

27 August 2023



**Vintage Coffee Group** will meet **Wednesday 30 August 2023**,  
2.30pm at the Dome, Deep Water Point.

### **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**

<b>Rosters:</b>	<b>Sunday 27 August 2023</b>	<b>Sunday 3 September 2023</b>
<b>Minister:</b>	Samuel Annan	Samuel Annan
<b>Readers:</b>	R van Bremen, W Wilson	Vicki Banks, Judith Burt
<b>Organist:</b>	Deirdre Russell	Deirdre Russell
<b>Stewards:</b>	C Malan, B Read, G Rowney	J Burns, T Orr, Ed Kenny
<b>Welcome:</b>	C Erskin, G Stevens	Val O'Reilly, Caroline Orr
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	V Rowney, M Staffa	Florence McRae, Dan Li
<b>Audio Visual:</b>	Eddie Riedel	Judy Rowson
<b>Worship &amp; Minister:</b>	Lynne Burking	Bruce Read
<b>Holy Communion:</b>		Diane Boon
<b>Steward Enquiries:</b>	Ed Kenny: Phone 0439 558 036	

**Heartfelt THANKS from CHRIS MALAN** for the caring friends in our congregation who have supported me in so many different ways during my recent weeks of poor health. It has been a wonderful help to me and I am pleased to report I am now on the mend.



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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 (Matt. 16:13-20; Cp. Mark 8:27-33; Luke 9:18-22.)

Having read the parallel story in Mark & Luke you will have noted Matt :16 :17-19 is excluded. I too will exclude them in this comment.

The seminal question facing the Church is the one posed in today's lesson WHO IS JESUS OF NAZARETH? Hundreds of books have been written on this question; indeed, the Gospels are the response to that question. Mark in particular places the question at the very centre of the Gospel .It is significant that thereafter the nature of the teaching of Jesus has an emphasis on his coming suffering.

For the early Church Jesus is the divine Messiah come to save (rescue) his people and set them free to be the people Yahweh had intended them to be – a blessing. The initial silence on the part of Jesus as to who he was is an intentional waiting until the disciples came to 'see' who he was and the implications for them? Does his divinity consist of the inherent God love that leads to the Cross? (Harry Lucas)



### Prayers for the week starting 27August.

Prison Chaplains, Uniting Church Archives and the Uniting Church Centre

## Craft Group will meet on 1 September, 9.30am-2.00pm

in the Hall of Willetton Uniting Church, 16 Herald Avenue, please bring your lunch, coffee or tea is provided.



### Bible Reading Today, 27 August 2023

Exodus 1:8-2:10, Psalm 124

Roman 12: 1-8, Mathew 16:13-20

### Bible Reading Sunday, 3 September 2023

Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26,45b

Romans 12:9-21, Mathew 16:21-28

### Thought for the week.

**“To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often.”**

English theologian John Henry Newman (1801-1890)



Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. —

### TODAY. Trinity Uniting Church, Perth. 2pm. Free

entry, including refreshments afterwards! Catch the train to Perth Central, not far to walk. **GYMANFA GANU**, hymn and choral singing festival, presented by the Welsh Free Church of WA, and the Perth Male Voice Choir.

**Mary Poppins** - Deirdre has booked for this show on **Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Sept, 6pm at Crown, Tickets \$132 ea.** See her or ph. 9312 0560.

**CHICAGO** See Deirdre again. On **Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Nov, 3pm at CROWN.** Group price is \$92.

You're invited  
Opening Worship  
47th Annual Synod of WA

Installation of  
Rev Dr Ian Tozer  
as Moderator

8 September  
7.00pm

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