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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

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.

| Communion Service 9:30am, 3 August After Pentecost 8 Rev Reuben Edmonds Hosea 11:1-11 P.877 Psalm 107:1-9, 43 P.604 | | Sunday Service 9:30am, 10 August After Pentecost 9 Rev Reuben Edmonds Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 P.566 | | | |
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| Colossians 3:1-11 | | P.251 | , , | | P.284 |
| * Galatians 5:22-25 * Luke 4:1-14 | | P. 238 P.78 | * Galatians 5:22-25 P.238 * Luke 12:13-21 P.94 | | P.238 P.94 |
| * Included in Service | | | * Included in Service | | |
| 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 Drun | en | Rhondda Tilbrook | |

OUR CHURCH LIFE

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 | | | | | |
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| 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 Yuncken, or Marika in the office.

Thank you.

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



Friendship Groups News



Margaret C, Zoe, Rolf, Claire and David.

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,

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

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?



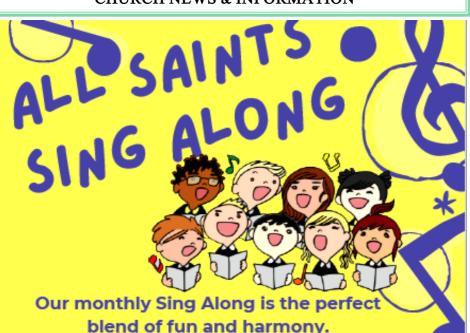


Please bring your donation of new socks with you on Sunday, 3 & 10 August 2025.

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.





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

2:00pm to 4:00pm

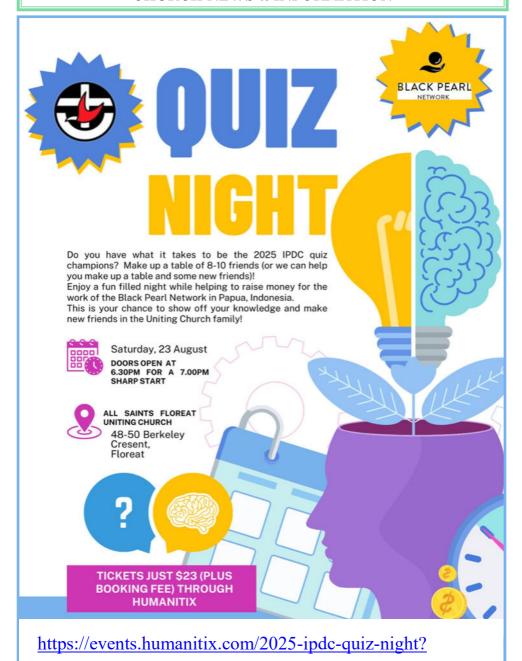
21 August 18 September 16 October 20 November 18 December

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.

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