

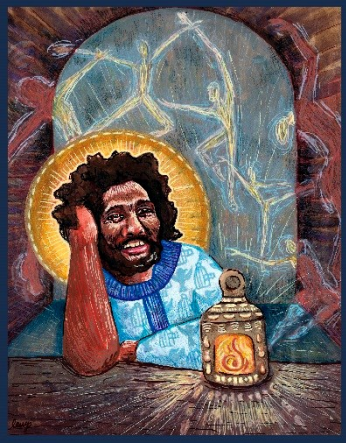


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NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 2025 - ADVENT 2



Hope Like a Dancer by

Lauren Wright Pittman

Inspired by Matthew 11:1-11

Gouache, paint pens, coloured pencils, and ink on paper

John the Baptist was thrown in prison after publicly questioning the legality of Herod's marriage (Matthew 14:3-5). He was not afraid to go toe-to-toe with the

powerful, and perhaps he expected Jesus' ministry to look more confrontational and politically strategic. In questioning Jesus, I wonder if John sought a particular answer to hang his hope on, that maybe the Messiah would be how he'd imagined him. Maybe Jesus would bust him out of jail and take things straight to Herod, but Jesus offers something else.

In this image, John sits in prison, letting the disciples' testimony settle in. People with hearing, visual, and physical impairments experience new senses and mobility. Those with skin diseases are cleansed. Those with little material comfort are offered irrepressible hope, and the lungs of the dead are filled with the breath of life. I decided to image this good news through the dancing light of a lantern in John's prison cell. I chose dancing figures because dancing feels like a primal response to the radical healing taking place outside the prison walls. As these six dancers illuminate the cell, I imagine John, even if for a moment, breaking into a bit of laughter at the magnitude of Jesus' ministry.

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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, 7 December Advent 2 Rev Reuben Edmonds		Sunday Service 9:30am Sunday, 14 December Advent 3 Rev Reuben Edmonds	
Isaiah 11:1-10	P.679	Isaiah 35:1-10	P.696
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19	P.580	Psalm 146:5-10	P.626
Romans 15:4-13	P.202	James 5:7-10	P.29
Matthew 3:1-12	P.5	Matthew 11:2-11	P.16
* Isaiah 43:19-21	P.706	* Jeremiah 1:4-10	P.730
* Matthew 11:1-11	P.16	* Luke 1:26-39	P.73
* Included in Service		* Included in Service	
HYMNS SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER			
Overhead	The Candle of Hope (Tune TiS 133)		
TiS 128	Something a Light Surprises (Tune TiS 674)		
TiS 497	Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent		
TiS 653	This is a Day of New Beginnings		
TiS 778	Shalom		
	SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER	SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER	
Welcomer	Debbie Thornton	Shyrelle Bennett	
Door Steward	Mavis Coughlan	Zoe Hewitt-Dutton	
Church Council	Els Mengler	Lee-Anne Burnett	
Bible Reader	Lee-Anne Burnett	Margaret Smithson	
Flowers	Margaret Oliver	Marie Yuncken	
Morning Tea	Coral Lalich Margaret Smithson	Jean Read Marie Yuncken	
Music	Rachel Brayshaw - Organ Joseph Lunardi - Violin	Geoff Hadley - Piano Joseph Lunardi - Violin	
Multimedia	Richard Smith	Deborah Marshall	
Media Clicker	Michael van Drunen	Rhonda Tilbrook	

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Prayers

From The WA Synod: Dongara Uniting Church and Moora Uniting Church.
Frontier Services WA Bush Chaplains and Methodist Church of Sri Lanka.

Ecumenical Prayer will be for: Myanmar, Thailand

Our local prayers will be for: Act for Peace and Christmas Bowl Appeal

All Saints Floreat UC Events This Week

Lectionary Bible Study	Monday, 8 December	2:00pm - Page Room
All Saints Playgroup	Wednesday, 10 December	9:30am - Page Room

Hope Like a Dancer *by Lauren Wright Pittman cont...*

Jesus was quite literally doing the unimaginable. He was removing barriers so that the marginalized were no longer reduced to begging and sitting on mats, shoved to the edges of society. He was not only healing physical ailments; perhaps more importantly, he was restoring people to community.

Out of all the miraculous actions mentioned, the news did not include “release of the captives” (Luke 4:18-19). With this message, John would know that he was not going to be freed, and so, the number of dancers would remain one short of seven. As we know all too well, God’s work isn’t completed in Jesus’ time. We are still woefully short of realizing the fullness of God’s desire for all of creation, and the work is ours to see through. Until then, let us keep our eyes peeled for the glimmers of hope dancing all around us and work toward a day when all can join in that dance of wholeness.

—*Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman*



Offerings

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

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Vale Cathy Tang

Our very dear friend and colleague, Cathy Tang passed away suddenly on Thursday, 27 November 2025.

