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NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2024 - REIGN OF CHRIST

Equal Voices WA: Christians with Pride

In Perth we celebrate Pride in November. These celebrations began as protest marches in the early 90's against laws that actively discriminated against the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Intersex, Queer, and Asexual (LGBTIQA+) community and while progress has been made, the community continues to call for greater equality in the law. As society has changed the Pride march and other events have also become celebrations of the diversity and gifts of the LGBTIQA+ community.

Recently we had Fr. Chris Bedding come and speak about the work of Equal Voices WA and its purpose to be an ecumenical movement of Christians who affirm the LGBTIQA+ community as loved by God. On



Sunday the 17th of November we had a stall at Fair day, a large community event where many community groups and other organisations have stalls. I spent some time volunteering at the Equal Voices stall. We had a range of responses from those who stopped by. Some were surprised to see a collared priest on the stall. One person asked how they could talk to their homophobic Christian

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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.

<p>Sunday 24 November Reign of Christ 9:30am Family Service Sue Talbert</p>	<p>Sunday 1 December Advent 1 9:30am Communion Service Rev Reuben Edmonds</p>
<p>2 Samuel 23: 1-7 P.325 Psalm 132:1-12 P.619 Revelations 1:4b-8 P.312 * John 18:33-37 P.142 *Included in Service</p>	<p>Jeremiah 33:14-16 P.769 Psalm 25:1-10 P.550 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 P.258 Luke 21: 25-36 P.108 * Included in Service</p>

HYMNS SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER

TiS 653	This is the Day of New Beginnings
MP 50	Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord
Overhead	Our Lord, You Stood in Pilate's Hall
TiS 279	The King of Glory Comes
TiS 776	Aaronic Blessing

	SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER	SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER
Welcomer	Carol Brearley	Rhondda Tilbrook
Door Steward	Helen Bloomfield	Beth McKechnie
Church Council	Els Mengler	Deborah Marshall
Bible Reader	Els Mengler	Carmen Savundra
Flowers	Debbie Thornton	Margaret Oliver
Morning Tea	Margaret Smithson Michiko Stuart	Margaret Oliver Carol Brearley
Music	Rachel Brayshaw - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin	Christine Ryan - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin
Multimedia	Deborah Marshall	Rhondda Tilbrook
Media Clicker	Marie Yuncken	Lee-Anne Burnett

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Prayers

From The WA Synod: Narrogin Group (Cuballing and Narrogin Uniting Churches), the Wagin Group (Darkan, Dumbleyung and Wagin Uniting Churches). The Church of North India

Our local prayers will be for: Musicians

All Saints Floreat UC Events This Week

Lectionary Bible Study	Monday, 25 November	2:00pm - Page Room
Church Council Meeting	Tuesday, 26 November	6:00pm - Page Room
Open House Playgroup	Wednesday, 27 November	9:30pm - Page & Buttfield Rooms
KYB (Know Your Bible)	Thursday, 28 November	9:45am - Creche
Mission Planning Meeting	Thursday, 28 November	2:30pm - Page Room

Equal Voices WA: Christians with Pride cont....

parent. Some spoke of past experiences of the church, most negative. All were glad we were there and bringing a message of love and affirmation. On Saturday the 23rd of November Equal Voices will march in the Pride Parade and I will proudly march in the float in my collar and rainbow stole. I am always heartened by how positive the reaction from the crowd is towards to our float.

As a gay man and an ordained minister, I am grateful to be part of the Uniting Church and All Saints Floreat where I can be proud of who I am and feel deeply affirmed by my church family. Happy Pride!!

Rev Reuben

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**** Save the Date ****

5pm – Sunday, 8 December - Blue Christmas Service

For many, Christmas is a time of joy and celebration as we mark the birth of Christ and spend time with family and friends. However, for some, Christmas brings mixed emotions as they mark Christmas without a loved one. A blue Christmas service is for those who wish to mark the hope of Christmas while acknowledging this time of grief and sadness, of feeling blue.

The service includes a time to acknowledge those who have died with candle lighting and will be followed by supper. The service will be streamed so please let family and friends know about it if you feel this is a service that would be meaningful for them.

