

**A Special Meeting of the Congregation** will be held after Worship on **Sunday 15 October 2023**. There will be two items on the agenda.

1. The Joint Nominating Committee will bring a name to the Congregation for a Full Time Minister of the Word. Voting by Secret Ballot will be conducted.
2. In order for the Church Council to make an informed decision, there will be a discussion to consider Christmas Services.

**Pastoral Partners and Elders meeting:** There will be a meeting/workshop for Elders and Pastoral Partners on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October** from 9.30am to 12 noon at the church.

**Vintage Coffee Group** will meet on **Wednesday 11 October 2.30pm at RAAFA at Bullcreek**

**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. 🔥



### Prayerbook and Offering

**Church Offering:** For some time now, we have had the offering bowls at the door of the Church. For health and safety this practice will continue. For convenience you can also do a bank transfer for your offering. For some this does not feel right but it is convenient, and it is received with thanks. The bank details are below if you wish to contribute this way in the future:

**Westpac:** UCA Willetton Congregation BSB: 036-081 Account: 862 511  
Thank you, Barbara (Treasurer),

**UnitingWorld - The Road Ahead.** In their latest newsletter Sureka Goringe, National Director of [UnitingWorld](#) writes, 'Climate change is no longer an anticipated calamity, it is a lived reality right across the world, from wildfires in Canada to floods in New South Wales....So how can we respond faithfully in ways that make a real difference?'

**Hold On to your Faith**



8 October 2023



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## NEWSLETTER



### Our Mission

**To Participate in and Grow the Mission of God at Willetton by**

- Sharing the love of God and
- Telling people about Jesus

### Our Vision

God's Love and Hope in Action

### Our Values

Discipleship, Service, Compassion and Justice.



**God bless you.**

## A word on the WORD (Matthew 21:33-46) Compare Isaiah chapter 11

Jesus is specifically addressing the religious leaders in the Temple. Vineyards and fig trees were symbolic of the Covenant people, Jews, whose calling was to be a blessing to all peoples. They were threatened by his teaching for it challenged their authority of being the unquestionable interpreters of the LAW, (Torah) They had turned the Covenant choice to BE into one of exclusive privilege. As long as you were faithful to their interpretation of Torah you were in. Jesus invited his hearers to respond. The all too familiar cry went up – death! Jesus ignores the first part of their answer and addresses the second part. Yes, indeed as unfaithful partners to the Covenant you have read the situation correctly – BUT your rejection of me doesn't make any difference to God's love offer for your future,

As I meditated on this parable, I could not help but think of next Saturday's referendum with its invitation to walk with our First People into God's future.

(Harry Lucas 0407 483 926)



### Bible Reading Today, 8 October 2023

Ex 1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Psalm 19

Phil 3:4b-14, Mathew 21:33-46

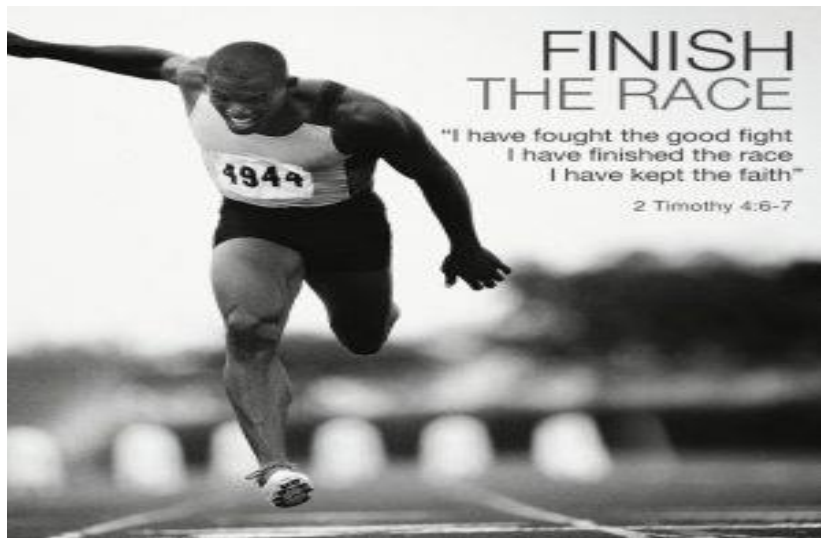
### Bible Reading Sunday, 15 October 2023

Ex 32:1-14, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Phil 4:1-9, Mathew 22:1-14

**New Name Badges**, Lesley is ordering new name badges for all who require one, please see Lesley after church or call her on 0407192496

## Thought for the Week



<b>Rosters:</b>	<b>Sunday 8 October 2023</b>	<b>Sunday 15 October 2023</b>
<b>Minister:</b>	Samuel Annan	Samuel Annan
<b>Readers:</b>	L Muir, J Burns	M Burt, J Maddocks
<b>Organist:</b>	Janice Barrett	Janice Barrett
<b>Stewards:</b>	N Loudon, J Murdock, G Rowney	M Barron, Ed Kenny, T Orr
<b>Welcome:</b>	M Hogan, A Ontong	Louise & Eddie Riedel
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	J Heath, C Erskine	Lois & John Murdock
<b>Audio Visual:</b>	Judy Rowson	Barbara Bennewith
<b>Worship &amp; Minister:</b>	Lesley Kenny	
<b>Steward Enquiries:</b>	Ed Kenny: Phone 0439 558 036	



### Prayers for the Week starting 8 October.

Armadale–Kelmscott, Byford/Mundijong and Gosnells Uniting Churches; and the Tapu Niue Faith Community Foothills St Martin's, Kalamunda Uniting Churches and Perth Samoan Devotional Group. 98.5 Sonshine FM, Kiribati Uniting Church  
2023 edition of Revive Magazine



### Preachfest! - 1 to 3 November 2023

CEDAL, the Commission for Education for Discipleship and Leadership, invites you to join the Virtual Hub for [Preachfest! 2023](#). Preachfest! is a 3-day festival created to inspire and enliven the craft, art and vocation of preaching across churches in Australia. Keynote speakers this year are Stan Grant and Amy-Jill Lewis! The event will take place from 1 to 3 November and there is a Virtual Hub at Kalamunda Uniting Church. Go to the event page for details.