



NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2025 - AFTER EPIPHANY 5

All Saints Proposed New Vision and Mission Plan

We have a new proposed Vision and Mission Plan! It is attached to this week's News & Notes.

When we were looking for a new Minister in Placement during 2023, the Presbytery representatives of the Joint Nomination Committee recommended that a new Mission Statement be developed once a new Minister was appointed. The Church Council agreed to this.

Over the past eighteen months the team, appointed by the Church Council, worked to develop the new proposed Vision and Mission Plan that would reflect the core values of the congregation. The members of the team were Beth McKechnie, Marie Yuncken, Richard Smith, Rev Brian Carey, Rev Reuben Edmonds Ross Gobby and myself.

A fundamental aspect of the way the Uniting Church thinks about 'mission' is that mission is something which arises from the character and action of God, rather than just something the Church does. It is not the church of God that has a mission in the world but the God of Mission who has a church in the world. The Missional God is constantly at work in the world and invites the Church to come alongside and join God in that work.

The Uniting Church often uses the phrase "the reconciliation and renewal of the whole creation" (based on the Basis of Union, paragraph 3) as a shorthand way of describing God's mission in the

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Sunday Service 9:30am, 9 February After Epiphany 5 Rev Reuben Edmonds	Sunday Service 9:30am, 16 February After Epiphany 6 Rev Reuben Edmonds
* Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13) P.674 Psalm 138 P.622 * I Corinthians 15:1-11 P.219 * Luke 5:1-11 P.80 * Included in Service	Jeremiah 17:5-10 P.749 Psalm 1 P.538 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 P.219 Luke 6:17-26 P.82

HYMNS SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY

TiS 182	Bring Many Names
TiS 693	Come As You Are
TiS 658	Here I am Lord
Overhead	Will You Come and Follow Me
TiS 755	You Shall Go Out With You

	SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY	SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY
Welcomer	Rhondda Tilbrook	Michiko Stuart
Door Steward	Sue & Bruce Kennedy	Bob Sumner
Church Council	Michael van Drunen	Deborah Marshall
Bible Reader	Lillian Hadley	Sue Talbert
Flowers	Marie Yuncken	Heather Booth
Morning Tea	Els Mengler Carol Brearley	Cathy Smith Jean Read
Music	Geoff Hadley - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin	Rachel Brayshaw - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin
Multimedia	James Millar	Michael van Drunen
Media Clicker	Rhondda Tilbrook	Lillian Hadley

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Prayers

From The WA Synod: Remote Area Ministry Tom Price.

Ecumenical Prayer will be for: Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City

Our local prayers will be for: All Saints Floreat Playgroup

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world, and as a result the Uniting Church sees ‘mission’ as more than simply preaching or seeking to convert people. While we certainly want to invite people to become followers of Jesus, as we are, we also see mission as all the ways in which we join with God in the reconciliation and renewal of the whole creation. Within the Uniting Church with our emphasis on scholarly interpretation of scripture and sacramental practice, we have a clear model of inclusivity, welcome and seeing growth in faith as part of living out of one’s baptism.

Because we believe God is actively at work in the world, not just through the Church, we see an important part of our task is pointing out the ways in which God’s work of reconciliation and renewal is being identified and achieved in the wider community.

During February and March, you will hear more about the proposed Vision and Mission Plan during Sunday services. There will be two formal opportunities to discuss the plan with the Team after church on Sunday, 2 and 16 March.

The Vision and Mission Plan will be presented to the Congregation for consideration and hopefully adopted at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday 30 March 2025.

Michael van Drunen
Chair, Church Council

The table of events for this week can be seen on Page 5.

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APCEP Begins Again!

The Australian Papuan Cultural Exchange Program (APCEP) is underway again! This is the seventh time our church has hosted this program and this year we will welcome three exceptional women from the Papuan provinces of Papua and Papua Tengah.



Mina Sarwom is a mother of four children who works closely with BPN (Australia) to administer the various programs now running. Her parents have agreed to care for her children during the twelve weeks she will be in Perth studying at Milner College and we are excited to be able to offer her this opportunity to develop her English before she is thrown into the hot seat when our current manager, Fred Bundah, travels to Perth to study for a master's degree. Once Mina returns to Papua Tengah she will be overseeing the programs largely without his input.

