

Please remember Eddie has taken over the Church Newsletter until Louise returns from holiday. So, please direct all your calls to landline 08 94587989 or his mobile: 0423 850 319, or email: [riedel@iinet.net.au](mailto:riedel@iinet.net.au). Louise will be back on 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

### ***New Production***

“DEIRDRE HAS BOOKED ANOTHER GROUP TO SEE LOCAL AUTHOR AND PRODUCER, JENNY DAVIS’ PRODUCTION OF ‘SYDNEY II’ at the DON RUSSELL PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE IN MURDOCH DR, THORNLIE, ON THURSDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup> at 7pm. Group concession tickets \$30 ea. See Deirdre or phone 9312 0560.” This is the WW2 story of the missing warship, SYDNEY II, found off Geraldton just a few years ago. A brilliant production! Deirdre.

### ***Meditation Group***

Come and join us at the Meditation Sessions held at 9.30am every Thursday at the Church.

Join us for coffee afterwards at Firewood Cafe on High Rd. 🍷

For more information, please contact Marg Staffa on 0439 747 534



### ***Prayerbook and Offering***

#### **Rosters: Sunday 16 July 2023**

**Minister:** Cameron Harries  
**Readers:** P Read, V Rowney  
**Organist:** Janice Barrett  
**Stewards:** W Lozowy, C Malan, G Rowney  
**Welcome:** Val O'Reilly, Fran Ciupryk  
**Morning Tea:** M Staffa, C Erskine  
**Audio Visual:** Eddie Riedel

**Worship & Minister:** Bruce Read  
**Steward Enquiries:** Ed Kenny: Phone 0439 558 036

#### **Sunday 23 July 2023**

Rev Dr Alison Longworth  
 D Russell, B Bennewith  
 Janice Barrett  
 Ed Kenny, J Murdock, R Rowson  
 L Waterhouse, P Whipple  
 Lesley Kenny, Florence McRae  
 Vicki Banks

Deirdre Russell has a block booking for **MARY POPPINS** at Crown on SUNDAY Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, sunset matinee 6.30pm. Excellent seats, \$132ea group price. See Deirdre.

***Vintage Coffee Group*** will meet on **Wednesday, 19 July 2023, 2.30pm** at Dome Café, Deep Water Point, Mt Pleasant.

16 July 2023



## **WILLETTON CONGREGATION**

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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

In last Sunday's unpublished word I pointed to the significance of Abraham for Jews, Muslims and Christians who commonly own Abraham as their Father in faith for in him all the families of the earth shall be blessed. (Gen 12: 1-3) With his death at 175 years his journey has come to an end. His son Isaac, who continues Abraham's line, is another story of division & conflict. You can almost hear the question posed by a family member – Why so? So, in answer to that question the story virtually tells us that it has been determined by God. For the ancients, every event had its beginning in God for at this time in their thinking there was no evil one to blame.

Today we would see it as a game that humans play wanting more power over others. E.G. Russia / Ukraine and as my five years old daughter said many years ago – God stands in the middle and both sides shoot him down. (Harry Lucas)



### Prayers for the week starting 16 July.

Eastern Wheatbelt Group (Merredin and Southern Cross Uniting Churches)  
Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu



### Bible Reading Today, 16 July 2023

Genesis 25:19-34 or Psalm 119:105-112  
Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

### Bible Reading Sunday, 23 July 2023

Genesis 28:10-19a, Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24  
Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**Workshop Lesmurdie:** Following the highly successful morning workshop "Ageing well in faith" at Sophie Lazare's church in Kalamunda last week, the Baptist church in Lesmurdie is hosting "The Conversation You Need to have – talking about death won't kill you" – on Sun 6<sup>th</sup> August from noon – 2.30pm. Mark your diaries now for a very informative time. Cost \$20 ea. for lunch and all resources. Pool your cars! Practical advice about your choices from a family lawyer, GP and more. Rsvp by 30<sup>th</sup> July. Call 9291 9866, 1 Varley St, Lesmurdie. .... Deirdre.

## Good Sammy Men's Clothing Drive

Good Sammy stores are calling for your generous donations of quality men's clothing as they restock shelves. They would appreciate donations of all kinds - from business attire to casual wear, including accessories and shoes. Find your nearest Good Sammy store by visiting <https://goodsammy.com.au/>

## Thought for Today

As human beings, all 7 billion of us are born the same way and die the same way. Physically, mentally and emotionally we are the same. We all want to live a happy life and avoid problems, but in a materialistic culture we overlook the importance of love and affection.

14th Dalai Lama



That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A Sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen."

"Hear then the parable of the Sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."