



# NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY 19 JUNE 2022 PENTECOST 2

## *Finding Ourselves Lost*

After Pentecost, our first readings abruptly shift to stories of the prophets. After the death of Solomon, the united kingdom divided into Israel (north) and Judah (south). Many kings of Israel formed alliances – often through marriage – and queens brought their faith to Israel. The worship of God became diluted, and the kings strayed from their commitment to God. This became a recurring pattern.

Prophets called for a return to the Lord. In the 8<sup>th</sup> century BCE, Ahab’s queen Jezebel was determined to replace worship of the Lord with worship of Baal. In this time of conflict, Elijah was called. We have few biographical details and are told Elijah had the gift of healing and foresight. He spoke fearlessly and humiliated the priests of Baal, inciting the people to kill them. Raging Jezebel wanted him dead. In fear of his life, Elijah fled, feeling hopeless, and abandoned by God.

I have a book entitled, “Finding Ourselves Lost: Ministry in the Age of Overwhelm.” Many of us have moments when we “find ourselves lost” or feel overwhelmed. Personal circumstances, the state of the world, unexpected or unwelcome changes, family tragedies, health difficulties – among other things – may take us there.

The good news in the story of Elijah, the good news of Jesus Christ, is that we when we find ourselves in hard places, disappointing places, confusing places, grief-stricken places, God is always present

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Prophet Elijah detailed in the *Madonna and Child with Saints* by Andrea di Bonaiuto

## OUR CHURCH LIFE



*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*

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### HYMNS SUNDAY 19 JUNE

- TiS 415     *Praise the Spirit in Creation...*  
TiS 598     *Dear Father, Lord of humankind...*  
Overhead     *Because his life was threatened.....*  
TiS 636     *God has spoken....*

ROSTERS	SUNDAY 19 JUNE	SUNDAY 26 JUNE
WELCOMER	Lee-Anne Burnett	Lee-Anne Burnett
DOOR STEWARDS	Helen Bloomfield	Beth Mckechnie
ELDER	Jill Heaney	Rex Harrison
BIBLE READER	Deborah Marshall	Ann Calverley
FLOWERS	-	
MORNING TEA	Cathy Smith & Marg Smithson	Carol Brearley & Rhondda Tilbrook
MUSIC	Christine & Margaret	Anne & Felicity
MULTIMEDIA	James Millar	Michael van Drunen

## Public Talk

### Understanding Racial Difference - ULURU Statement from the Heart Floreat Uniting Church, Wednesday 22 June



As Australia struggles with the impact of two centuries of white supremacy on its first nation's people, Dr George Yancy, Professor of Philosophy at Emory University, a Fellow at Dartmouth College and University of Pennsylvania will be addressing the issues of *racism from an American perspective*.

All are welcome to hear this compelling free talk and following discussion at All Saints Floreat Uniting Church, 50 Berkeley Crescent on Wednesday 22nd June beginning with morning tea at 9.30am, followed by Dr Yancy at 10am.

Putting the American experience into the Australian context, the discussion will be led by Rev Dr Katalina Tahaafe-Williams, Minister at Trinity Uniting Church in the City.

Dr Tahaafe-Williams holds degrees from the Universities of New South Wales, London, and Birmingham UK. She has served the world church and the global ecumenical movement as a leader in public and contextual theology, world mission and social justice. She has extensive experience of the struggles of first peoples and displaced persons seeking asylum.



Contact Dr Richard Smith 0447 232 945

Uniting Church in Australia  
celebrates it's 45th Anniversary on 22 June.

Please join us after the  
All Saints Floreat Uniting  
Church Family Service on  
Sunday, 19 June for morning  
tea and a slice of celebratory  
cake.



The **Uniting Church in Australia (UCA)** was founded on 22 June 1977, when most congregations of the Methodist Church of Australasia, about two-thirds of the Presbyterian Church of Australia and almost all the churches of the Congregational Union of Australia united under the Basis of Union. According to the church, it had 243,000 members in 2018. In the 2016 census, about 870,200 Australians identified with the church; in the 2011 census, the figure was 1,065,796. The UCA is Australia's third-largest Christian denomination, behind the Catholic and the Anglican Churches. There are around 2,000 UCA congregations, and the 2001 National Church Life Survey (NCLS) research indicated that average weekly attendance was about 10 per cent of census figures.

The UCA is Australia's largest non-government provider of community and health services. Its service network consists of over 400 agencies, institutions, and parish missions, with its areas of service including aged care, hospitals, children, youth and family, disability, employment, emergency relief, drug and alcohol abuse, youth homelessness and suicide. Affiliated agencies include UCA's community and health-service provider network, affiliated schools, the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress, Frontier Services, and UnitingWorld.

