



NEWS & NOTES

ADVENT 4 SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2021



blended are we who wait with bated breath. who wait for something new to be born - for new hope or new joy or new life.

blended are we whose patience grows thinner by the day. we who are tired of the world as it is - in all of its heartache and loss and hopelessness.

We who want more. More hope. More joy. More life.

blended are we who sit here, to wait at the still point between desire and expectation. we who are making room for more of You, oh God, this advent.

surprise us with joy in the midst of the mundane, abundance in the midst of so much scarcity, presence in the midst of the Christmas chaos.

we have quieted our souls to listen, to wait for you, o God, for your Word-Made-Flesh is life to us.

Kate Bowler

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OUR CHURCH LIFE

THIS WEEK: 19 DECEMBER ADVENT 4	NEXT WEEK: 26 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS 1
<u>9.30am Family Service</u> Rev Dr Ian Tozer	<u>9.30am Family Service</u> Rev Dr Ian Tozer
Micah 5:2-4a P.900 Luke 1:39-45 P.74	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 P.266 Psalm 148 P.627 Colossians 3:12-17 P.254 Luke 2:41-52 P.76

HYMNS SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER

- TiS 302 *The angel Gabriel from heaven came*
- TiS 277 *He who by a mother's love*
- TiS 161 *Tell out my soul*
- TiS 317 *Love came down at Christmas*
- TiS 330 *O how joyfully*



*A warm welcome to visitors worshipping with us today.
We invite you to join us in the Hall after the service
for Morning Tea and a time of fellowship*

ROSTERS	SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER	SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER
WELCOMER	Lee-Anne Burnett	Lee-Anne Burnett
ATTENDANCE	Helen Bloomfield, Alison Kirwan	Bob Sumner, Alison Kirwan
ELDER	Els Mengler	TBA
BIBLE READER	Deborah Marshall	Marg Smithson
FLOWERS	Margaret Oliver	
MORNING TEA	Jean & Graeme Read	Keith & Nellie Bakker, Mavis Coughlan
MUSIC	Glenn Coughlan, Joseph Lunardi	Glenn Coughlan, Joseph Lunardi
MULTIMEDIA	Richard Smith	James Millar

OUR CHURCH LIFE

YOUR RETIRING OFFERING ON CHRISTMAS DAY WILL GO TO THE CHRISTMAS BOWL



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



"Together, we are helping people. We are serving human beings. We are helping the most vulnerable. We are saving lives. Thank you and God bless you for supporting this program." Fred, Duty Facilitator for DICAC, our local partner in Ethiopia.

"The Christmas Bowl is so important. I think it's one of the most transparent and reliable ways of helping people overseas. God has been so good to us.

Thank you Act for Peace for reminding us of one of the most important ministries we can do."

Rev Ken Day, St Stephen's UC NSW.



Christmas Bowl donation envelopes are on the Foyer Table. If you would like to receive an official tax deductible receipt for your donation, please fill in your details where shown on the envelope. Bob Sumner, Ph: 9387 5814

**THE ALL SAINTS' OFFICE WILL CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY 22 DECEMBER 2021
AND WILL RE-OPEN AT 9.30AM ON THURSDAY 27 JANUARY 2022**



Jean Young has volunteered to edit the "Not the News & Notes" during this period and items of news may be emailed to her at - jyoung@iinet.net.au, or phoned through on 9446 5829. Please do ensure that your items of interest reach Jean no later than the Thursday of each week. A very big Thank-You to Jean!

**FOR INFORMATION ON BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION OR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP,
PLEASE CONTACT REV DR IAN TOZER - PHONE: 9387 6371; 0408 943 685**

AN EXPLANATION BY ACTING CHAIR OF COUNCIL REX HARRISON, OF
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROLE OF RECORDERS/ DOOR STEWARDS

Thank you to all the volunteers who responded to the recent call to add their names to the roster for Recorders/Door Stewards. However, as there has been a number of people asking why, when most of those attending worship use their phone to register the QR code, do we need two volunteers on this particular roster. It is important to appreciate that the task of recording the names and phone numbers of those who do not use a mobile phone is only a small part of the overall duties attached to the role. Following the advent of Covid almost two years ago, the task of recording visitors has been combined with the duties of the former Door Stewards. A full list of those duties is posted on the inside of the cupboard door to the right of the entry to the Sanctuary.

