



NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2025 - AFTER PENTECOST 14

Season of Creation

We are in the middle of the Season of Creation which began on the first of September and concludes on the 4th of October – St Francis of Assisi day. The theme of the season is “Peace with Creation”.



Dag Hammarskjöld

The 18th of September is the 64th anniversary of Dag Hammarskjöld’s death in an air crash in 1961. Dag Hammarskjöld was the second (and youngest) Secretary General of the United Nations. At the time of his death, he was en route to negotiate a cease fire between UN Forces and

Katanganese troops. Whether he and the others in the plane were murdered to prevent him from bringing about peace remains controversial.

A deeply spiritual person, he was an untiring peacemaker, and it is fitting that we pay tribute to his efforts in working towards peace with creation.

As the ecumenical creation steering committee writes:

‘Creation is God’s sacred gift, entrusted to our care. Christians are called to protect and nurture Creation in peace, working in partnership with others and passing this responsibility on to future generations. Its deep interconnectedness makes peace both essential and fragile.’

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OUR CHURCH LIFE

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Communion Service Sunday, 14 September After Pentecost 14 Richard Smith		Sunday Service Sunday, 21 September After Pentecost 15 Rev Zac Cronje	
* Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Psalms 14 1 Timothy 1:12-17:1-21 * Luke 15:1-10 * Included in Service	P.734 P.543 P.263 P.99	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Psalms 79:1-9 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13 * Included in Service	P.740 P.586 P.263 P.100

HYMNS SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

TiS 137	For the Beauty of the Earth
TiS 111	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Overhead	Miracle of Life
Overhead	It is so Grand

	SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER	SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER
Welcomer	Rhondda Tilbrook	Debbie Thornton
Door Steward	David Saggars	Zoe Hewitt-Dutton
Church Council	Anne van Drunen	Marie Yuncken
Bible Reader	Phillip Smith	Debbie Thornton
Flowers	Margaret Oliver	Keith Bakker
Morning Tea	Beth & John McKechnie Cathy Smith	Jean Read Michiko Stuart
Music	Rachel Brayshaw - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin	Christine Ryan - Piano Felicity Taylor - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin
Multimedia	Michael van Drunen	Rhondda Tilbrook
Media Clicker	Marie Yuncken	Deborah Marshall

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Prayers

From The WA Synod: The Legal Advisory Group, Council for Mission, Ecumenical Affairs Network, Ministerial Benefits Committee, Covenanting Commission and the Committee for Counselling. UnitingCare Forum

Ecumenical Prayer will be for: Ghana, Nigeria

Our local prayers will be for: UCA WA Synod

All Saints Floreat UC Events This Week

Elders Meeting	Tuesday, 16 September	5:00pm - Page Room
All Saints Playgroup	Wednesday, 17 September	9:30am - Page Room
KIT Group Meeting	Wednesday, 17 September	1pm - Vestry
KYB (Know Your Bible)	Thursday, 18 September	9:45am - Creche
All Saints Sing Along	Thursday, 18 September	2pm - Hall
Kings Park Walk	Saturday, 20 September	10am - Wadjuk Carpark, Kings Park

***Your Retiring Offering on
Sunday, 14 September will go to the
Conservation Council WA***



Offerings



Offerings to All Saints Floreat Uniting Church
may be made by bank transfer to:
BSB – 036 063 Account – 122093

Jigsaw Puzzle World Championship

Did you know you can compete in a jigsaw puzzle competition? Well, it turns out you can. Here in WA, we have a state championship and Melbourne hosts the national championship, both annually organised by the Australian Jigsaw Puzzle Association. But the biggest competition is the week long world championship held in Valladolid, Spain and organised by the World Jigsaw Puzzle Federation (WJPF). You can find out all about the competition on their website. <https://worldjigsawpuzzle.org/>

This year, I am heading to Spain to compete in the world championship, alongside over 40 other Australian competitors and over 1000 competitors from around the globe. I am competing in the individual 500 piece puzzle competition and the pairs competition (500 piece puzzle for qualifying first



round and semi's, 1000 piece puzzle for the final). There is also a team of 4 competition that races to finish two 1000 piece puzzles but I have not registered for this competition.

The best part is that the whole event is livestreamed so everyone can watch. You

can watch it on the WJPF YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@worldjigsawpuzzlefederation/streams>

You can spot the Australians competing by their distinctive Australian uniforms. While in the pairs, I am competing with Moana from Berlin, so we have named ourselves the Puzzle Pilgrims and have created our own shirts for the event. Hopefully you might spot me somewhere in the livestream.



