



# NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2025 - REIGN OF CHRIST

## *Reign of Christ*



This year many faith leaders have spoken out against the changes in immigration policy in the United States. Since September, over 100 faith leaders of various faiths and denominations have

attended demonstrations outside the Broadview facility, seeking to show their Spirit led opposition to "Operation Midway Blitz," a mass deportation effort that has rounded up hundreds of undocumented immigrants and other Chicago residents since it was launched in September. On November 14th, Rev Michael Woolf (pictured) was arrested while attending a demonstration outside the facility. Of the 21 people arrested that day, participants said at least seven of those arrested were faith leaders from Presbyterian, Lutheran, Baptist, Unitarian Universalist and Jewish traditions. You can read more about it here: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/least-7-faith-leaders-arrested-broadview-ice-facility-protest>.

This Sunday we are marking Reign of Christ Sunday. Pope Benedict XV, who began his papacy a month into World War I, was horrified at his inability to broker a peace treaty, and at the millions of bodies piling up all across Europe. When Benedict died in 1922, he was replaced by Pope Pius XI, who declared the aim of his papacy to be

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<b>Sunday Service</b> <b>9:30am Sunday, 23 November</b> <b>Reign of Christ</b> <b>Rev Josephine Inkpin</b> <b>Rev Reuben Edmonds</b>		<b>Sunday Service</b> <b>9:30am Sunday, 30 November</b> <b>Advent 1</b> <b>Rev Reuben Edmonds</b>	
<b>Jeremiah 23:1-6</b> <b>Luke 1:68-79</b> <b>* Colossians 1:11-20</b> <b>* Luke 23:33-43</b> <b>* Included in Service</b>	<b>P.755</b> <b>P.73</b> <b>P.252</b> <b>P.112</b>	<b>Isaiah 2:1-5</b> <b>Psalm 122</b> <b>Romans 13:11-14</b> <b>Matthew 24:36-44</b> <b>* Included in Service</b>	<b>P.671</b> <b>P.617</b> <b>P.201</b> <b>P.36</b>
<b>HYMNS SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER</b>			
<b>TiS 256</b>	<b>Servant King</b>		
<b>Overhead</b>	<b>Be Still for the Presence of the Lord</b>		
<b>TiS 341</b>	<b>My Song is Love Unknown</b>		
<b>Overhead</b>	<b>Christ is the Truth, the Way (Tune TiS 228)</b>		
<b>TiS 755</b>	<b>You shall Go Out with Joy</b>		
	<b>SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER</b>	<b>SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER</b>	
<b>Welcomer</b>	<b>Carol Brearley</b>	<b>Lee-Anne Burnett</b>	
<b>Door Steward</b>	<b>Margaret Smithson</b>	<b>Jean Read</b>	
<b>Church Council</b>	<b>Debbie Thornton</b>	<b>Debbie Thornton</b>	
<b>Bible Reader</b>	<b>Marie Yuncken</b>	<b>Lillian Hadley</b>	
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Heather Booth</b>	<b>Margaret Oliver</b>	
<b>Morning Tea</b>	<b>Lee-Anne Burnett</b> <b>Els Mengler</b>	<b>Carol Brearley</b> <b>Margaret Oliver</b>	
<b>Music</b>	<b>Geoff Hadley - Piano</b> <b>Joseph Lunardi - Violin</b>	<b>Rachel Brayshaw - Piano</b> <b>Joseph Lunardi - Violin</b>	
<b>Multimedia</b>	<b>Rhondda Tilbrook</b>	<b>Rhondda Tilbrook</b>	
<b>Media Clicker</b>	<b>Els Mengler</b>	<b>Lee-Anne Burnett</b>	

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### *Prayers*

**From The WA Synod:** Narrogin Group (Cuballing and Narrogin Uniting Churches). The Church of North India

**Ecumenical Prayer will be for:** East Timor (Timor Leste), Indonesia, Philippines

**Our local prayers will be for:** Defence Force Chaplains

### **All Saints Floreat UC Events This Week**

Lectionary Bible Study	Monday, 24 November	2:00pm - Page Room
All Saints Playgroup	Wednesday, 26 November	9:30am - Page Room
KYB (Know Your Bible)	Thursday, 27 November	9:45am - Creche

### *Reign of Christ cont...*

"The re-establishment of the Kingdom of Christ by peace in Christ." It was in the service of this mission that he introduced Christ the King Sunday (or Reign of Christ Sunday as many call it today).

While Reign of Christ Sunday began in response to World War I, it continues to speak to our world today. How can we work towards a world that lives out the reign of Christ, a reign filled with compassion and self-sacrifice for others? For some disciples, like Rev Woolf, they will continue to proclaim the reign of Christ in places where violence and oppression occurs, even if they incur oppression themselves. May God fill them with strength and courage to show compassion and love.

*Rev Reuben*

### *Offerings*



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



This season we are using the resources prepared by Sanctified Art (as we did for Lent). The theme for Advent this year is What Do You Fear? Insisting on Hope this Advent. They offer the following introduction to this theme.

