting	Thursday, 12 September	2:30pm - Page Room

### *“The Vicar of Dibley” Comedy or Blasphemy? Cont...*

I also admire this show for the ways it depicts the church. For all the comedy and unique characters, there are moments where you get a glimpse of the life of a minister and their church. One episode shows the vicar journey alongside a parishioner as they die.

Another episode speaks to the real challenges of maintaining aging property and fundraising for the repair of a stained-glass window.

For me, the Vicar of Dibley will always be a favourite show. What is your favourite depiction of the church or ministry in film or TV?

*Rev Reuben*

***Summary of the  
Church Council meeting held on  
Tuesday, 27 August 2024.***

- ◆ Approval was given to the opening of an operating Bank Account with The Uniting Investment Fund.
- ◆ The Disability Inclusion Plan – no meetings have taken place since the last Church Council meeting in June 2024. The task group is working towards a survey of the congregation.
- ◆ A report on the successful City to Surf BBQ was tabled. The annual Outback BBQ will be held in October 2024.
- ◆ An application to be made to Lottery West for funding to replace the lights in the Church Hall and renovate the toilets that are used by many community groups.
- ◆ Despite delays, progress is being made on getting Town of Cambridge approval for our new sign at the front of the church.
- ◆ The Mission Planning team have met and will continue to do so to formulate the Church's Mission Plan. Input from members of the congregation will be sought through a survey.
- ◆ The purchase of a new shade cloth for the sandpit was endorsed by the FAIG and approved by the Church Council.

***Michael van Drunen***

***Chair***

***Church Council***

## *Welcome Don and Sylvia Wright, Uniting World Ambassadors*



On Sunday we were delighted to welcome Don and Sylvia Wright, Uniting World Ambassadors, to our congregation. They ran an activity about generosity and gave a presentation about the work of Uniting World with our international partners. At All Saints we give to Uniting World's Lent Event every year and we have our own international outreach with the Black Pearl Network.

If you would like to learn more about Uniting World you can find their newsletter on the desk as you enter the foyer or you can visit their website:

<https://unitingworld.org.au/>.

More information has just arrived about their latest campaign to support the dignity and equality of women in the Pacific. You can also find more information on this campaign on the desk in the foyer.

**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

## *A Celebration of Creation*



It was wonderful to have children running around the church and enjoying our service on Sunday, 1 September. I had some wonderful feedback from families who attended. There will be much for the Worship Committee and the Elders to reflect on.

Thank you to the many people to helped ensure the service ran smoothly, from musicians to story tellers, media to morning tea. Special thanks to Sue, Lee-Anne, and Christine who put in several hours of work on Friday to create all the stations and the wonderful creation display in the sanctuary.

Further thanks to Christine for all the lovely creation piecework art that is now hanging on the wall. I look forward to further contributions from members of the congregation so watch this space.



*(Photos by Val Chew)*



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While our treasure hunt has been put away the wonderful display in the sanctuary will be up for all of September. *Rev Reuben*



## *Getting to Know You*

### *Debbie Thornton*



Debbie was born in Kalgoorlie, the eldest of three daughters, to Coral and Tony Lalich. She loved growing up in the country and only moved to Perth to attend University.

Debbie met her husband, Rik, while studying Pharmacy at the Western Australian Institute of Technology (WAIT – now Curtin University). She has enjoyed working in many areas of the profession including the last 11 years at PMH and Perth Children’s Hospital.

Debbie and Rik have lived in the wonderful suburb of Floreat for more than 30 years. They have four adult children: Alexandra, Drew, Scott and Lucas. Their most recent addition to the family is a very cute miniature poodle named Gus.

Debbie enjoys being outdoors in the garden tending to her growing collection of cacti and succulents. She finds growing these unusual plants very interesting and is occasionally rewarded with some spectacular, but short-lived, flowers! Other interests include cooking; reading; art; theatre; music and playing basketball. Both she and Rik keep active and enjoy cycling, although in different ways - Rik cycles for fun, while Debbie cycles to work to avoid catching the bus!

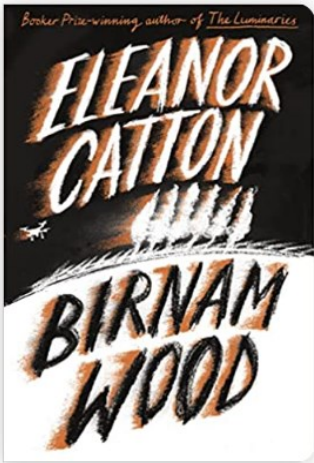
Rik and Debbie were married at St Aiden’s Church in Nedlands by a newly ordained Reverend Ian Tozer, who also baptised Alex and Drew.



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They approached All Saints to have their twins, Scott and Lucas, baptised as they lived close by and they have remained part of this congregation ever since. The children attended Sunday school (KUCA) and Debbie became one of the helpers and finally a teacher. She has recently become an Elder. Debbie enjoys being part of such a generous and active congregation and attends the service each week with her mother Coral.

### ***Book Review – Birnam Wood By Eleanor Catton***



A lively and somewhat divisive discussion was held at Book Club recently regarding the latest reading choice – “Birnam Wood” (But it’s okay, we’re still all friends!!)

Five years ago, Mira Bunting founded a guerrilla gardening group: Birnam Wood. This activist collective, plants crops wherever no one will notice - on the sides of roads, in forgotten parks, and neglected backyards. For years, the group has struggled to break even until the event of a natural disaster has created an opportunity, a sizable farm seemingly abandoned following a local landslide. Enter Robert Lemoine, an enigmatic American billionaire with a believable cover story to explain his own interest in the same property. But can he be trusted?

A gripping psychological thriller from the Booker Prize-winning author of *The Luminaries*, *Birnam Wood* is Shakespearean in its wit, drama, and immersion in characters who all appear to have their individual agendas. It will delight or perplex you, either way it’s deserving of a read!

*Christine Ryan*

**Your Retiring  
Offering on  
Sunday 8**



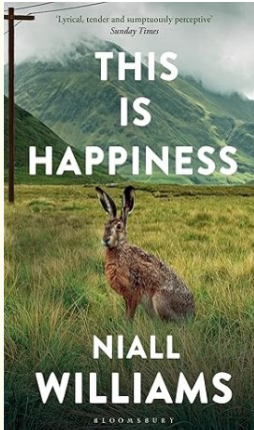
**ARRCC**

**September  
will go to ARRCC**



**ARRCC, Australian Religious Response to Climate Change, is a multi-faith, member-based organisation of people from around Australia who are committed to taking action on climate change. Our members represent a variety of religious traditions. We believe that as people dedicated to the common good, inspired by our beliefs and energized by our spirituality, people of all faiths can and should be at the forefront of creating a safe climate.**

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### *Ladies Book Club*

The Ladies Book Club will meet at Rhondda's home on Tuesday, 10 September at 2:30pm.

The book for September is "This is Happiness" by Niall Williams



Copies of the August edition of the **Revive** Magazine are available on the table in the foyer.

Please take a copy.

### 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.



**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

# 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.

## 2024

19 September

17 October

21 November

19 December (*including Christmas Songs and Carols*)

2:00pm to 4:00pm

## 2025

16 January

20 February

20 March

17 April

15 May

19 June

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

No auditions. No need to read music.

Afternoon Tea Provided -

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