7pm – Tuesday, 17 December - Christmas Carols Service

This service will be all about the Christmas story and singing. We have an 8-person choir, a guest organist, and conductor, Angela Currie.

Andrew and Angela are kindly volunteering their time for the service however we are providing a fee for each of our choristers. We are keen to enable this to be a free event for all who come. ***If you are able, donations towards the cost of the choir would be appreciated*** Please include 'choir' in the description of an electronic donation or you can donate via the church offering on Sunday in a marked envelope. Thank you for your support.

Donations towards the cost of the choir can be made by electronic transfer to:

Account Name: Uniting Church in Australia - Parish of Floreat

BSB: 036 063 - Account Number: 122093

Thank you

Friendship Group News

Our friendship group met at the home of Anne and Michael van Drunen recently.

We had a very enjoyable time with lively conversation and a lovely afternoon tea



Pictured from the left: Brian Carey, Marilyn West, Cath Walker, Russell Birks, Anne and Michael van Drunen, Jan White, Amanda Brown, Norm Gribble

Dorothy Carey

Fellowship
Newslink

December 2024



Promoting Faith and
Fellowship across
Congregations and Beyond



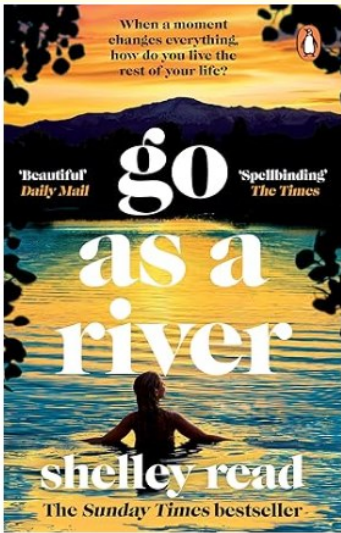
Fellowship Link

The December issue of the Fellowship Link booklet is available on the table in the foyer.

More information about the fellowship can be found at:

<https://unitingchurchwa.org.au/congregation-hub/adult-fellowship/>

Book Review



Go as a River by Shelley Read is based on events which happened around the town of Iola, Colorado. It was a small but thriving farming and ranching community along the Gunnison River, serviced by a spur of the Denver & Rio Grande narrow-gauge railroad. When the Colorado River Storage Project was authorized by the US Bureau of Reclamation in 1956, the fate of the Gunnison River and the Iola Basin was sealed: the entire 23-mile stretch would be evacuated and the wild river dammed to create Blue Mesa Reservoir. By 1962 when the dam construction began, 200-300 inhabitants had

been displaced. The entire area was flooded in 1965, erasing Iola from the map. The town of Iola was largely forgotten, until, in 2018, a profound drought required a down-river water call on Blue Mesa Reservoir, draining the lake so low that the muddy remnants of Iola reemerged.

The story opens in post war rural Colorado, where societal nuances and expectations are followed unquestioned and there is a dark nonchalance to the community's inherent racism/bigotry and the whispered distancing of its populace from those who do not fit the mould. The people are aware of the plan to flood the area but are not in favour.

Victoria "Torie" Nash is 17 but was just 12 when she lost her mother. Left as the sole woman of the house, it's her job to cook for her father, brother and disabled uncle, keep the house and also help out on the family's peach farm. It's not an easy life – her brother is heading down a dangerous path, her father is somewhat distant, a tough man who doesn't seem to know how to parent his

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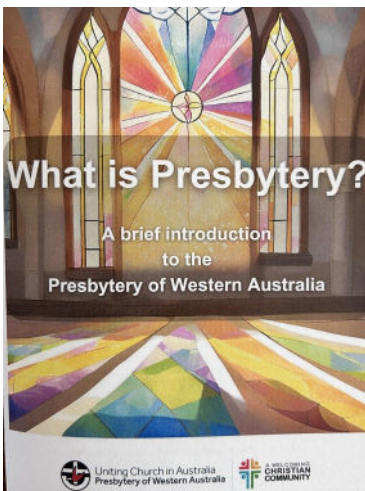
daughter. And her uncle by marriage was injured in a war and now lives to be waited on, contributing little. When Torie meets charismatic Wilson Moon, she's helpless against his charm and easy going nature. Some of what happens is expected but eventually Victoria on the spur of the moment makes a heartbreaking decision that changes her life.