Also from Nabire, in Papua Tengah is Efelina Kandami who works as an English teacher and has been selected as one of our outstanding young candidates. Efelina is 23 years old and will be staying with Rhondda and later with Marie during her time in Perth. She will particularly benefit from the Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) course offered by Milner College.



Hanelsa Ramadas has taken leave from her university where she is enrolled in a degree course studying International Relations. Hanelsa has dreams of a career in the diplomatic corps for Indonesia so it's up to us to help her to prepare. Her course at Milner College will give her the best

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English language competence we can manage and also introduce her to other young people from all corners of the world.

The three will already be on their way to Australia by the time you read this and are scheduled to land in the small hours of Saturday morning. Be sure to introduce yourselves to them and stop for a chat over coffee after church. We welcome them to Perth and are looking forward to getting to know them well over the next three months.

Lee-Anne Burnett

Gen Y + Z Dinner and Discussion Group

All Saints Floreat is beginning a new initiative to engage with some of our younger members who haven't touch based with the church in a while.

Starting at 6pm on the first Tuesday of the month, Rev Reuben will be hosting a dinner and discussion group at his home for people in Generation Y or Z (aged 18-40). Discussions will focus on a current issue and what a Christian perspective may be for that issue. **The first dinner will be on March 4.**

If you have children or grandchildren from these generations, please encourage them to consider coming along and joining the discussion. Open to anyone aged 18-40 who is interested or curious.

All Saints Floreat UC Events This Week

Lectionary Bible Study	Monday, 10 February	2:00pm - Page Room
Open House Playgroup	Wednesday, 12 February	9:30 - Page Room
KYB (Know Your Bible)	Thursday, 13 February	9:45am - Creche
CLC Board Meeting	Thursday, 13 February	6:30pm - Undercroft

Summary of the Church Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 28 January 2025

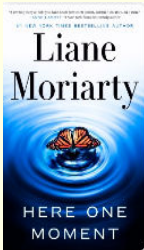
- ◆ The cost of an electronic terminal with Uniting Investment Fund to be investigated for use at services.
- ◆ The Disability Inclusion Plan – no meetings have taken place since the last Church Council meeting in June 2024. The Uniting Church itself is developing a Disability Inclusion Plan and All Saints will wait until it becomes available.
- ◆ The retirement of Sylvia Ryan after many years of service as an Elder was received and accepted. The retirement of Richard Smith from the Church Council and Creative Living Centre was received and accepted. The Church Council is very grateful for the many years of service both have given and there will be an opportunity to formally acknowledge their service later in the month.
- ◆ Approval has been received from the Town of Cambridge for the replacement of the Church's signage at the front corner of the property. The new signage will now be built, installed and paid for out of the Capital Reserves that have been put aside for this.
- ◆ Approval was given for the holding of the "Godly Play" course here at All Saints scheduled for the first weekend in March 2025. The attendees from All Saints will be: Rev Reuben Edmonds, Christine Ryan, Lee-Anne Burnett and Sue Talbot.
- ◆ Approval was given for the storage of the "Godly Play" course equipment here at All Saints. The equipment may be used by All Saints.
- ◆ The Mission Planning team have completed the proposed Church's Vision and Mission Plan. Input from members of the congregation is required. The Mission Planning team have been thanked and stood down.
- ◆ The Creative Living Centre's Administrator has been on unpaid leave. The Administrator's tasks are currently being undertaken by Marie Yuncken and

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Deborah Marshall.

- ◆ The recent holiday activities undertaken by the Boab Network was discussed at length.
- ◆ The Black Pearl Network – three Australian Papuan Cultural Exchange Program (APCEP) students will be arriving in February to study English at Milner International College.
- ◆ The unaudited 2024 Church accounts were tabled. The FAIG to be requested to investigate ways of increasing the revenue from the use of the Church's facilities.
- ◆ The 2025 Draft Budget was tabled. It was endorsed by Church Council and will be presented at the AGM scheduled for Sunday 30 March 2025.

Michael van Drunen - Chair, Church Council



Ladies Bookclub

Our year of book discussions starts on
Tuesday, 11 February at 2.30 pm at Rhondda's home.

We will be discussing
Here One Moment by Liane Moriarty

**Your Retiring Offering on Sunday, 9 February will go to the
Black Pearl Network**



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