# NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER 2024 - ADVENT 4

## Christmas Message from the Moderator of WA Synod



Below are excerpts from Rev Dr Ian Tozer's Christmas message. You can find the full message in Revive or here: <a href="https://unitingchurchwa.org.au/news/moderators-christmas-message/">https://unitingchurchwa.org.au/news/moderators-christmas-message/</a>

"Every Christmas is different. We are a year older having lived through changes: family moves, in our work or

leisure, or at Church. We may have welcomed new, or said farewell to, family and friends. Some changes feel natural, are celebrated and easily managed; others are challenging, whether in our personal circumstances or for those close to us or world events. Every Christmas is different. Our world is different. How is Christmas different for you this year?"

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"For Australians, financial pressure, housing stress and cost constraints have bitten hard. There is so much darkness in the world: people experiencing devastating violence, climate catastrophes, children losing their lives, and displaced people can be found in many places."

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"40 years ago, Live Aid gathered many celebrity musicians at a concert to raise funds to alleviate famine in Africa. They sang, "Do



#### **OUR CHURCH LIFE**

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Sunday 22 December Advent 4 9:30am Family Service Rev Reuben Edmonds			Sunday 29 December Christmas 1 9:30am Family Service Rev Reuben Edmonds			
* Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1: 46b-55 or Psalm 80:1-7 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:30-45 *(46-55) * Included in Service		P.900 P.74 P.587 P.283 P.73	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 P.266 Psalm 148 P.627 * Colossians 3:12-17 P.254 * Luke 2:41-52 P.76  * Included in Service			
Hymns Sunday 22 Decmeber						
TiS 286	Light One Candle					
TiS 526	Lord Jesus Christ					
TiS 217	Love Divine					
Overhead	Christmas Come Close					
TiS 699	A New Commandment					
	SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER		SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER			
Welcomer	Dorothy Carey		Carol Brearley			
Door Steward	Nelly & Keith Bakker		Michiko Stuart			
Church Council	Marie Yuncken			Debbie Thornton		
Bible Reader	Phillip Smith			Keith Bakker		
Flowers	Marie Yuncken			Linda Harris		
Morning Tea/ Supper	Lee-Anne Burnett			Cathy Smith Marie Yuncken		
Music	Anne van Drunen - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin		Rachel Brayshaw - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin			
Multimedia	Rhondda Tilbrook		Michael van Drunen			
Media Clicker	Michael van Drunen			Lillian Hadley		

#### **OUR CHURCH LIFE**

#### **Prayers**

**From The WA Synod:** Northampton Uniting Church and the Multicultural National Conferences. Assembly Circles of Interest: Walking Together as

First and Second Peoples, and Being a Multicultural Church

Ecumenical Prayer will be for: Japan, North Korea, South Korea

Our local prayers will be for: Community Groups

Christmas Day Service Roster					
Welcomer:	Door Steward:	Church Council			
Lee-Anne Burnett	Margie & Bruce Dangerfield	Michael van Drunen			
Bible Reader:	Flowers:	Music:			
Anne van Drunen	Linda Harris	Geoff Hadley - Organ			
Media: Rhondda Tilbrook	Media Clicker: Els Mengler	There will be no morning tea.			

## Christmas Message from the Moderator of WA Synod cont...

they know it's Christmas?" The song asked people to throw their arms of love around the world. It spoke of looking beyond our own circumstances and thinking of others. We might think of those living in devastated war-zones, refugees, the hungry, homeless or suffering abuse. The song repeated: feed the world, heal the world, let them know it's Christmas time again.

So here's the call: to tell one person of the hope in us; to reach out in friendship to someone; to share as we are able, our financial resources. Here's how the hope will grow: if we make ourselves signs that God is with us, that God is with the whole world – because when God's people reveal and reinforce that in such sharing, friendships and acts of care – we will show the world the meaning of Christmas inspired with the hopeful message that God is with us; that we are never alone; and nothing can ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

## Christmas Eve Services Tuesday, 24 December 2024

If you wish to attend a Christmas Eve Service you might like to go to a Uniting Church nearby or one of our ecumenical neighbours.

6:30pm - 8:00pm Christmas Eve Service

Trinity North, St Stephen's School, 100 Doveridge Drive, Duncraig, WA

7:00pm - 8:00pm Service of Lessons and Carols

Trinity Uniting Church (Uniting Church in the City) 72 St Georges Terrace, Perth, WA

11:00pm - 11:55pm Christmas Eve Service

Wesley Uniting Church (UCIC) Corner William and Hay Streets, Perth, WA

5:00pm All Ages Carols

St Edmund's Anglican Church, 54 Pangbourne Street, Wembley, WA

5pm Family Crib Pop Up Service

St Christopher's Anglican Church, Templetonia Crescent & Tamala Rd, City Beach WA 6015

6:00pm Mass

St Cecilia's Catholic Church, 47 Peebles Rd, Floreat WA 6014

11:30pm Midnight Mass

St Nicholas' Church, 47 Berkeley Cres, Floreat WA

### Do you know we have a Facebook page?



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### Your offering on 25 December 2025 will go to Christmas Bowl



Each December All Saints Floreat Uniting Church supports the ongoing work of the World Council of Churches' by giving our Christmas Day Offering to the Act for Peace Christmas Bowl. Your offering will help support communities around the world affected by conflict and disaster.

If you are making a donation by post or transfer, please include the code CB45800 as this will ensure your donation is attributed to All Saints Floreat Uniting Church.

For more information contact Bob Sumner on 0439 875 818



### 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.

### 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.

## Lectionary Bible Studies will resume at 2:00pm on Monday 6 January 2025.

The Lectionary Bible Study sessions have been really enjoyable and enlightening.

Everyone is welcome to attend and we would be happy for you to join us. The sessions are held every Monday at 2:00pm.

If you have any questions, please speak to Rev Reuben.

## Have you ordered a Christmas Cake and not taken Delivery?

We have one Christmas cake in the office awaiting delivery but we don't know who it is for.

Have you ordered a Christmas Cake and not yet picked it up? If so, please call into the office to collect.

Thank you

## 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.



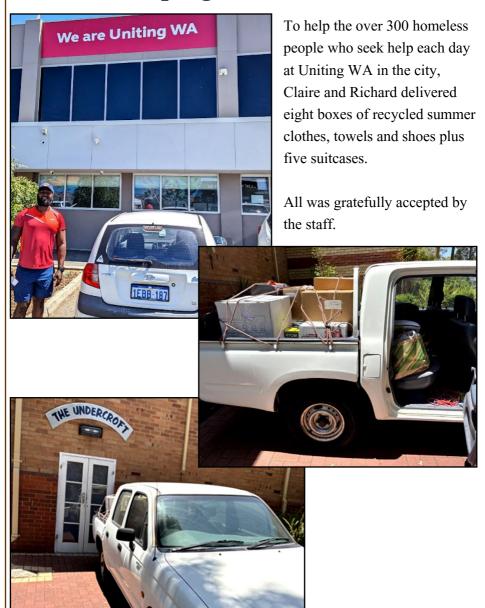
## Can you Help Please?

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.

## Helping the Homeless



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Richard Smith