The duties chiefly consist of the following:

- *arrive at the church by 9:00am*
- *place on the verge the "No Parking" signs (which are kept in the same cupboard referred to above)*
- *switch on the lights in the sanctuary (located in the Vestry) and the air conditioner or open windows as necessary*
- *at 9:15 light the candles on the communion table and make sure the Minister has a glass of water at the pulpit (Ian always has his own supply)*
- *during the service do a head count of attendees and place the record in one of the offering bags (also located in the same cupboard)*
- *at the conclusion of the service, stand at the doors of the sanctuary to take up the offering which should then be handed to either Bob Sumner, Lindsay Wolfe or Bruce Dangerfield*
- *extinguish the candles and switch off lights and air conditioner and close windows*
- *bring in the "No Parking" signs*

If you are the last to leave, make certain that all doors are locked. If you need to leave before everyone has left, ensure that an Elder or one of the volunteers in the kitchen is familiar with the procedure for securing the building.

The duties are not onerous and there are many people on hand who have filled the role who will be happy to provide advice or help.

Again, thank you for playing your part in our worship services.

Rex Harrison, Acting Chair of Council

NOTE! CONTACT REGISTRATION IS STILL MANDATORY, SO PLEASE USE THE SAFEWA APP ~ OR SIGN IN ~ WHEN ENTERING THE CHURCH AT ALL TIMES

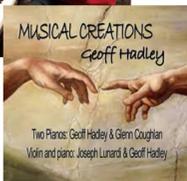


When attending Sunday services, please use your phone to sign in with the SafeWA app as you enter the church.

If you don't have a phone to sign in with, please be sure to have your name registered by the Attendance Recorder in the Foyer.

OUR CHURCH LIFE

Three new CDs added to the Collection! Possible Christmas gifts?



BACH RE-ARRANGED FOR TWO PIANOS:

Glenn Coughlan and Geoff Hadley

OLD FRIENDS REVISITED:

Geoff Hadley playing some of his favourite classical and romantic composers

MUSICAL CREATIONS:

A collection of Geoff Hadley's compositions played in various combinations by Joseph Lunardi, Glenn Coughlan and composer, Geoff Hadley

Over the last few years CDs, featuring All Saints' musicians, have been made to help raise funds for causes and projects dear to the hearts of the congregation.

The All Saints Collection now comprises eight CDs - all of which are available for purchase!

The previously available CDs are -

The Double Gs:

Two-Piano Duets played by Glenn Coughlan & Geoff Hadley

From the Heart:

Popular songs from 1854 to 1944, played on the piano by Geoff Hadley

Music for Reflection:

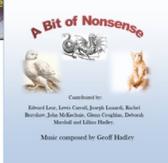
Joseph Lunardi - violin; Geoff Hadley - piano

Music for Unwinding:

Joseph Lunardi - violin; Geoff Hadley - piano

A Bit of Nonsense:

Church members singing and playing music composed by Geoff Hadley

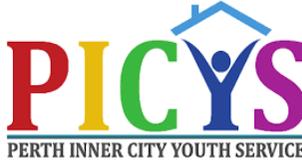


Sale of the CDs will provide funds to acquire cushions for those pews in the church that are now without cushions. Any surplus funds may go to renovating the cushions on the centre pews.

CDs are available for sale at the Office or by contacting Lillian Hadley on 0455 148 217



CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION



PICYS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

I would like to appeal once more to our wonderful members for donations towards the Christmas Lunch, held every year at PICYS, for the less fortunate youth in our city.

Thank you so much for your past generosity. Any donations can be left at the Office or handed to Jean Young or Lynne Jackson. *Lynne*

Also, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful helpers who have supported the food pick-up service during this past year. Would you please let me know if you are not able to help next year, or if you require special dates, so I can have the roster prepared by the end of January in time to recommence the service in February. Many thanks to you for all. Lynne, 9446 5319.

