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# NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 19 JANUARY 2025 - UCA DAY OF MOURNING

## *Day of Mourning*



This artwork depicts the story of Christ's presence being amongst First Peoples of these lands of his creation for generations. His teachings have long been displayed within the stories, songs, dances and ceremony First Peoples have used them to connect with God as great Creator and teacher for our communities.

We, as First Peoples mourn the heartbreaking inequities our past and present generations have and continue to suffer, and we seek to create new ways into a light filled future, by fully claiming the promises Jesus has made to us. We hold deep sorrow for what has been lost forever, and pray that the souls of those who have come before us, know the peace of our Lord, amongst their heavenly home.

As a young Aboriginal woman, I show my honour for the sacrifices and heartbreak of my Elders, by seeking to grasp with both hands, all of the opportunities that have been hard fought for my benefit. I seek to know, and be comforted by the light of Jesus, and to let that light shine into the darkness of our daily struggles and suffering.

*Zoe Belle, Guwa Koa and Kuku Yalanji woman*

## OUR CHURCH LIFE

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<b>Sunday 19 January</b> <b>UCA Day of Mourning</b> <b>9:30am Family Service</b> <b>Rev Reuben Edmonds</b>	<b>Sunday 26 January</b> <b>After Epiphany 3</b> <b>9:30am Family Service</b> <b>Rev Brian Carey</b>																		
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### HYMNS SUNDAY 19 JANUARY 2025

TiS 674	Inspired by Love and Anger
TiS 647	Comfort, Comfort
TiS 681	Lord Let Me See
TiS 687	God Give Us a Future
TiS 699	A New Commandment

	SUNDAY 19 JANUARY	SUNDAY 26 JANUARY
Welcomer	Lee-Anne Burnett	Dorothy Carey
Door Steward	Margaret Smithson	Margie & Bruce Dangerfield
Church Council	Lee-Anne Burnett	Anne van Drunen
Bible Reader	Geoff Hadley	Lee-Anne Burnett
Flowers	-	-
Morning Tea/ Supper	Beth & John McKechnie Lee-Anne Burnett	Beth & John McKechnie Lee-Anne Burnett
Music	Rachel Brayshaw - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin	Anne van Drunen - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin
Multimedia	Deborah Marshall	Michael van Drunen
Media Clicker	Lillian Hadley	Christine Ryan

## OUR CHURCH LIFE

### *Prayers*

**From The WA Synod:** Osborne Park and Wanneroo Crossways Uniting Churches. Assembly Circle of Interest: Seeking Common Ground

**Ecumenical Prayer will be for:** Arabian Peninsular

**Our local prayers will be for:** Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC)

### All Saints Floreat UC Events This Week

Lectionary Bible Study	Monday, 20 January	2:00pm - Page Room
FAIG Meeting	Tuesday, 21 January	3:00pm
Elders Meeting	Tuesday, 21 January	5:00pm - Page Room

### *Church Council Meeting*

The next Church Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 28 January commencing at 6:30pm in the Page Room.

### 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

### *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.

## *Time to Celebrate*

**Rev Des Cousins will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of his ordination on Sunday 2nd of February.**

All Saints is fortunate to be hosting this celebration as part of our morning worship service. Rev Dr Ian Tozer will be preaching, and Rev Des and Rev Reuben will be co-presiding over communion together. **As it is a celebration of ordination, you are invited to wear something red** We are expecting many visitors so additional contributions to morning tea would be appreciated, please speak with Beth if you can help.

## *Friendship Group News Epiphany Party 6th January 2025*



You can see in the photo our Friendship Group enjoying a “sundowner” at the home of Margaret Oliver. This occasion was the final gathering of the group before new groups are formed for this year.

Several members of our group brought favourite Christmas decorations to show and tell their stories. We also shared memorable Christmas experiences.

Sadly, our group lost two members last year - Ken Melville and Graeme Read. LeeAnne was unable to attend our party as she flew out that morning for Mowanjum.

We are grateful for the leadership of Jean and Graeme Read in 2024.

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### *Feeling Crafty?*

You are invited to join us for a creative morning, making greeting cards, and a good excuse to catch up. We will be meeting in the Page room at Floreat All Saints.



*Date* : Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> February

*Time* : from 10 am

*Where*: 50 Berkeley Crescent, Floreat

Please enter the building through the back door.

Could you please bring : Your favorite scissors and glue  
and optional: any card making material you  
would like to use.  
A small plate to share.