We are introduced to another remarkable woman, Inga Tate. Her life and plans have been up ended by a man, romance and a pregnancy but she has to adhere to acceptable societal expectations, she marries and has her child and coincidental circumstances, place her in the right place at the right time. The story which Inga writes about part of her life is a beautiful piece of writing.

Members of the Bookclub rated the book from 7 to 10 and the average score was 8.25. Comments included "beautiful writing", "I liked it", "I enjoyed the writing" and "very miserable".

Although there are some sad aspects to the story I would recommend the book for its beautiful writing and descriptions of the landscape in Colorado.

Rhondda Tilbrook



What is Presbytery?

The answer to this question can be found in the booklet on the notice-board in the foyer.

Information can also be found online at:

<https://unitingchurchwa.org.au/presbytery-synod/presbytery/>

CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION



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

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

Christmas Gift Bags 2024

Just a reminder to return your gift bags by
Sunday 1st December.

It is a joy to see so many gift bags already in the
church office.

Thank you

Amanda Brown



Meditation at Wembley Downs Uniting Church.

You are invited to join in on Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm,
every week

A time of silence, music and a poem or two.

Come and take time out to be refreshed and renewed.

Accommodation Required in February 2024



Planning is well underway for the next Australian Papuan Cultural Exchange Program (APCEP) course which begins in early February 2025. As usual we are looking for hospitable members of the congregation to offer board and

lodging for the students. They will be here for twelve weeks and we are hoping to place them in one or two homes during their stay. The young women selected this time will



attend Milner International College of English during the



week and the Black Pearl Network will organise outings for them during their program. Hosts would be asked to provide a safe comfortable place for them to stay for up to 12 weeks but preferably for at least 6 weeks as moving house is a stressful time for the

students.

If you can help out with accommodation or would like to assist with outings or other activities, please contact Lee-Anne on 0414 153 323

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Thank You

Penny Hoffman has sent a message of thanks “To the wonderful caring community of All Saints, Floreat” for the help and support given for the memorial service to celebrate the life of the late Tom Hoffman. She says “it was such a special service to celebrate the life of Tom. And the flowers were beautiful!”

The card with the full message can be seen on the noticeboard.

The Source

The Source Newsletter from the Bible League Australia can be found on the table in the foyer. Visit www.bl.org.au for more information.



Preserves for Sale

A beautiful array of jam, marmalade, chutney 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.



A Celebration of Juniper Aged Care

A Service to Celebrate
75 Years of Juniper

Celebrating
75
YEARS

Juniper Aged Care is celebrating 75 years of service to the community. To celebrate and give thanks for Juniper's 75th anniversary, all are welcome to a worship service to commemorate this milestone on Wednesday 27 November at 2:00pm at Noranda Uniting Church, 79 Camboon Road, Noranda.

Refreshments will be served after the service.



Prayer Chain

If you would like to join All Saints Floreat Prayer Chain or have any prayer requests for the chain, please contact

Rev Reuben.

Thank you

Christmas Cakes and Mince Pies



It is time to place your orders again for our special Christmas Cakes, Pudding and Mince Pies. The Order Forms are on the table in the Foyer and goods will be here on Sunday 8th December for collection.

Money is to be paid to Marie Yuncken or left

in the Church Office.

If you are unable to collect your order on 8th December please contact Marie on 0410 061 279.

The Uniting Centre for Education and Formation invites you to:

Formation for All Day

Connecting with God in Nature

Saturday, 30 November 2024

9.30am - 2.30pm

Glen Forrest Uniting Church
56 McGlew Rd, Glen Forrest

Many people, when describing their spiritual life or relationship with God, emphasize the importance of the natural world.

This retreat-style day will offer a variety of ways to connect with God through nature.

Cost - \$20

Details and registration online

<https://unitingchurchwa.org.au/event/formation-for-all-day-2/>

Enquires - pa.education@wa.uca.org.au | 08 9260 9800



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