



NEWS & NOTES

ADVENT 3 SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2021



Brené Brown's book, "Atlas of the Heart," considers the range of human feelings.

In a world where people find it harder and harder to put feelings into words, Brown gives help to name and understand our feelings. Her work is designed to help people look at themselves and to see more clearly. She is in the business of preparing the way for insight and renewal by giving us a map of feelings.

John the Baptist was one who prepared the way. His preaching is said to be "good news", yet he describes people, who thought they were turning to God by coming to him, as a "brood of vipers"! What?!!! Curiously, people remained attracted to his direct challenge, to this one who said,

"I don't matter. What matters is meeting God. Are you ready to meet God?"

John is a man of the desert, where the choices are stark. Will I live or will I die? Is there water? Is there food? Where? His message from God is stark: think about people, especially those who are suffering or disadvantaged! Help where you can!

John draws attention to what matters most, to that which is summed up in the word, "Repent." To repent means getting things straight. It means asking, do I ring true? It means turning away from what harms and embracing that which is good. It will lead to clarity and, for most people, change.

John draws people a simple map of a way through life. If we are in a desert it is good to have a map so we can identify places of danger and of hope.

It is vital to know where the water is.

John's map is very simple, it includes no distractions, only what really matters is marked. John's map identifies where the source of true life is - with the One coming after — the One we know as Jesus. When John sent people back to ordinary life this message would have gone with them.

Stay open. Remember, God makes a way, even in the deserts of our hearts.

OUR CHURCH LIFE

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HYMNS SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER

- TiS 276 *There's a light upon the mountains*
 Overhead *Wild and lone the prophet's voice*
 TiS 152 *Joyful, joyful*
 TiS 416 *Great God, your Spirit, like the wind*



*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 12 DECEMBER	SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER
WELCOMER	Lee-Anne Burnett	Lee-Anne Burnett
ATTENDANCE	Mavis Coughlan	
ELDER	Anne van Drunen	Els Mengler
BIBLE READER	Jean Read	Deborah Marshall
FLOWERS	Marie Yuncken	Margaret Oliver
MORNING TEA	The McKechnies, Carol Brearley	Keith & Nellie Bakker, Jean & Graeme Read
MUSIC	Glenn Coughlan, Joseph Lunardi	Glenn Coughlan, Joseph Lunardi
MULTIMEDIA	Deborah Marshall	Richard Smith

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

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URGENT HELP REQUIRED!

While Western Australia remains in Stage 5 of Covid restrictions we are required to record all persons entering our Church buildings, either by registering the QR code on their phone or having their names and phone numbers physically recorded.

We appreciate the assistance so far given each week by the volunteers who carry out the important duties of the Recorders/ Door Stewards but more help is needed. After our service today, there is no one rostered for the remainder of December or January.

If volunteers do not urgently come forward to fulfill this vital role, we will not be able to remain open for Sunday worship services.

Rex Harrison, Acting Chair of Council

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 12TH DECEMBER
9.30AM - COMMUNION SERVICE
Rev Dr Ian Tozer
- * 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!



50 Berkeley Crescent, Floreat Ph: 9387 6371

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



A Service of Thanksgiving in celebration of the life of Ian Oliver, a much loved and well respected member of the All Saints congregation, will be held here at 10.00am on Friday 17th December. The service will be followed by a time for reflection and refreshment in the Hall

YOUR RETIRING OFFERINGS TODAY, 12 DECEMBER, AND ON CHRISTMAS DAY WILL GO TO 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

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

Thank You



Last week we thanked Claire and Richard and all who worked and supported the recent Bargain Basement Garage Trail Sale. This sale brought the total amount of money raised this year for the Boab Network to at least \$8,000, coming from: Claire's sales - \$4,000; Show parking - \$1,500, and Containers for Change - almost \$3,000. So well done and a big Thank-You to all!!!

NOTE! THE ALL SAINTS' OFFICE WILL CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER 2021 AND WILL RE-OPEN ON THURSDAY 27 JANUARY 2022

Jean Young has again volunteered to produce 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 big Thank-You to Jean!

Visit All Saints website for the latest news & events at www.unitingchurchwa.org.au/floreat

A VERY BIG THANK-YOU TO MARGARET OLIVER FROM THE PLAY GROUP TEAM



From left: Back row - Margaret, Maxine, Val, Claire, Sylvia, Coral, & Jan. Front row - Babs, Felicity, Margaret, & Marie

After 35 years of service, Margaret Oliver has stepped down from the Playgroup Committee and retired from Floreat Open House Wednesday Playgroup, and she will be sadly missed. However, she will still be coming on Wednesdays in 2022 to play the piano for Music Time.