A Funeral Service will be held at All Saints Floreat Uniting Church at 10:00am on Monday, 15 December 2025

We extend our deepest sympathy to all the Tang family.



Would you like to make a difference with a primary school student?

Floreat Park Primary School is seeking more caring adults to work with students who could benefit from having another adult as part of their lives?



Would you be able to fill this role by spending one hour per week with a student at the school?

The Kids Hope Program, which is one of the outreach programs of All Saints, is a structured program which provides initial training for Mentors and on an ongoing basis provides resources and suggestions for how to engage with students. During the hour a Mentor meets with their specific child they can do some academic work as well as activities such as playing games, doing puzzles or craft, or exploring the school grounds.

If you would like to know more about how you can help, please speak to Amanda Brown, Richard Smith or Rhondda Tilbrook.

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Your Retiring Offering this Sunday, 7 December will be for Christmas Bowl



Each December, All Saints Floreat Uniting Church supports the ongoing work of the World Council of Churches by giving our December Retiring Offering and Christmas Day Offering to the Act for Peace Christmas Bowl. Your offerings will help support communities around the world affected by conflict and disaster.

If you are making a donation by post or transfer, please include the code CB-A45800 as this will ensure your donation is attributed to All Saints Floreat Uniting Church.

We will be joined by Carmen-Lee Myers, Lead Campaign Manager for the Christmas Bowl this Sunday, 7 December, who will tell us more about the impact of your giving.

For more information, contact Bob Sumner on 0439 875 818.

Looking for News from the Wider Church?

If you would like to read or subscribe to the WA Synod News & Notes or Seeds Newsletter and other newsletters, please visit:

<https://unitingchurchwa.org.au/newsletters/>.

You can also subscribe to the Uniting Church in Australia Assembly newsletter by visiting: [News – Uniting Church Australia](#)

*Join us at
All Saints Floreat UC
this Christmas Season.
All are welcome.*

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS
TUESDAY, 16 DECEMBER
7:00PM

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE
SUNDAY, 21 DECEMBER
5:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE
THURSDAY, 25 DECEMBER
9:00AM

All Saints Floreat Uniting Church
50 Berkeley Crescent, Floreat
Tel: (08) 6168 1116



***Donations towards Cost of Choir for
Festival of Carols
Tuesday, 16 December***

For our Carol Service, we have an 8-person choir, and organist and conductor, Angela Currie. Angela is kindly volunteering her time for the service. However we are providing a fee for each of our choristers. We are keen to enable this to be a free event for all who come.

If you are able, donations towards the cost of the choir would be appreciated. Please include 'choir' in the description of an electronic donation or you can donate via the church offering on Sunday in a marked envelope or pay by card. Bank Details for payment by bank transfer are: BSB – 036 063, Account – 122093.

Thank you for your support.

***Call for Volunteers to
Join the Media Roster***

As many of you know, at All Saints Floreat we stream all our services. This is a wonderful way for people to attend our service from afar or while ill. However, this service requires volunteers to run the sound and adjust the camera. It is simpler than you think and the iPad is easy to use. I encourage you to answer this call and speak with our Media coordinator, Rhondda Tilbrook.

You would be welcome to sit alongside one of our volunteers during a service to see how it works.

Thank you.

Rev Reuben

SUMMER SPIRIT 2026

20 & 21 February 2026

Early Bird Registration closes

End December 2025

“Walking Together Covenanting Together”

Last year we celebrated 30 years of the Covenant between the Uniting Church in Australia and the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC). Summer Spirit 2026 will give us an opportunity to hear the story of Congress, listen to the joys and challenges of First Peoples, and renew our commitment to the Covenanting process.

About Summer Spirit 2026

Summer Spirit 2026 will offer an enriching program designed to inspire, educate, and empower. Our keynote speakers will provide insightful presentations on the theme. Various opportunities will be on offer to discuss, workshop, and integrate the ideas presented.

Whether you're a church leader, a lay preacher, or a Christian seeking deeper engagement with your faith, this event is for you!

The Details

Friday 20 February 2026 – 5.00pm to 7.30pm

We will meet at Lake Gwelup where we listen to the stories of this place told by Len Yarran. All are welcome, and we encourage families to come together. Light nibbles and soft drinks will be provided, and please bring your own chair.

Saturday 21 February 2026 – 9.00am to 5.00pm

Our Saturday program will be held at All Saints Floreat Uniting Church. The morning will begin with worship and an extended Welcome to Country by

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Rev Mitchell Garlett, where we will hear the importance of this for Aboriginal people. Rev Ken Sumner, UAICC South Australia, will share with us the story of Congress, the joys and challenges. In the afternoon, there will be a variety of workshops facilitated by members of Congress and the Covenanting Commission to explore our theme from different perspectives.

