



NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 3 AUGUST 2025 - AFTER PENTECOST 8

Progress and What We Believe



I spotted some news this week about scientists in Japan who suggest that DNA-modifying technology CRISPR could be used to remove a surplus chromosome in human cells and hence prevent Down

Syndrome. You can read more about it in this recent New York post article: <https://nypost.com/2025/06/19/health/scientists-say-gene-editing-could-eliminate-down-syndrome/>

While their research suggests it is possible, gene editing on humans is still in its infancy even in scientific research. However clearly it is becoming possible with our current technology to do it. The question is, should we?

Down Syndrome does have a range of negative health effects on individuals. However choosing to change DNA has proved controversial among scientists and broader society alike. Already, there are tests for Down Syndrome available that provide parents the ability to choose if they wish to continue or abort a pregnancy after getting the results. A journalist who has Down Syndrome created a documentary about this very issue called The Upside which can be viewed on ABCiview: <https://iview.abc.net.au/show/upside>

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OUR CHURCH LIFE

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Communion Service 9:30am, 3 August After Pentecost 8 Rev Reuben Edmonds		Sunday Service 9:30am, 10 August After Pentecost 9 Rev Reuben Edmonds	
Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43 Colossians 3:1-11 * Galatians 5:22-25 * Luke 4:1-14 * Included in Service	P.877 P.604 P.251 P. 238 P.78	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 * Galatians 5:22-25 * Luke 12:13-21 * Included in Service	P.669 P.566 P.284 P.238 P.94
HYMNS SUNDAY 3 AUGUST			
TiS 474	Here In This Place		
TiS 252	When He Was Baptised in Jordan		
TiS 536	An Upper Room		
SiS 27	The Call To Discipleship (Tune: TiS 594)		
Overhead	The Fruit of the Spirit (Tune: TiS 531)		
	SUNDAY 3 AUGUST	SUNDAY 10 AUGUST	
Welcomer	Debbie Thornton	Lee-Anne Burnett	
Door Steward	Beth McKechnie	Jean Read	
Church Council	Deborah Marshall	Debbie Thornton	
Bible Reader	Lindsay Wolfe	Carmen Savundra	
Flowers	Marie Yuncken	Heather Booth	
Morning Tea	Margaret Oliver Cathy Smith	Heather Booth Elaine Melville	
Music	Geoff Hadley - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin	Rachel Brayshaw - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin	
Multimedia	Richard Smith	Michael van Drunen	
Media Clicker	Michael van Drunen	Rhondda Tilbrook	

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Prayers

From The WA Synod: Rowethorpe Uniting Church and Uniting WA
UnitingWorld, Frontier Services

Ecumenical Prayer will be for: Rep. Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome.

Our local prayers will be for: All Saints Floreat UC Church Council

All Saints Floreat UC Events This Week

Lectionary Bible Study	Monday, 4 August	2:00pm - Creche
All Saints Playgroup	Wednesday, 6 August	9:30am - Page Room
KYB (Know Your Bible)	Thursday, 7 August	9:45am - Creche
Worship Committee Meeting	Thursday, 7 August	2:00pm - Vestry

Progress and What We Believe cont...

The issue of whether we should or should not change someone's [dis]ability is also a strongly debated topic in the deaf community and the SBS program Insights had an episode called The Deaf Divide exploring those who choose to intervene with technology and those who don't. <https://www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/news-series/insight/insight-2021/insight-s2021-ep14/1901176387940>

As Christians and as a church we are called to speak into these issues in society. As technology continues to progress, what do our beliefs say about the modification of humans? When should something be cured or at what point should it be honoured as part of being made in God's image? Can it be both? I have no answers friends, but these discussions should not be avoided if we want our faith to be relevant to the lives of us as disciples and broader society alike.

Rev Reuben

Roster: Flowers



Our rosters series continues this week with the Flower roster.

The flower person's primary responsibility is to make sure that the two pedestals in the Sanctuary of the Church have vases of flowers to beautify the Sunday service. In the flower preparation room there are

vases, oasis, and Marika has a small budget towards the cost of flowers needed. However, many people find flowers and greenery in their gardens which are suitable for the occasion.

There are a few special days in the liturgical calendar which call for a particular colour in the arrangements, for example white for Easter Day, and there is a calendar of these days on the wall in the Flower room. It is wonderful to share our creativeness through the flowers in the church and it is so appreciated by the congregation.

Most of the arrangements will last for two weeks (if they are kept watered!) so the names are rostered for every 2 weeks. If the flowers don't last that long, it is possible to use the pot plants or vases of artificial flowers which can be used to fill the gap.

If you would like to be part of this beautiful ministry in our services, please contact the flowers coordinator, Marie Yunken, or Marika in the office.

Thank you.

***Your Retiring Offering on
Sunday, 24 August
will be for Royal Flying Doctor Service***



Royal Flying Doctor Service

Friendship Groups News



Thank you to Marion Laws for hosting a very enjoyable Friendship Group on Saturday, 28 June. We shared interesting things from our lives and a wonderful afternoon tea.

In the Photo L to R:
Marion, (David taking photo), Andy & Marie,

Margaret C, Zoe, Rolf, Claire and David.

Marie Yuncken

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

CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION

Uniting WA Winter Socks Appeal

Winter is well and truly here and we have all started wearing our warmer clothes to keep comfortable and safe from the harsh weather.

We have had a long association with Tranby and we know there is a huge need from Tranby for support and a desperate need for **NEW WARM SOCKS** for both men and women. Can you help?



Uniting

Please bring your donation of new socks with you on Sunday, 3 & 10 August 2025.

Uniting WA Co-CEO's will join our service on Sunday, 10 August 2025.

Your donations will make a significant difference to those in need.

Good Sammy Open Day



Uniting Church in Australia
Western Australia

Uniting Church WA Open Day

Join us at Good Sammy HQ for a presentation from CEO Kane Blackman, a tour of our recycling facilities and a delicious morning tea.

When



Thursday 28 August 2025
10-12pm

Where



Good Sammy HQ
33-35 Bannister Road
Canning Vale

RSVP

Head to goodsammy.com.au/uc-rsvp to register your attendance.

If you have any questions, please contact Tina Cozzolli at

events@goodsammy.com.au
or 0427 205 928

ALL SAINTS SING ALONG



Our monthly Sing Along is the perfect
blend of fun and harmony.

Come and sing your favourite tunes on the
third Thursday of every month.

2:00pm to 4:00pm

21 August
18 September

16 October
20 November
18 December

Create unforgettable memories and build a
community through the joy of singing.

No auditions. No need to read music.

Afternoon Tea provided.

Gold Coin Donation.

All Saints Floreat Uniting Church
48-50 Berkeley Crescent, Floreat



QUIZ NIGHT

Do you have what it takes to be the 2025 IPDC quiz champions? Make up a table of 8-10 friends (or we can help you make up a table and some new friends!) Enjoy a fun filled night while helping to raise money for the work of the Black Pearl Network in Papua, Indonesia. This is your chance to show off your knowledge and make new friends in the Uniting Church family!



Saturday, 23 August

**DOORS OPEN AT
6.30PM FOR A 7.00PM
SHARP START**



**ALL SAINTS FLOREAT
UNITING CHURCH**

48-50 Berkeley
Crescent,
Floreat



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BOOKING FEE) THROUGH
HUMANITIX**

<https://events.humanitix.com/2025-ipdc-quiz-night?>