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NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 2024 - ADVENT 3

Revive Magazine



Revive
a fresh perspective on faith, church and life



The latest Revive has arrived. You can find a paper copy in the foyer or access it electronically here: <https://unitingchurchwa.org.au/news/revive-magazine/>

Wendy Hendry, editor of Revive, provides these words of introduction to this latest edition. “Welcome to our summer Revive! I’m delighted to bring you a selection of stories from across our Uniting Church Western Australian community.

In this edition we’re exploring the theme of Intergenerational Ministry. We’ve featured stories from churches who are finding ways to engage in this area of ministry with their congregations and community, bringing young people together with the older generations in meaningful ways in the life of their church.

You will find an introduction to the themes of Summer Spirit 2025, a reflection on prayer, and other stories from around our diverse church. You will also read about the work of our agencies, including some of the ways they are partnering with our congregations and schools. We also have some Christmas reflections from our national Uniting Church agencies, UnitingWorld and Frontier Services.

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OUR CHURCH LIFE

To contact Rev Reuben Edmonds, Minister of All Saints Floreat Uniting Church, please email: minister@allsaintsfloreat.com.au or telephone: 0404 935 167.

Sunday 15 December Advent 3 9:30am Children's Service Rev Reuben Edmonds	Sunday 22 December Advent 4 9:30am Family Service Rev Reuben Edmonds
Zephaniah 3:14-20 P.899 Isaiah 12:2-6 P.680 Philippians 4:4-7 P.250 Luke 3:7-18 P.77 * Luke 1:39-45 P.74 * Included in Service	Micah 5:2-5a P.900 Luke 1: 46b-55 or P.74 Psalm 80:1-7 P.587 Hebrews 10:5-10 P.283 Luke 1:30-45 (46-55) P.73

HYMNS SUNDAY 15 DECMEBER

TiS 286	Light One Candle
TiS 307	The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy
TiS 268	Joy to the World
Overhead	Mary Pick Up Your Accordion and Play
TiS 755	You Shall Go Out with Joy

	SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER	SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER
Welcomer	Ross Gobby	Dorothy Carey
Door Steward	David Siggers	Nelly & Keith Bakker
Church Council	Anne van Drunen	Marie Yuncken
Bible Reader	Margaret Smithson	Phillip Smith
Flowers	Debbie Thornton	Linda Harris
Morning Tea/ Supper	John & Beth McKechnie	Lee-Anne Burnett Michiko Stuart
Music	Christine Ryan - Piano	Anne van Drunen - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin
Multimedia	Michael van Drunen	Michael van Drunen
Media Clicker	Lillian Hadley	Els Mengler

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Prayers

From The WA Synod: Geraldton Lighthouse Uniting Church
UCA Redress Ltd and the Protestant Christian Church in Bali.

Ecumenical Prayer will be for: Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan and the Mainland of China.

Our local prayers will be for: Friendship Groups.

All Saints Floreat UC Events This Week

Lectionary Bible Study	Monday, 16 December	2:00pm - Page Room
Festival of Carols Service	Tuesday, 17 December	7:00pm
Sing Along	Thursday, 19 December	2:00pm

Revive Magazine cont....

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our 2024 Revive magazines. We love reading your stories so please keep sharing them with us! A big thanks also to our wonderful and generous team of volunteers who help us pack and distribute Revive each edition.

Many of you will be reading this as you, and your congregations and communities, prepare for Christmas. Amidst the rush and noise of the festive season, may you find moments of quiet to reflect on the powerful message of hope—a hope that comes to us humbly in the form of a child in a manger, reminding us of love’s gentle strength and the light it brings into the world. Every blessings and much joy to you all this Christmas.”

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 Greetings & Worship with our Papuan Partners.

We plan to continue having a Christmas Worship service jointly with our Papuan partners again this year as we have done for many of the past years. One of our Black Pearl Network members Rev Dr Robert Hoskins, from the St Kilda & Melbourne Ports UCA church in Melbourne, will co-ordinate this live online through a Zoom or Teams platform supplemented by video clips. The Christmas Service with Papua will be at 4.30pm Perth time Monday, 23rd December. We invite anyone who is interested to join us. Please email Marika and we will send you the link.

Join us to share Christmas carols, prayers & greetings from Papuan teachers & English students in what has been a colourful cultural event in every previous year and doubtless will be again this year to be part of spreading the joy of Christmas world wide.

To prepare our input we invite everyone to stay after church this Sunday and gather after coffee at 11.00am to sing a carol or two and send our greetings by creating a short video clip. Come and join us and be part of our long running relationship with our Papuan brothers and sisters in Christ .

Ross Gobby



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 message from Uniting Church in Australia President Rev Charissa Suli

The Christmas message from Uniting Church in Australia President Rev Charissa Suli is now available to download.

In her first Christmas message as President, Rev Suli reflects on how the good news of this season surprises us with unexpected hope.

The video can be seen at:

<https://uniting.church/presidents-christmas-message-2024/>



Friendship Groups 2025

January is the month when we reallocate people to new groups. This enables each of us to get to know more people at All Saints.

If you would like to join a group, please let Anne van Drunen know. We currently have seven groups. If for any reason you need to withdraw from a group, please let your group leader or Anne know.

Anne can be found at Church on Sunday or phone her on 0415 716 046.

Thank you.

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What was your name again?

Last Sunday I was chatting in the foyer before the service with an old acquaintance who's face I knew well but who's name I couldn't recall for the life of me. Do you experience this sometimes? Sadly, I do more frequently lately.

It occurred to me that I'd like to appeal to everyone to wear a name tag. We should do this, not for ourselves or to possibly win the next election to Church Council, but out of consideration for our fellow worshippers to help them relieve the agony of not being able to recall or learn who you are.