*[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uniting\\_Church\\_in\\_Australia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uniting_Church_in_Australia)*

Rev Sharon Hollis, currently President of the Uniting Church, has prepared an anniversary message. To view the message, please go to: <http://vimeo.com/718977814>

## OPENHOUSE PLAYGROUP

Do you know anyone in Floreat/Wembley/City Beach area with small children who would benefit from our OpenHouse Playgroups? If so, please pass on our information.

**All Saint OpenHouse Playgroups** are held every Tuesday and Wednesday morning between 9:30am and 11:30am during school term. The cost is \$3.00 per family each session and we ask you to bring a small snack for your child/children which they will eat at 11:00am prior to our music time at 11:15am. The adults are offered a cup of tea/coffee.

There are indoor and outdoor activities followed by snacks and music. Children learn to play together and their parents/grandparents/carers get to know one another.

For further information, please contact:

**Tuesday OpenHouse Playgroup - Marie Yuncken on 0410 061 279**

**Wednesday OpenHouse Playgroup - Val Chew on 0411 478 833**



## CHURCH NEWS AND INFORMATION

### Know your Bible - KYB

Would you like to learn more about God in a friendly environment with ladies who like to enjoy their Bible Study together? Then come along to the **All Saints Floreat Uniting Church Know Your Bible Study Group** (or alternatively 'Keep Young and Beautiful').

Studies are set by the CWCI International (Christian Women Communicating) which is a worldwide interdenominational organization. Four study books are available each year with nine lessons in each of the First, Second and Third Terms of the year and six lessons in the shorter Fourth term. They run in conjunction with the School Term times. Each term we alternate between the Old and New Testaments.

The ladies meet in the Vestry if numbers are small and move to the Creche if the numbers are higher than eight due to COVID precautions. The study starts at 9.45am with a cup of coffee and finishes with shared prayers at 11.30am. There is a lot of discussion and plenty of fun and laughter. We always keep a box of tissues on the table in case of need (crying or laughing tears).

If you are interested in joining us or have any questions please contact **Sylvia Ryan on 9387 4216** or **Val Chew on 0411 478 833**.



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

### All Saints Floreat Uniting Church Ladies Book Club

#### Book Review

#### **Miss Benson's Beetle" by Rachel Joyce.**

A lively, and at times, hilarious discussion was had at All Saints' Bookclub recently as we explored the book for June "*Miss Benson's Beetle*" by Rachel Joyce. A heart-warming, zany, at times tragic but often funny telling of an adventure reaching across the globe by two women who forge the bonds of friendship against impossible odds. Prim and friendless Marjorie is a teacher working in post war England of the 1950's. In a dead end and impoverished teaching job where she is frequently the laughing stock of her unsympathetic students she walks out one day on after one last impossible frustration and decides it's time to start realising her long time dream of tracking down the

erstwhile elusive golden beetle of New Caledonia.

Realising she needs an assistant and through a series of events she ends up with Enid Pretty, the most unsuitable and unqualified of entomologists imaginable and the two sail off into a completely unlikely but very entertaining adventure. Whilst exploring themes of friendship, loyalty, courage, resilience and trauma both childhood and PTSD "*Miss Benson's Beetle*" makes for an easy and satisfying read. Be prepared to suspend your disbelief temporarily and join these two ladies for an unforgettable ride.

*Reviewed by Christine Ryan*



### **Talk Given by Professor Susan Hadley**

**Wednesday, 15 June 2022**

For those wishing to listen to Prof Susan Hadley's recent talk on "Challenging the Norms of Society through Music Therapy" the URL of the recording can be requested from the Church Office.

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### Sounds and Colours of the 20th Century

'WESLEY AT ONE'

TIFFANY LEE (CELLO)

GLADYS CHUA (PIANO)

FREE RECITAL - FRIDAY 1 JULY (1PM)

WESLEY UNITING CHURCH - CORNER OF WILLIAM AND HAY STREET, PERTH



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The Duty Roster for May, June and July is on the Hall Door

There are still a number of blank spaces to be filled.  
Please check the roster and see if there are any duties you could volunteer for.  
Thank you, your help is much appreciated.

***SUNDAY SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS ARE LIVE STREAMED***  
*and maybe viewed via YOUTUBE at 9.30am each Sunday. Please be advised that if you attend our services and would prefer not to be filmed, we suggest that you avoid the front four rows of pews.*