# NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER 2025 - AFTER PENTECOST 17

## Where is Our Mission?



One night about a month ago, as I tossed and turned in bed, trying to find sleep, I suddenly realised that I could hear someone talking outside. That 's not normally a reason for questions but at 3am it was unusual and cause for some curiosity, especially as it was a cold and windy night out. Over the next hour or so, I continued to be aware of a quiet voice chatting outside the house. When I went out to

pick up the newspaper at 5am I could still hear the voice but could not see who was speaking in the dark. I couldn't find the paper so went back to bed. When I walked out again at 6am the paper was nowhere to be seen but the voice was still chatting quietly. It was dark and cold and I could see no one. Half an hour later, I looked again for my paper but by then it was getting light and across the road, on the footpath outside a nearby shop, I could see a heap of blankets and hear that voice, still talking. I was shocked.

I live in very comfortable, very middle class Wembley and homeless people are not seen there, or not before this. I walked across the road and introduced myself to Ebony, a young woman with a bright smile and nothing much else to her name. When I took her a hot drink and food she invited me to join her and I demurred as I pointed out that I didn't want to get caught out in the street in my pyjamas. She laughed. How stupid was I? She lived her whole life out in the street.

### **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 Sunday, 5 October After Pentecost 17 Rev Margaret Tyrer			Sunday Service 9:30am Sunday, 12 October After Pentecost 18 50th Anniversary of Ordination of Rev Margaret Smithson		
Lamentations 1:1-6 Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalms 137 * 2 Timothy 1:1-14 * Luke 17:5-10 * Included in Service		P.792 P.795 P.621 P.267 P.102	* Jeremiah 29:4-8  * Psalms 66-1-7, 16-20  2 Timothy 2:8-15  * Luke 17:11-19  * Included in Service		P.574 P.268
Hymns Sunday 5 October					
TiS 472	Father of mercy				
TiS 437	Blessed Jesus, at your word				
TiS 540	Christians, lift your hearts and voices				
TiS 495	Father, we give you thanks				
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Welcomer	Lee-Anne Burnett			Carol Brearley	
Door Steward	Jill Heaney			Michiko Stuart	
Church Council	Debbie Thornton			Deborah Marshall	
Bible Reader	Phillip S	mith		Debbie Thornton	
Flowers	Linda H	arris		Linda Harris	
Morning Tea	Heather Cathy Sr			Heather Booth Marie Yuncken	
Music		oughlan - Lunardi - V		Christine Ryan - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin	
Multimedia	Deborah	Marshall		Michael van Drunen	
Media Clicker	Michael	van Drun	en	Rhondda Tilbrook	

#### **OUR CHURCH LIFE**

## **Prayers**

From The WA Synod: Armadale, Mundijong and Gosnells Uniting Churches;

Tapu Niue Faith Community. Kiribati Uniting Church

Ecumenical Prayer will be for: Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela

Our local prayers will be for: KYB (Know Your Bible)

## Where is Our Mission? Cont...

How does she shower? Where is her toilet? Where does she change her clothes if, indeed, she has any into which to change? How does she keep herself safe?

Since then, I have spent a lot of time thinking about Ebony and others in her situation. I felt a bit like Samuel. How often does God need to call us before we heed Him? Once we become aware of a need in our community, what do we do with that? How can we in very middle class All Saints Floreat respond to the needs we see around us? As we revise our mission plan we all need to think about how we as a community can reach out to those around us in need. Pray God will make His will clear to us.

Lee-Anne Burnett

# **Offerings**



Offerings to All Saints Floreat Uniting Church may be made by bank transfer to:

BSB - 036 063 Account - 122093

## Message from the Moderator

Rev Dr Andrew Williams will conclude his role as General Secretary on 31 October 2025.

The Synod Standing Committee is working on alternative arrangements. We extend our sincere thanks to Andrew for his contributions and ministry as General Secretary of the Uniting Church in Western Australia Synod. A more detailed announcement about arrangements after 1 November will be provided once more details are clear.

Grace and peace,

Rev Dr Ian Tozer Moderator, Uniting Church WA

# Prayer Chain

If you would like to join All Saints Floreat Prayer Chain or have any prayer requests for the chain please, while Rev Reuben is away, contact Maxine Davies.



Please join us for Morning Tea after the service on Sunday



Sunday Services
at All Saints
are Live
Streamed
and may be
viewed via
YouTube at
9:30am each
Sunday.



## Do You Have a Spare Hot Water Urn?

Our church is looking for another hot water urn after the last one sprang a leak. Before we buy one, I thought I would ask if anyone has one that they don't need any more.

It would be a much appreciated donation.

Marie Yuncken

## Pride March - 29 November 2025



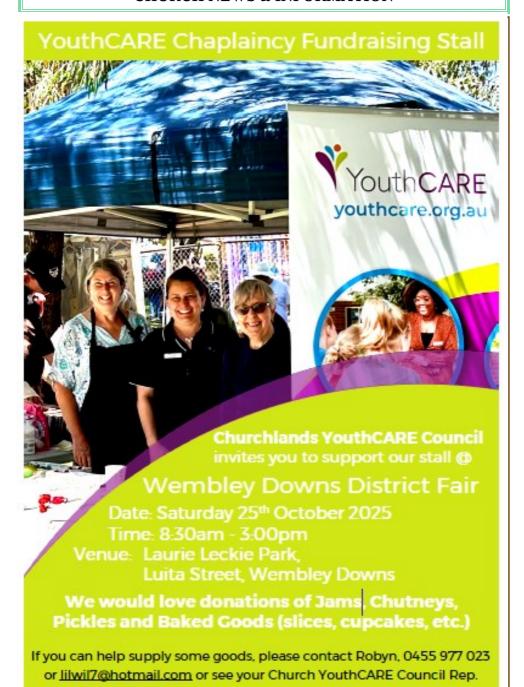
All Saints Floreat Uniting Church will join Equal Voices in the Pride March in Perth on 29 November 2025.

We will be wearing T-Shirts printed with the Uniting Church logo to show our support.

If you would like to participate in the march, please register your interest with Deborah Marshall.

The T-Shirts will cost around \$35.00 each and will need to be ordered by 23 October 2025.

Thank you





Step into the Tunnel of Light

An immersive installation of mirrors and illumination that reflects the reality that anyone can experience homelessness.

Fri 3 Oct 11am - 2pm | 4 - 8pm Sat 4 Oct 4pm - 8pm 253 St Georges Terrace, Perth

Walk through a light-scape that inspires hope, awareness, and connection.

Let's Light The Way together!



**Media Partner** 

St Bart's



**Tunnel Partner** 



# **Covenant in Action**

The Covenanting Commission invites
Uniting Church WA community to participate in a
Busy Bee.

Saturday 18 October
9.00am to 2.00pm
Beananging Kwuurt Institute
174 Treasure Rd, Queens Park

Volunteers are needed to help clear rubbish off the site and place in skip bins for removal. This will assist in the development of the site as a Healing Centre for Stolen Generations survivors and their families run by Yokai and BKI.

Volunteers are asked to bring gardening gloves to wear.

Come for all or part of the time. Light lunch will be provided.

This is a practical way you can contribute to covenanting, building closer relationships with Nyungar people, working alongside each other on this project.

To register your attendance on the day contact Carolyn Ebell - ceb15225@bigpond.net.au or phone 0409 320 041 (after hours)