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My first race will be in Individual Group C which begins at 8pm in Spain on Tuesday September 16th (2am in Perth the following day) and Pairs Group A which begins at 9am in Spain on Thursday September 18th (3pm in Perth that day). The streams can be viewed after they finish so no need to be up at 2am! I'll be sure to send photos and I will try to put updates on the All Saints Facebook Group.

Rev Reuben

Season of Creation cont...

In keeping with the theme Peace with Creation, in 1957 Hammarskjöld purchased a farm “Backakra” in the southern Swedish province of Uppsala which we visited one summer. Its meditation circle remains in use for contemplation. Backakra is a symbol of creation and peace.

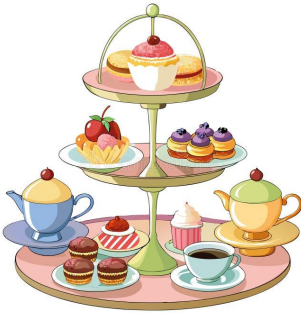


Hammarskjöld was a man of quiet courage summed up in his words:

Never look down to test the ground before taking your next step. Only he who keeps his eye fixed on the far horizon will find his right road.

Beth McKechnie

Roster: Morning Tea



Our rosters series continues this week with the Morning Tea roster.

Each time we serve morning tea after a service we give everyone who attended an opportunity to experience All Saints hospitality and to further develop friendships amongst the congregation. Morning tea volunteers arrive early to help set up the tea and coffee facilities, prepare the food, and set out the tables and chairs. Towards the end of the service, volunteers are often seen dashing out early to get everything finalised so that once the service ends everyone can get a hot coffee or tea. Often these volunteers are last to leave as they finish cleaning the kitchen up and draining the dishwasher. While this is a busy ministry it is never completed alone, with two volunteers always rostered and many hands often willing to help.

If you would like to be part of this important ministry in our services, please contact the Morning Tea co-ordinator, Heather Booth, or Marika in the office.

Thank you.

Vale Doreen Walters

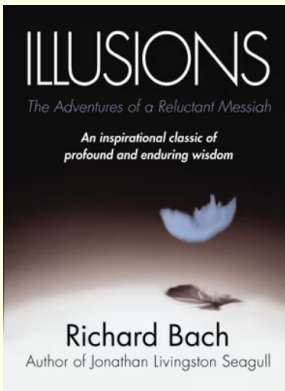
Doreen Walters. a long-standing member of our church passed away on
Sunday, 7 September 2025

At the time of her death she was 102 years old. (22.7.1923 - 7.9.2025).

We extend our sympathy to all the Walters family.



Book Review



The August book for the church book club was “Illusions” sub-titled, “The Adventures of a Reluctant Messiah”.

The book has been around for a long time and was published in 1977 by Richard Bach, the celebrated author of Jonathon Livingston Seagull. Like Jonathon Livingston Seagull, Illusions is a philosophical look at what it might be like if a contemporary man became the messiah.

Whilst clearly fictional, the book employs many features to get its message across. The first chapter is produced as a dirty handwritten diary of the “messiah” who is an aircraft mechanic when not occupied being a messiah. In the course of the story, he meets another barnstormer who is open to his ideas and exploring the implications of his teachings. I found the novel to be an easy read but spent considerable time deliberating on the slightly new-ageish ideas presented and imagining the story as it happened.

There are some novel ideas about the nature of faith and miracles and the storyline requires the reader to suspend their disbelief in order to truly immerse oneself in what can only be called a fairly implausible plot. I loved “Illusions” and found it to be the catalyst to many hours of deep thinking and examination of my own beliefs. Sadly for the book club, I was in a very small minority. It appears that one either loves “Illusions” or hates it and perhaps its time has passed with the passing of the 1970s so if you decide to give this little book a try, I hope you are, like me, a fan of pop philosophy and ready to give it some serious thought.

Lee-Anne Burnett

Join us for a walk in Kings Park



**Please join us as a group to enjoy a walk on
Saturday 20th September
in Kings Park during**

The Everlasting Kings Park Festival.

**We will meet at the Wadjuk car park off
May Drive at 10:00 am.**

Duration of walk - about one and a half hours.

**Please RSVP by TUESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER to
Beth McKechnie on 0421 545 583
Or email: bethmckechnie1@gmail.com.**

**If anyone is interested in lunch afterwards
around 12:00pm, we can book a table at
Zamia Cafe.**