

13 August 2023



**Vintage Coffee Group** will meet Wednesday 16 August 2023 at McDonalds Myaree (Leach Hwy) at 2.30pm

### Worship Rosters

Worship Rosters for September, October and November will be prepared shortly. If you are unavailable for rosters at any time during these 3 months, please contact Wilma Wilson on 94579713 ([wilsons1@iinet.net.au](mailto:wilsons1@iinet.net.au)) no later than 11 August. Thank you.

### 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 13 August 2023	Sunday 20 August 2023
<b>Minister:</b>	Barbara Dinnie	TBA
<b>Readers:</b>	Margaret Staffa, Jill Burns	Lyn Muir, Deirdre Russell
<b>Organist:</b>	Janice Barrett	Janice Barrett
<b>Stewards:</b>	N Loudon, J Murdock, R Rowson	Ann Barter, W Lozowy, E Kenny
<b>Welcome:</b>	Chris Malan, Lois Murdock	Maisie Hogan, Wilma Wilson
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	A Ontong, C Erskine	Pauline & Bruce Read
<b>Audio Visual:</b>	Barbara Bennewith	Vicki Banks
<b>Worship &amp; Minister:</b>	Lynne Burking	
<b>Steward Enquiries:</b>	Ed Kenny: Phone 0439 558 036	



## 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 (Matthew 14:13-33)**

I now wish to turn from the Genesis story and comment on the Gospel readings. Chapter 14 ought to be read as a whole for in them Jesus is challenging the disciples to play God. Oh what blasphemy is this? Take a careful look at vv 16 & 28-29. Jesus issues an impossible invitation, YOU feed them. With what is their reply we haven't the resources. Walk on the waves Peter.! It was Yahweh (God) who fed the people in a desert place in their journey from bondage in Egypt. It is Yahweh 's voice who walks over stormy waters (Psalm 29 1-4) -both are God's activities yet Jesus challenges the disciples and Peter to do the impossible, to play God!  
 In an age where the NO vote for God and the Church is gaining strength it is very tempting to focus on the impossible and allow it to be the determinant of our response .In the first Creation story we read that we are made in the image of God so that in creating humans the Lord took the risk of including the inbuilt freedom to say YES or NO to the Lord of abundant life. I'm voting a big YES!  
 (Harry Lucas)



**Prayers for the week starting 13August.**

South Perth and Star Street Uniting Churches  
 The United Church in Papua New Guinea



**Bible Reading Today, 13 August 2023**

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28, Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b,  
 Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33

**Bible Reading Sunday, 20 August 2023**

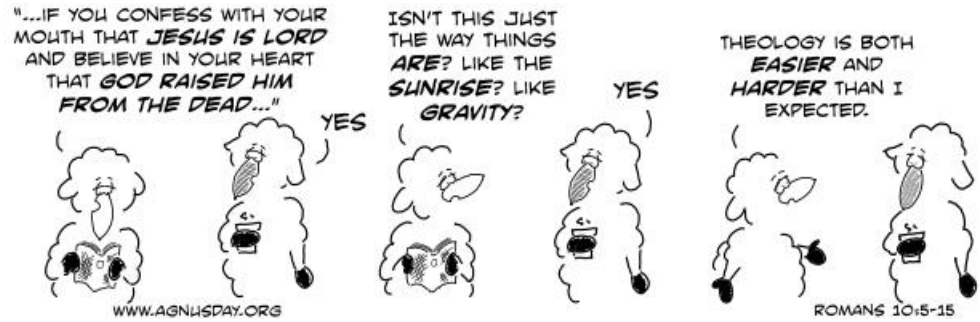
Genesis 45:1-15, Psalm 133  
 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15 (10-20), 21-28

**Remembrance of Edith Morrell.**

Edith was a faithful long-time member of the Friendship Circle. Her personal contributions were her beautiful handmade cards, with lovely handwritten messages within for each person's birthday. All were much appreciated.  
 Phyllis

**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.

**Louise is back so she takes over the Newsletter again, thanks to Eddie for looking after things when I was away.**



Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

**A Banner and Craft Sale and Exhibition** is taking place on Saturday 26 August from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at Trinity North Uniting Church, Greenwood. The Trinity North UC craft groups are selling some of their wonderful work, and some items are on display as part of the exhibit. Some church banners will be available for sale also.

