

Next Sunday, please wear something Red, It's Pentecost Sunday

Congregational Meeting: The next meeting of the Willetton Congregation will be held following the worship service on **Sunday 28 May 2023**. Please submit reports for this meeting to Wilma no later than **14 May**. mark this date in your diaries to hear all that is happening in the Congregation at this time.

Ladies' Evening Fellowship: are planning to have a meal out on **Wednesday 31 May, 6.00p.m.** at the **Bullcreek Chinese Restaurant**, Bullcreek Shopping Centre, Parry Ave., Bullcreek. If you are planning to join us, please give your name to Muriel Barron after church or call 0419 044 820 or Madeline Suann 9457 2715 to make a booking. Partners and New Members are welcome.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on 8 June, 10.00am.

Yes, Louise & Friends (Willetton Uniting Church) will be hosting the morning tea again this year. If you can help, please let Louise or Diane know. We hope to raise more money to help Cancer research. **Louise can be reached on 08 9458 7989, mobile 0422 814 230, or email: louise.riedel@inet.net.au and Diane on 0408 952 224.**

Meditation Sessions You are invited to Christian Meditation on **Thursdays at 9.30am at the Church. All welcome.**



Prayerbook and Offering

Rosters:	Sunday 21 May 2023	Sunday 28 May 2023
Minister:	Rev John Atkinson	Mr John Boon & others
Readers:	L Kenny, P Read	M Staffa, W Wilson
Organist:	Janice Barrett	Janice Barrett
Stewards:	C Malan, G Rowney, W Lozowy	M Barron, J Burns, R Rowson
Welcome:	V O'Reilly, F Ciupryk	C Malan, L Burking
Morning Tea:	V Rowney, C Erskine,	P Muller, J Heath
Audio Visual:	Barbara Bennewith	Judy Rowson
Elders: Worship & Minister :	Diane Boon	
Steward Enquiries:	Ed Kenny: Ph. 0439 558 036	

Royal School of Church Music is presenting a fund-raising concert to help with expenses at the RSCM Choristers' course, held at St Michaels Anglican Church complex in Gunbower Rd, Mt Pleasant in the July school holidays. This concert will be held at St Michaels church at 2pm on **Sunday 11th June**, followed by aft/tea. \$10 adults, \$5 child/pens.

21 May 2023



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NEWSLETTER



**God's love and hope in action
for as long as God is there, there will always be a
Light, a Hope, a Way. Make every moment full of
Love and Hope for God**

Blessings

**Uniting Church Australia
Presbytery of Western Australia**



A word on the WORD

John 17:1-11 Unity and love for the world

Two things immediately stand out when reading this passage. First, there is an emphasis on unity or oneness. Throughout the Gospel John emphasizes the unity shared between Jesus and God. Jesus is introduced as the Word who was with God and was God (John 1:1). In this passage, where Jesus offers a final prayer for his disciples, the capacity of that unity expands to include Jesus' followers. Jesus mentions this unity as a visionary hope that his followers would be "one" just as he is one with God (John 17:11). For those who continue reading past the lectionary section, this vision is reiterated in verse 21 "that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us." At the same time, there is also an emphasis on the world. The "world" has a prominent and complex place in John's Gospel. It is the creation of God, (John 1:10a; 7:4; 11:27; 12:19), the object of God's love and work (3:16), but it is often characterized as hostile to God's work, or the realm that does not know God (1:10b). Jesus prays for the world (17:20-21) and sends the disciples into the world so that the world will no longer be separate from God (17:15-23). Jesus was sent to enlighten the world (1:9), to give life to the world (3:16-17; 6:33, 51), to save the world (4:42; 12:47), and to invite the world to join in the love he shares with God (14:31; 17:23).

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Bible Reading Today, 21 May 2023

Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35.

1Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11, John 17:1-11

Bible Reading Sunday, 28 May 2023

Acts 2:1-21 or Num 11:24-30, Ps 104:24-34, 35b

1Cor 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21, Jn 20:19-23, or Jn 7:37-39



Thought for the week



Reports

The Agenda and Reports for the Congregational Meeting next Sunday are available from Wilma after the service today. Please use the week to read through the reports and bring them back for the meeting next Sunday.



Prayers for the Week starting 21 May.

Church Law Committee and the Nominating Committee Standards for Ministries Committee and the Church Polity Reference Committee



Classical Piano Recital: The 2023 Classical Piano Recital will be held in our Worship Centre on **Sunday 18 June at 10.45am**, after the service and morning tea. Please make arrangements to remain, and attend the hour-long recital, to encourage the young pianists, many of whom spend countless hours practising to a standard destined for the professional concert platform. Family and friends' welcome. Entry: donation to assist with piano tuning. Lyn Muir 0418 923 404 muireal@iinet.net.au