Your acts of kindness
make a difference



CARAD Giving Season

Supporting Centre for Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Detainees (CARAD)

This giving season, you can help CARAD ensure the individuals and families we support have a safe place to live, food on the table, healthcare and community connection. To inspire others to give, one of our generous CARAD donors has pledged to match each donation given this December dollar-for-dollar up to \$5000! **[Make your donation here](https://www.givenow.com.au/cr/caradgivingseason)** or go to -
<https://www.givenow.com.au/cr/caradgivingseason>

Thank you for all your support!

*Our Sunday services at All Saints Floreat are live streamed and these may be viewed via **[LIVE STREAM](#)** at 9.30am each Sunday. Please be advised that if you are attending our services and would prefer not to be filmed, we recommend that you avoid the front four rows of pews.*

OUR CHURCH LIFE

KIDS HOPE UPDATE

With Floreat Park Primary School finishing for the year, our Kids Hope Mentors deserve a well earned break!



Thank you to Rhondda Tilbrook, Roy Pearce, Claire and Richard Smith for your commitment to mentoring a small child in our community, who needs some support and a lot of love. The feedback from the school tells us what a difference that one hour a week with a mentor can make to a child.

Thanks also to our prayer partners.

If you think you can spare some time next year, please contact Rhondda or myself for details about Kids Hope Training.

Amanda Brown Co-ordinator Kids Hope



The theme of next year's Summer Spirit will be 'Kindness: the unspoken heart of the Gospel' and Hugh Mackay will be speaking about the two books he produced over 2020:

The Kindness Revolution and *The Inner Self*.

On Saturday 19 February there will be workshops around defining the nature of our values, both corporate and individual, and questions such as - "*Why is it so difficult to change our behaviour to align with our values?*"

Summer Spirit opens on Friday 18th February with the Summer Spirit Dinner 'Reflecting on Remote Area Ministry'. The Guest Speaker will be Pastor Lindsay Ginn, Musician and Bush Chaplain. If you've not heard him yet, you are in for a real treat!

Saturday 19th February will be a day of Presentations and Work Shops. Morning and Afternoon Tea and Lunch are all included in your registration

- ◆ Registration: \$120 per person for Friday night Dinner and Saturday Program Concession & Early Bird Registration: \$100 (If paid by Thursday 31 December
 - ◆ \$100 per person for Saturday Program only Concession & Early Bird Registration: \$80 (If paid by Thursday 31 December
 - ◆ A group discount is also available - if six people from the congregation book to go to Summer Spirit together, registration will be reduced and you will only pay for five! So please do let us know if you'd like to hear Hugh Mackay and be part of the discussions. Have a word to Rex Harrison or Marie Yuncken if you are thinking of attending. See the flyers on the Foyer table for more information
- Registration is on line at - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/200697380267>

All are invited! All are welcome!

CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION

Lee-Anne Burnett shared a post on the All Saints Face Book page - a place to meet, to share and to chat.

Thinking of Ian ...



If Christmas is hard,
If you've lost someone dear.
Just look in your heart,
And you'll know they're still here.

The star in the sky,
The light falling snow.
The robin outside,
It seems like they know.

If this is a time,
When you're struggling through.
Just do what you can,
For what matters, is you.
There's no need to be merry,
There's no need to be bright.
Just do what you can,
It will all be alright.

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MORNING TEA FOLLOWING SERVICES DURING THE CHRISTMAS BREAK

After Sunday 26 December, morning tea will not be served in the Hall after Sunday services, until Sunday 6 February 2022.

There is a need to give our volunteers and the helpers who have the Hospitality Certificate, one of whom must supervise the serving of morning tea, a break. So please do take this opportunity to invite others to your home for morning tea and a chat, or arrange to meet as a group at the Floreat Forum.



ALL SAINTS FLOREAT UNITING CHURCH



CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

- * SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER
9.30AM - FAMILY SERVICE
Rev Dr Ian Tozer
- * SATURDAY 25TH DECEMBER
9.00AM - CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE
Rev Dr Ian Tozer
- * SUNDAY 26TH DECEMBER
9.30AM - FAMILY SERVICE
Rev Dr Ian Tozer



All Welcome!