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GENERAL INFORMATION

HOLY COMMUNION is on the first Sunday of each month.

BETHAVON & THE RESIDENCY (JUNIPER RESIDENTIAL & COMMUNITY CARE) are supported with pastoral care to the residents, family and staff of Juniper Northam.

NORTHAM CONGREGATION gives financial support for Chaplaincy in local schools.

CHAPLAINCY (DONATION DAY) is the first Sunday of each month.
(Collect the marked envelopes in the Church foyer.)

UNITING CHURCH SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENTS

Aligning your finances with your faith CCWA's Annual Conference - A Bold Superannuation Info Session

ARRCC

Online via Zoom

9 September 2021, 5.30pm WST,

Vision for WA

Conservation Climate and Communities

Bendat Parent and Community Centre

24 September 2021

Refugee Rights Overboard: 20 Years on John Pat Day

from the Tampa

Canberra Refugee Action Campaign

Online

Sunday, 5 September, 2pm

First Nations Deaths in Custody Watch

Committee

8 The Terrace, Fremantle

Sunday, 26 September 2021, 12pm

ACT FOR PEACE

CONFRONTING INJUSTICE TOGETHER
THROUGH THE **actalliance**

AFGHANISTAN EMERGENCY

PLEASE HELP URGENTLY

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

THE GRAPEVINE

SEPTEMBER 2021



NORTHAM CONGREGATION

103 Duke Street, NORTHAM, Western Australia 6401

WORSHIP 9.30am
1st and 3rd Sundays

NEWS - ROSTERS - CHURCH INFORMATION - EVENTS

WHAT IS "SUSTAINABILITY" ALL ABOUT?

Sustainability is about meeting the needs of the present generation, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. It focuses our minds and actions on the way we maintain, use up or spoil the Earth's resources.

Why does the Church care about sustainability?

Care for Creation is Care for the Poor. It is the most vulnerable people around the world who will suffer the most from the impacts of climate change, even though they have contributed the least to its occurrence. We are all familiar with the strong biblical injunctions to care for the poor and aside from any debates about the nature of climate change, the development agencies on the ground in climate vulnerable communities are telling us that the effects are being felt now. Since climate change is a thoroughly global problem of our shared atmosphere how do we enact Jesus call to compassion for the suffering in a just and generous manner?

The Uniting Church has always had a deep concern for the environment and takes seriously the call to care for creation.

Our focus on Sustainable September brings us back year after year to pray and work for a world for all to share, both now and in the future.

"We seek the flourishing of the whole of God's Creation and all its creatures.

We act to renew the earth from the damage done and stand in solidarity with people most impacted by human-induced climate change. Government, churches, businesses and the wider community work together for a sustainable future."

Our Vision for a Just Australia, Uniting Church.

**Sustainable
September 21**
**Earth
Sea &
Sky**



PREACHING PLAN

5. H.C. Ann Barnes
 19. Karen Bain
OCTOBER
 3. H.C. Ann Barnes

BIBLE READERS

Jenny Kelly 0448772906
 Annie Chipfunde 0422618858
 Bev and Owen Walker 9622 5952

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CUP OR MUG FOR MORNING TEA

JOKES FROM SIRI

I asked Siri, the female in my phone, to tell some jokes:

Why wouldn't the young Yabby share his toys?
Because he was a little shellfish.

Why do sharks live in salt water?

Because pepper water makes them sneeze.

Why do bananas have to wear sunscreen at the beach?

Because they might peel.

HOW DO YOU FIX a broken Gorilla? With a monkey wrench.

What do you call a typo on a headstone? A Grave mistake

WHAT DID JONAH's family say when he told them what had happened to him? "*Sounds fishy.*"

WHAT DO YOU CALL a bible character that just pulled into church? *A parking Lot.*

WHY didn't anyone else want to fight Goliath?
Because it was a Giant ordeal.

WHAT KIND OF CAR would Jesus drive?
A Christler.

HOW do you know that atoms are Catholic?
Because they have Mass.

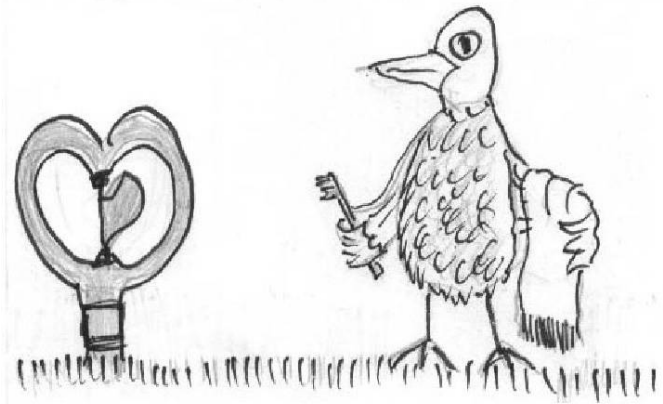
AFGHANISTAN is a landlocked and mountainous country on the border of South and Central Asia. It shares a border with six countries – Pakistan to the south and east, Iran to the west, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan to the north and China to the extreme northeast. Most of Afghanistan is arid to semi-arid with hot summers and cold winters. Afghanistan's total population is about 38 million, with 42% of the population aged under 15 years (World Bank, 2019). Kabul is Afghanistan's capital and largest city with around 4.4 million people.

REV ROB DOUGLAS has accepted a call to serve as our Presbytery Minister Mission, commencing from 1 September 2021. In this role he will be facilitating and informing the work of the Thrive Mission Committee and serving as a member of the Presbytery Resource Team.

Rob will be recognised as an ordained minister from the Baptist Church serving in this Placement and comes with extensive experience including working as a Journalist, in Social Services and as a Congregation Minister. He is a qualified Supervisor and has recent experience in Fresh Expressions of Church, Mission Planning and Development.

BIBLE READING - Genesis 50.20

You intended to harm me but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of lives.



6am - WAYNE WAITS FOR THE
 SPRINKLERS TO COME ON

NORM 96

WHEATBELT TO SURAKARTA (Indonesia)

Compassion Australia's Coast to Coast fund raising 4000Km ride across Australia has been postponed till 2022

Funds from this project support vulnerable children in Indonesia.

The NCMA have decided the dinner planned to support those participating in the ride will still happen, but will now also include stories from our Wheatbelt YouthCARE chaplains, then from Mandurah Pastor Mark Sena about churches collaborating through the GeoNetworks - something the NCMA is hoping to grow in the Wheatbelt and finally Amit from Compassion will share the vision of and launch of Wheatbelt to Surakarta.

Date: Saturday 18 September 2021

Time: 6:00 – 8:30pm

Venue: Bridgeley Church of Christ, 91-93 Wellington Street, Northam

Cost: Free, but please bring a dish to share as part of the 'Bring & Share' dinner .

Please pray for Karen and her son, John. Karen says her son is unwell but is recovering.



UNITING CHURCH ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Annual Fellowship Day, **Friday 10th September at S.Perth UC hall, Angelo Street.** The guest speaker is pastor Lindsay Ginn who spreads his christianity with music. It starts with morning tea at 10am. Bring and share lunch.

GREAT EASTERN GATHERING 23rd October at Muckinbudin

NORTHAM CHURCH FUNDS

Our offerings are down 40% compared to the time when we had 4 services a month. Basically before COVID. The morning tea biscuits are being provided from our funds, which is an added expense. On top of that we have extra expense for the Hand Sanitiser and Communion 'cups'.

Someone suggested having a small donation for the morning tea, of say 50c. If anyone has an objection to this please let a Committee member know.

CONGREGATION MEETING
 on Sunday 17th October.