Speaking for all those who have volunteered at Play Group over the years, Margaret says,

“Why do we do it? Many families are from interstate or overseas and have no extended family, so we welcome strangers and help them find friendship and support.

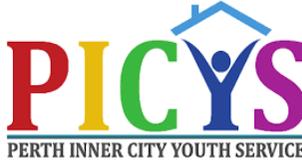
The chief task of the helpers is to offer hospitality — to provide a welcoming and safe environment for play and interaction, to offer a listening ear and sometimes wisdom from years of experience - along with a cup of tea or coffee. Deep and meaningful conversations take place beside the sandpit or swings. Our chief motivation is that we want those young parents who have no church affiliation to discover something of the fellowship we enjoy as God’s people and to be drawn to seek further involvement.”

Margaret has fulfilled these roles admirably and is loved by one and all. She was always at the door to greet families when they arrived and to say goodbye when they departed and, as well as providing a listening ear and a word of wisdom when needed, she played the piano so beautifully for Music Time. We are so pleased that Margaret has offered to come and play the piano next year as Music Time brings such joy to the children, the adults and most of all, the volunteers, and everyone leaves the church happy and singing.

Thank you, Margaret, for your faithfulness and love.

We wish you a very happy retirement.

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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** 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

WESLEY UNITING CHURCH, CNR WILLIAM & HAY STREETS PERTH

Spirit of Christmas



Wesley Uniting Church in the City invites you to join then in celebrating the Spirit of Christmas with free music recitals daily from 5.30-6.15pm from Monday 13th December to Thursday 16th December

- ◆ **MONDAY 13 DECEMBER:** Wesley Winds present 'Christmas Classics' Christmas Classics features beautiful music from Shayne Harris (flute), Alexandra Allan (oboe), Andrew Elliot (clarinet), Ingrid Waters (horn) & Natalya Czerniczziw (bassoon)
- ◆ **TUESDAY 14 DECEMBER:** Recital: Tinsel & Tidings Tinsel & Tidings features beautiful music from Brianna Louwen (soprano) & Adrian Soares (piano).
- ◆ **WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER:** Recital Wesley 2021 Music Scholars Wesley 2021 Music Scholars features beautiful music from Charlotte Kirke (flute), Rachael Liu (soprano) & Boyd Peters (accordion) with Angela Currie (organ/piano).
Come along and join the Wesley Musicians as they share their favourite music performed during this past year.
- ◆ **THURSDAY 16 DECEMBER RECITAL:** Songs of Christmas for Choir & Harp Songs of Christmastime for Choir & Harp features beautiful music from Consort Cantare, directed by Anette Kerkovius, Eliza Bourgalt du Coudray (harp) & Angela Currie (organ).

On Thursday 16 December, for those who may be working or shopping in the city, there is an extra treat at lunchtime -

- ◆ **THURSDAY 16 DECEMBER 12.30PM:** Christmas Carols in the City
Come and sing your favourite carols.
Featuring beautiful music from Wesley Brass and Pipe Organ.
Directed by Angela Currie (Director of Music/Organist).
Brass Quintet: Tracey Harris (trumpet), Jack Collinson (trumpet), Ingrid Sawyers (horn), Sondra Skilton (trombone)
& Steven Harmer (tuba).

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A Superfins Pantomime

Great fun for young and old - Don't miss it!!



Churchlands High School Concert Hall

20 Lucca Street, Churchlands

6.45pm to 8.15pm

Friday 17 & Saturday 18 December

Adults \$20 Children/Concession \$12

Buy your tickets here now or go to -

<https://www.trybooking.com/BVHVU>

Venue is wheelchair accessible



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 with dinner on Friday 18th February and you will enjoy the music of Pastor Lindsay Ginn. If you've not heard him yet, you are in for a treat!

Registration: \$120 per person for Friday night Dinner and Saturday Program

Concession & Early Bird Registration: \$100 (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 on line at - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/200697380267>

Worship Together



Celebration

SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 2021 All Welcome!

AT METHODIST LADIES' COLLEGE CLAREMONT

Christmas Carols start 5.00pm. Gates open 4-7pm

Vic Park Brass Band; Sausage Sizzle, Ice Cream & Coffee Van; BYO picnic & chairs

Host: Susy Thomas Moderator UCAWA. MC: Chris Lock

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