Most of us have a name tag... often left in the car or at home but if you haven't, add your name to the form on the "welcome table" and Marika in our office will order an "official" UCA name tag that costs \$15.

I hope, like me, you enjoy meeting & getting to know others who come to church on Sunday. What an interesting group in which to find new friends & acquaintances. Help me and all of us cultivate the friendly spirit I'm sure we all share by telling us who you are.

Ross Gobby

Would you like to be a Bible Reader?

Would you like to assist in a Sunday service as a Bible Reader? We are compiling our roster of Bible readers for 2025. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please email the office or speak to Reuben.



Festival of Carols

Tuesday, 17 December 2025
7:00pm



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*Summary of the
Church Council Meetings held on
Tuesday 22 October and
26 November 2024*

- ◆ An operating Bank Account with The Uniting Investment Fund has been opened.
- ◆ Electronic equipment for the receiving of donations and giving from The Uniting Investment Fund will be made available during 2025.
- ◆ The Disability Inclusion Plan – no meetings have taken place since the last Church Council meeting in June 2024. The Uniting Church itself are developing a Disability Inclusion Plan and All Saints will wait until it becomes available.
- ◆ Sunday 15 December is Advent 3 and will be a Children’s Service. Letters and Christmas cards will be sent to baptised young members of All Saints.
- ◆ Concerns were raised with the management of funerals when funeral companies are not engaged. This matter to be referred to Care Group.
- ◆ The 2025 Monthly Retiring Offering schedule was approved.
- ◆ The Chair of the Creative Living Centre is stepping down – 31 December. It was agreed that Rev Reuben Edmonds take on the role of Chair until April 2025 AGM. It was agreed that the Church Council endorses Rev Reuben Edmonds being the Chair for 12 months following the AGM.
- ◆ Draft signage for the new fixed sign at the front corner of the property was tabled and approved by circular approval after modifications were made to it.
- ◆ Approval was given to Rev Reuben Edmonds that he, along with two members of the congregation, attend the “Godly Play” course scheduled for March 2025.

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- ◆ 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 is required.
- ◆ A Blue Christmas service to be held at 5pm Sunday, 8 December.
- ◆ A Carol Service to be held at 7 pm Tuesday, 17 December. Donations will be requested to cover the cost of eight singers who will be involved in the service.
- ◆ The 2025 Draft Budget was tabled. It will be finalised in January 2025.
- ◆ Council approved a new Budget Process for the 2026 Budget. The 2026 finalised Budget to be presented to Council on Tuesday, 11 November 2025 for approval. The Church Council approved 2026 Budget will be presented to the congregation at a Congregational meeting scheduled for Sunday, 30 November 2025.

Michael van Druenen
Chair

Can you Help Please?

Marika will be away from the office from 25 December 2024 to 3 January 2025 inclusive.

Would you like to assist in the compilation, printing and sending out of the News & Notes while Marika is away? Marika will have prepared as much as possible before her holiday, but if you have a knowledge of Microsoft Publisher and would like to help, we would really like to hear from you. Marika will leave detailed instructions. The office is usually staffed from 9:00am to 12 noon each week day but as this is a quiet time, it will not be necessary to attend the office every day. It would be nice to be on call though if Reuben needs assistance. If you would like more information, please speak to Marika.

Thank you.



ALL SAINTS SING ALONG

THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER

2:00PM TILL 4:00PM

**Come and sing your favourite
tunes, Christmas Songs and
Carols**

No auditions. No need to read music.

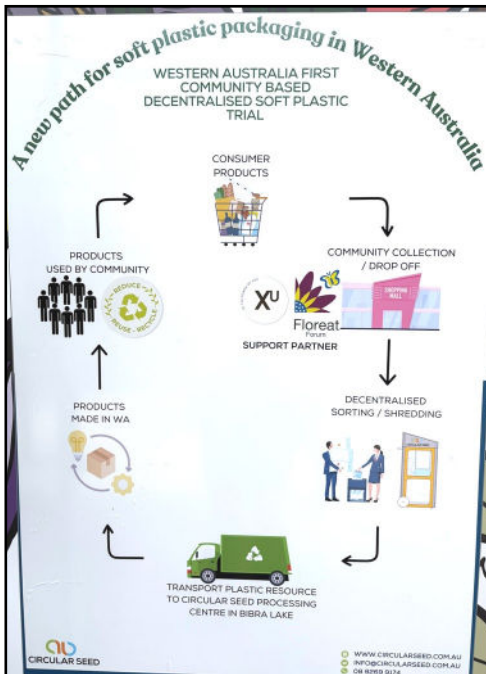
Afternoon Tea Provided

Gold Coin Donation

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Trial for Recycling Soft Plastics



According to Clean Up Australia's most recent Litter Report**, soft plastic pieces such as plastic bags, bread bags, cling film, confectionary wrappers and fresh and frozen produce bags, are the most common item found in litter. In addition to that, the amount of soft plastic collected has increased compared to the year before due to increased use by consumers and a lack of current facilities and programs to collect.

Research into the recycling of soft plastics is being carried out and

you can help by participating in the collection of soft plastics. A community collection/drop off point will be available in the Floreat Forum for the next three weeks and can be found opposite the Floreat Market and Post Office. Please save all your soft plastics and take them to the drop off point.

Your assistance in this important research will be greatly appreciated.

** <https://www.cleanup.org.au/rubbish-report>

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A CHRISTMAS CHARM-AGEDDON

Date: Friday 13th & Saturday 14th December

Time: 6:45pm show starts | Doors open at 6:25pm with pre-show entertainment

Bar & canteen open from 6pm for pre-show drinks

Where: Taryn Fiebig Concert Hall, Churchlands



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