

Vintage Coffee Group will meet on Wednesday 13 December Royal Aero Club, Jandakot at 2.30pm. we invite partners and guests to join our group.



Prayerbook and Offering

Sunday 10 December 2023	Sunday 17 December 2023
Rev Samuel Annan	Rev Samuel Annan
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Janice Barrett	Deirdre Russell
C Malan, J Maddocks, J Murdock	A Barter, N Loudon, T Orr
S Heng, L Murdock	Val O'Reilly, Carolyn Orr
Pauline & Bruce Read	C Erskine, F McRae
: Emelia Annon	Samuel Annan Jnr
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Morning Tea Following much valuable discussion at the Meeting last Sunday, it was agreed that Morning Tea will now be a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit. The biscuits will be placed on the table with the milk and sugar, not on separate tables as before. This arrangement should make the preparation of morning tea easier for those on roster.

Choir For the past 2 years we have held a **Holiday Choir** in our church hall, for just six **Thursday mornings** from **10am to 12 pm** to keep our voices. from going rusty over the break. **Starting 4th Jan until 8th Feb**, we would love to welcome anyone - previous experience not necessary, and certainly no auditions required. There will be a small charge to cover utilities. Please see Deirdre after service today, or phone her at home on 9312 0560.



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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

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A word on the WORD Mark 1.1-8

Mark gets straight to the point – Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. No angels, no wise men, no family tree, just John announcing that the One to come will baptize the people with the Spirit of God and bring change. John's clothing is not a fashion statement, but a literary device often used for those in the know. It is a way of saying John is the expected Eliiah to come. His authority is being attested. (See 2 Kings 1:8 ; Mark 9:9-13.) John's baptism was unto the forgiveness of sins and an openness to the One who was to come. A change of gigantic proportions is about to take place. The call to repent is the call to change direction. History tells us that people don't like change: it can bring too much loss and inconvenience.

(Harry Lucas 0407 483 926)



Bible Reading Today, 10 December 2023 Isaiah 40:1-11.Psalm 85:1-2. 8-13 2Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8 Bible Reading Sunday, 17 December 2023 Isaiah 61:1-4.8-11. Psalm 126:or Luke 1:46b-55 1 Thes 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28



Prayers for the Week starting Today, **10 December**

North Midlands Shared Ministry (Carnamah. and Three Springs Uniting Churches) Methodist Church of Sri Lanka

ADVENT PRAYER, by Henri Nouwen preparation for Christmas.

Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our



We who have so much to do seek guiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your Kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness yet seeking the light. To you we say "Come, Lord Jesus". Amen



Christmas Bowl Appeal. Thank you for being a part of this important tradition at Willetton Uniting Church in supporting the Christmas Bowl. Envelopes for your giving will be available from Diane Boon.

Carols Night on 17th December at 5 00pm.

Carols will commence in the church firstly at 5.00pm. and followed by games and refreshments at 6.00pm. A sausage sizzle will follow this at approximately 6.30pm. We will have this outside in our car park in front of our church. It will be a celebration of Christmas carols with fun activities set outside and at our hall. We will set out our Table Tennis board outside (who is a good table tennis player among us who can challenge little Sam and Emelia? Well, we will wait to see on the 17th of December), some fun activities with some meals to share. Flyers are available for distribution. Please invite friends to join our Willetton community, also our neighbouring churches will be invited, but will not be compelled to do any activities on this day. We would plan and host this event. Please contact John or Diane if you have any suggestions on how we can celebrate and worship together.

Hymn Festival on 31 December, 9.15am I would like us to have a celebration of hymns 31 December. This will be a day to sing some hymns and listen to the stories and testimonies behind those hymns we have been singing. I am working with Deirdre and Janice to come out with your favourite hymns for this festival. Therefore, please send me your favourite hymn/s to help us select from those hymns for this day. Diane