Keynote Speakers

Len Yarran

Len Yarran, a member of Congress, is a Wadjak Noongar elder who has worked extensively in education and devoted much of his life in assisting the local aboriginal men's community in Balga WA. He has gained outstanding recognition for his work in improving the health and wellbeing of local Aboriginal boys and men. Len is part of the team that founded Wadjak Northside, a resource centre and community group dedicated to improving indigenous lives in the northern suburbs of Perth.

Ken Sumner

Rev Ken Sumner is a Kukabrak/Ngarrindjeri korni (man) from the Moorundi (River Murray), Mungkanbuli (Lakes), Kurangk (Coorong) & Yarlular (Southern Ocean) in South Australia.

Ken is a Minister of the Word and is currently employed as the State Development Officer for the Uniting Aboriginal & Islander Christian Congress in South Australia (UAICC-SA). He has served the UAICC & UCA in the South Australian Synod, Vic/Tas Synod & Northern Synod. He has served as Chairperson of the National UAICC. He says that, "he continues to learn".

Early Bird Registrations Now Open!

Scan QR code or follow link for registration options.

Enquiries to Mahshid Zadeh

pa.education@wa.uca.org.au | 08 9260 9800



<https://bit.ly/SummerSpirit26>



At our recent congregational meeting a question was raised about how the congregation can be better informed about those you are unwell or asking for prayer. While for privacy reasons we are limited in the information we

include in public arenas like this newsletter and our worship services, the prayer chain provides a helpful way to communicate these requests to our members.

Every Monday morning, I send out an email to all members of the prayer chain. The email includes the WA Synod prayers, the ecumenical prayers from the World Council of Churches, our local weekly prayer from the Sunday before, the five or so members of the congregation that I name during our prayers of intercession in worship each week, and any prayer requests that have been received. This is a ministry of our church that everyone can participate in, whether you pray while walking or pray in your nursing home. I encourage all members to email me and request to be added to the prayer chain so you too can hear about those who are asking for prayer in our community.

If you have any requests for prayer, please email me, call me, or catch me at worship and I will ensure they are included in the next email (or sooner if it is urgent). If you are asking for prayer for someone else, please ensure they are happy for the request to be included and what information they would like shared. Ultimately, everyone is entitled to have information about their physical and mental wellbeing kept private if they wish.

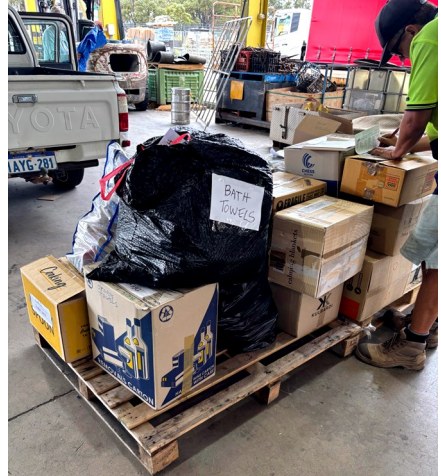
If you have further concerns about an individual member of the congregation, please reach out to their carer. You can find out who this is in our family directory or from the office.

Rev Reuben

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Fundraiser

The Sports and Summer Sale on 15 November raised \$2000 for Black Pearl Network, with part of the proceeds used to send two pallets of clothes, household goods and sports gear to Mowanjum for a pre-Christmas giveaway.



I'm grateful to the faithful helpers, Heather, Coral and (the late) Cathy who gave their time and energy and propped me up over several weeks of preparation. Also, to Robin, Robyn, Marie, Tom, Emily, Jo, Matthew and Richard for their valued support.

All pillars of strength
Claire Smith

Vale Rev Margaret Greenhill

The Funeral Service for Rev Margaret Greenhill will be held
at 10:00 am on Thursday, 11 December 2025
at Purslowe & Chipper Funeral Chapel, 33 Townshend Road, Subiaco.



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If you fancy a little Scottish music and especially if you missed the Black Pearl Fund Raiser we ran here earlier this year to a sellout crowd, then come along to St Andrew's Church Hall, 259 Barker Road Subiaco on Sunday 7 Dec and listen to the Scottish Fiddlers at 2.30pm. Christine is trading the ivories for some strings and will be playing along with this terrific group of Scottish music aficionados. Join us as we play tunes with a nautical flavour for an hour followed by an afternoon tea. If you don't like booking online there will be cash sales at the door.

Perth Scottish Fiddlers

Sea Pictures

*Fiddle music and song
inspired by the sea*

2.30pm, Sunday Dec 7th
St Andrew's Church (hall)
259 Barker Road, Subiaco
Tickets \$25, \$23 conc, school age free
from the website

*Bring your instrument and join
our musicians for a session afterwards!*



www.perthscottishfiddlers.com.au