No experience required. We would love to see you there.

Please RSVP by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Thank you

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### *Seeking Accommodation*

Rev Dr Geoff Lilburne is asking if anyone in our community knows of possible accommodation for 12 months in our area for his daughter, Creina and granddaughter, Grace. They are here from the UK for 2025 to spend time with Peta, and Creina is hoping that Grace will be able to attend Shenton College. The rental market is very tight at the moment so if you know of any granny flats or other possibilities please contact Geoff on 0429017317.

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### *Summer Spirit*

Have you registered yet for Summer Spirit 2025? It is here at Floreat on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd February. The dinner on Friday evening will be at the Cambridge Bowling Club, and the all day Saturday at All Saints. It will be an interesting group of speakers with Mike Frost from Sydney and Rev Alex Sangster from Melbourne.



**Also.....we will need VOLUNTEERS** for a roster on Saturday to cater for morning tea and lunch and the sundowner. Let me know which block of two hours would suit you best, from 8.30. Could you cook something for morning tea?

Many thanks Floreat Caterers. You are the best!

*Marie Yuncken*

### Ride the Wild Water

Rev Andy Broadbent reflects on the themes of Summer Spirit 2025 - Ride the Wild Water, Navigating the Way.

*"In the 1990s, surf wear giant Billabong launched a memorable advertising campaign with the slogan, "Only a surfer knows the feeling." Even as a somewhat average surfer, I can attest to the truth of that statement—riding a wave is an indescribable thrill!"*

To read the article and find out more about Summer Spirit, please go to: <https://unitingchurchwa.org.au/news/ride-the-wild-water/>

## *Social Benefits and Environmental impacts of Containers for Change*



*Some of the many “Containers for Change collection points*

Containers for Change, WA's container deposit scheme, began October 2020 with All Saints Floreat UC making it first deposit soon after on 9 October. Since then, many collection points have been set up by partner Uniting Churches and individuals across the metropolitan area. By 8 January 2025 \$15,000 had been raised for the Floreat UC Creative Living Centre's work assisting indigenous peoples in the Kimberley and West Papua, Indonesia.

By using ID: 10313752 all money is automatically transferred into the bank account of the Floreat UC Creative Living Centre. Less well appreciated are the significant environmental and social benefits of:

### *Recycling and Waste Reduction*

Over 3.5 billion 10¢ containers have been saved from general waste in the first three years of the program. This is enough containers to wrap around the Earth over 14 times. It's estimated that the scheme will recycle an additional 6.6 billion containers over 20 years, preventing 5.9 billion from ending up in landfills and 706 million from becoming litter.

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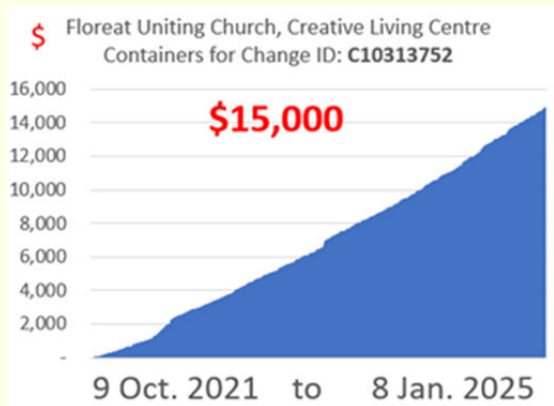
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### *Promoting a circular economy by:*

- ◆ Turning recycled containers into new products, including new beverage containers, road base, kitchen foil, shoes, tissue paper, and construction materials.
- ◆ Allowing materials like glass and aluminium to be infinitely recycled without loss of quality.

### *Litter Reduction*

Containers for Change targets beverage containers that are commonly littered, including: Soft drink cans and bottles, Bottled waters (plastic and glass), Small flavoured milk drinks, Beer and cider cans and bottles, Sports drinks and spirit-based mixed drinks.



### *Ongoing Challenges*

Despite the program's success, there are still environmental challenges: Approximately 530 million 10¢ containers are still lost to general waste every year in Western Australia.

Volunteers are needed to expand the collection of these containers.

By incentivizing recycling and reducing litter, Containers for Change is making a substantial positive impact on Western Australia's environment, though there is still room for improvement in capturing all eligible containers and addressing community concerns. All Saints effort has inspired a parallel effort in Nabire, West Papua by APCEP student Jerry Simunapendi.

*Richard Smith*