“Luke’s Gospel begins the story of Jesus with this opening line: “In the time of Herod...” This detail may seem minor to modern readers, however, it reveals layers of information about the fearful world Jesus entered, one filled with rampant oppression, economic disparity, uncertainty, and instability. A world not so unlike our own. And yet, throughout the stories of Christ’s birth, we hear the whispers of angels delivering a surprising message: “Do not fear.” In our own time, we might ask: is it even possible to be fearless in a fearful world? When Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the magi are each called into God’s redemptive story, they do not deny their fears—they move through them. They ask questions, hold fast to courage, trust in good news, and say, “Here I am, Lord.” When we find ourselves in fearful times, can we acknowledge our fears while also insisting on hope?

We’ve crafted an Advent series that takes seriously the angels’ message and trusts that Christ’s birth truly is good news of great joy for all people. The series looks closely at the fear and terror looming in the background during the time of King Herod and invites us to consider the fears we hold now. Fear can divide and paralyse us, and even be used as a tool for oppression. But what if we formed a different relationship with fear? Can we acknowledge fear without

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letting it rule us? Might we catalyse our fears into love and action? What if naming our fears helps us see more clearly how God is breaking in and where God is at work? This series gently invites us to identify where fear is present—both in the Advent story and in our lives—while also finding our way toward hope, with the angels' voices in our ears.

Every Advent, we light candles, sing carols, and pray for Christ's coming because we believe God entered a frightened world to bring good news. We hold onto hope because we believe that Christ did come—that's the promise of the season. Our hope is not flimsy or fleeting. It's gritty, resilient, and can endure—no matter what we fear or face. This season, let us insist on hope and trust that good news is greater than fear.”

*Rev Reuben*

## *All Saints T-Shirts*

Second chance orders are being taken for the All Saints Floreat T-Shirt. Please add your name to the list on the table in the foyer or contact Deborah.

Thank you



## *An announcement from the Moderator Rev David Jackson*



*Rev Hollis Wilson*

On behalf of the Synod Standing Committee, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Rev Hollis Wilson as General Secretary for the Uniting Church Synod of Western Australia.

This half-time long-term supply placement is effective 1 December 2025 and will continue until the Synod meeting in September 2026,

where the ongoing appointment will

be determined. Rev Hollis Wilson will continue his placement at Uniting Church in the City (UCIC) in a half-time capacity. We thank the UCIC congregation and the Presbytery for their collaborative spirit in enabling this dual arrangement.

Rev Hollis Wilson brings a significant breadth of experience to this key leadership role, including:

- ◆ General Secretary, Uniting Church WA (1999–2000)
- ◆ Ministry and Church Administration positions as a Minister in the United Church of Christ (USA)
- ◆ Technical and Leadership Roles, such as Senior Engineer at NASA, Johnson Space Centre (USA)
- ◆ Chaplain at Methodist Ladies College (MLC) and Teacher/Head of Department at St Stephen's School, Duncraig Campus.
- ◆ Minister at Uniting Church in the City (UCIC)

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The Synod Standing Committee looks forward to working with Hollis with his deep experience, leadership skills, and wisdom as we navigate the coming year together.

We wish to express our gratitude to David Beards for his dedication and expertise in serving as the Interim General Secretary throughout November 2025.

Our heartfelt thanks also go to the staff at the Uniting Church Centre for their professionalism and support during this significant period of change. Please join us in extending a warm welcome and prayerful support to Rev Hollis Wilson.

*Grace and peace*

**Rev David Jackson**  
**Moderator, Uniting Church WA**

### PERTH INNER CITY YOUTH SERVICES

**Friday 28 November 2025**

**Food Pick-Up Floreat**

**J & C Schaus**

**Tel: 0409 293 319**



**Sunday Services at All Saints are  
Live Streamed**

**and may be viewed via YouTube at 9:30am each  
Sunday.**





## ***Pride Parade Registration for Equal Voices WA Float***

This year the annual Pride Parade in Northbridge takes place on the 29th of November and you are invited to join the Equal Voices WA walking float.

Participants are asked to arrive between 6 and 7pm. The Parade starts at 8pm and moves along at a slow walking pace. The whole parade is just under 1km long. We are float 57 which is pretty good so we won't have to wait too long after the parade starts to begin walking. It's free to join our float but we only have 50 places as the whole parade has nearly 6000 participants! If you would like to join the Equal Voices WA float please fill out the details in the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/equalvoiceswaparade25> this will enable us to send through more information about where you need to go to access the float form up area. Any issues please just come and ask me or send me an email.

This year, Equal Voices WA is speaking out in support of the bill to ban conversion practices which will be announced during Pride and hopefully made into law before the end of the year.

We are always very positively received by the crowds watching on and a Christian voice supporting the bill will be an important public message. So come along and join this wonderful event as Equal Voices WA declares to all those marching and watching the parade that they are loved by God just as they are.

***Rev Reuben  
Convenor of Equal Voices WA***