

The Power of an Invitation



Last Sunday we had a lovely service exploring prayer, followed by a great BBQ. It was a wonderful atmosphere of

fellowship. One part of the success was the large crowd that came along. We had more than 90 people in the congregation last week despite some members being away or unwell. This was because of the members who responded to the call to invite their friends and family along.

In the past churches could rely on people who moved into an area seeking out their local church and turning up on a Sunday morning. But today, very few people are likely to seek out a faith community on their own, instead they are much more likely to respond to an invitation.

Last Sunday some visitors came because they were invited by friends. Some were invited by our church through our BBQ posters and our News and Notes. If we regularly invited people to our church services, we could get more than 90 people at every service. I also know that some members invited people who said they couldn't make it. It can be easy to be disheartened when our initial invitations are declined. However, I encourage you to persist, invite them another time or perhaps seek out different friends or acquaintances to invite.

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OUR CHURCH LIFE

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| Sunday 20 October After Pentecost 22 9:30am Family Service Rev Steve Francis | | | Sunday 27 October Carers Sunday 9:30am Family Service Rev Reuben Edmonds | | | |
| | | P.200 P.8 | | Job 42:1-6, 10-17 P.536 Psalm 34:1-8 (9-22) P.555 Hebrew 7:23-28 P.280 Mark 10:46-52 P.61 * Included in Service | | |
| HYMNS SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER | | | | | | |
| TiS 52 | Let Us Sing To The God of Salvation | | | | | |
| TiS 430 | Your Words To Me Are Life And Health | | | | | |
| TiS 468 | We Are Your People | | | | | |
| TiS 465 | Father in Heaven | | | | | |
| | SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER | | | SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER | | |
| Welcomer | Rhondda Tilbrook | | Michiko Stuart | | | |
| Door Steward | Margie & Bruce Dangerfield | | | Jill Heaney | | |
| Church Council | Anne van Drunen | | | Els Mengler | | |
| Bible Reader | Michael van Drunen | | | Lillian Hadley | | |
| Flowers | Rachel Brayshaw | | | Rachel Brayshaw | | |
| Morning Tea | Beth & John McKechnie | | | Heather Booth Oli Raynor Michiko Stuart | | |
| Music | Felicity Taylor - Piano Geoff Hadley - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin | | | Anne van Drunen - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin | | |
| Multimedia | James Millar | | | Rhondda Tilbrook | | |
| Media Clicker | Lillian Hadley | | | Michael van Drunen | | |

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Prayers

From The WA Synod: Glen Forrest and Guildford Wesley Uniting Churches Australasian Religious Press Association and all those who put together church newsletters .

Our local prayers will be for: Breakfast Club and Lake Monger Primary

| All Saints Floreat UC Events This Week | | | | | |
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| Lectionary Bible Study | Monday, 21 October | 2:00pm - Page Room | | | |
| Church Council Meeting | Tuesday, 22 October | 6:00pm - Page Room | | | |
| Open House Playgroup | Wednesday, 23 October | 9:30 - Page & Buttfield Rooms | | | |
| KYB (Know Your Bible) | Thursday, 24 October | 9:45am - Creche | | | |
| Carers Conversation and Afternoon Tea | Thursday, 24 October | 2:00pm - Church Hall | | | |

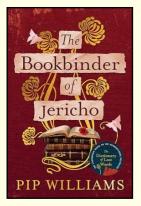
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It is clear that our church will not grow without us all putting in the effort to create a welcoming and affirming church family that we regularly invite others to join.

Rev Reuben

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

Book Review



The Bookbinder of Jericho is the bestselling follow-up to The Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams. We shared our thoughts on the book at our last Book Club meeting on 8 October hosted by Margaret Wolfe.

The main characters, Peggy and Maude, live on a houseboat in Jericho, an old suburb of Oxford. As Peggy noted: *"Summer mornings had no manners; they slipped beneath our curtains and roused a winged chorus, and I was awake long before I wanted to be.*

But Maude slept on, the trill and coo, the caw and quack no match for the depths of her slumber."

In 1914, when the war draws the young men of Britain away to fight, it is the women who must keep the nation running. Two of those women are Peggy and Maude, twin sisters who work in the bindery at Oxford University Press in Jericho. Peggy is intelligent, ambitious and dreams of studying at Oxford University, but for most of her life she has been told her job is to bind the books, not read them. Maude, meanwhile, wants nothing more than what she has. She is extraordinary but vulnerable. Peggy needs to watch over her.

When refugees arrive from the devastated cities of Belgium, it sends ripples through the community and through the sisters' lives. Peggy begins to see the possibility of another future where she can use her intellect and not just her hands, but as war and illness reshape her world, it is love, and the responsibility that comes with it, that threaten to hold her back.

The Bookbinder of Jericho is a story about knowledge – who makes it and who can access it, and what is lost when it is withheld. In this beautiful companion to The Dictionary of Lost Words, Pip Williams explores another little-known slice of history seen through women's eyes. *Margaret Wolfe*



Fun of the Fair 26 October 2024 at Luita St., Wembley Downs

Help Stock the Fund Raising Stall for the Chaplaincy Programme

Bring your children and grandchildren to join in the fun and support the Chaplain's YouthCare Council fund raising stall.

This Programme is an outreach to the students in an area where they encounter some of life's difficulties either at school or home. The Chaplains extend a helping hand or listening ear with wisdom influenced by a Christian background.

Help stock the stall with baked goods, jams or general stall items. Remember, any baked goods need to be wrapped and the ingredients displayed. Please leave them in the church office or at Jan's home by the morning of the 25 October 2024 or at the stall on the morning of 26 October 2024 Contact Jan White on 9385 9070 or leave a message. 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

PERTH INNER CITY YOUTH SERVICES

Friday 25 October 2024

Food Pick-Up Floreat

(A) Cathy Smith - 0412 317 390

(B) Vern Lloyd 9383 7284



Living the Questions –

The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity

Session 17 –

Incarnation: Divinely Human

Monday October 21st from 9.30am for Coffee then

Study 10:00am – 11:30am at the Undercroft,

All Saints Floreat UC, 50 Berkeley Cres. Floreat

FOCUS: The meaning of the incarnation has been debated since the beginning of Christianity.

Although often associated with Jesus alone, the notion of incarnation can be understood most fully when it also includes Jesus' followers, called, like Jesus, to enflesh the Spirit in divinely human ways.

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear?

"The day will come when the mystical generation of Jesus by the Supreme Being as his father, in the womb of a virgin, will be classed with the fable of the generation of Minerva in the brain of Jupiter."

Thomas Jefferson, 1823

Richard Smith

Carers Sunday - 27th October



Each year on Carers Sunday at All Saints Floreat Uniting Church we celebrate the wonderful ministry of our carers.

To thank our carers we are having a special morning tea after the service on the 27th. Members of our congregation who are not carers are invited to contribute to the morning tea as a way of saying thank you.



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Multi-Faith Living with Climate Change Forum SAVING THE SACRED EARTH

Come and meet people from diverse spiritual traditions as we share our common commitment to caring for a safer future for all people and all creation

Saturday 26 October 2024, 1.15pm-5.30pm Hillview Intercultural Community Centre, 1 Hill View Place Bentley WA

Everyone is welcome. Free. Register on <u>https://events.humanitix.com</u> Enquiries: <u>ARRCCWA1@msn.com</u>

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