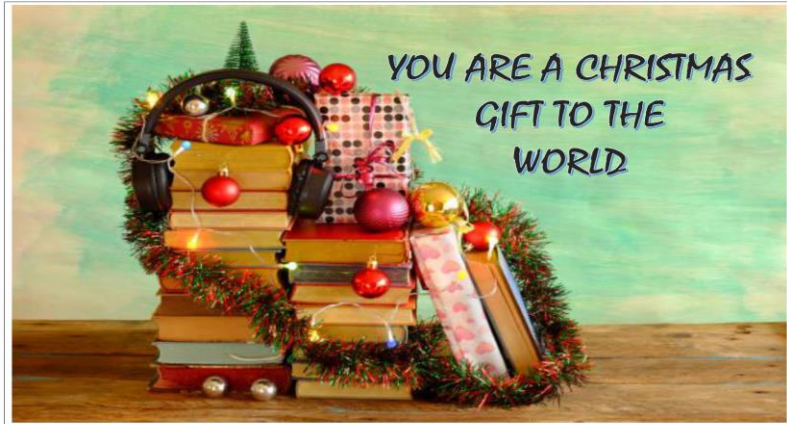


**Wishing Everyone a Happy, Healthy & Safe Christmas**



**About the Newsletter** Our last Newsletter before we take a brake will be the 7<sup>th</sup> January to welcome our new Minister. We will be back on 4 February 2024

The Minutes from the AGM are now on the notice board in the foyer.



**Prayerbook and Offering**

<b>Rosters:</b>	<b>Sunday 17 December</b>	<b>Sunday 24 December 2023</b>
<b>Minister:</b>	<b>Rev Samuel Annan</b>	<b>Rev Samuel Annan</b>
<b>Readers:</b>	V Banks, B Bennewith	J Rowson, W Wilson
<b>Organist:</b>	Deirdre Russell	Deirdre Russell
<b>Stewards:</b>	A Barter, N Loudon, T Orr	J Burns, R Rowson, B Read
<b>Welcome:</b>	Val O'Reilly, Carolyn Orr	L Burking, L Riedel
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	C Erskine, F McRae	M Barron, J Heath
<b>Audio Visual:</b>	Samuel Annan Jnr	Emelia Annan
<b>Worship &amp; Minister:</b>	John Boon	
<b>Steward Enquiries:</b>	Ed Kenny: Phone 0439 558 036	

**Roster for Christmas Day**

**Minister:** Rev Samuel Annan  
**Readers:** Diane Boon, Rita van Bremen  
**Organist:** JB/DR **Stewards:** M Way, J Murdock, C Malan  
**Welcome:** Lois Murdock, Fran Ciupryk  
**Audio Visual:** Samuel Annan (Jnr)

We now have a wheelchair available if needed. Thank you to a kind person for their donation.

*Vintage Coffee Group* will take a brake till mid-January 2024

**17 December 2023**



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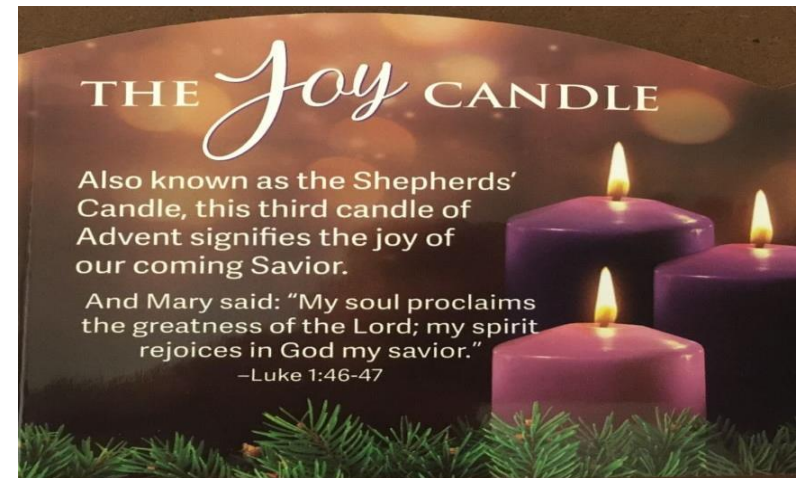
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**NEWSLETTER**



**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**

### **A word on the WORD John 1:6=8, 19-28.**

We had the story of the Baptist last week; how come we have it again this Sunday? There is a difference in the story. In John's account the Baptist denies he is the Elijah to come (1:21) while in Mark's account he accepts that he is. The gospel writer seems to be in a position of having to clarify the difference between Jesus and the Baptist. Both come from God. The task of the Baptist is that of a Herald, while that of Jesus is that of Messiah who brings light and life into all people. In changing the Baptist's response. Maybe John is wanting to say that the sort of expectations tied up with Elijah are that of the bringer of doom and gloom to Gentiles whereas to all who believe He comes as the One who is full of grace and truth: indeed truly Jesus is the Logos, God's Word in flesh. **(Harry Lucas 0407 483 926)**



#### **Bible Reading Today, 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

#### **Bible Reading Sunday, 24 December 2023**

2 Sm 7:1-11,16,Lk 1:46b-55 or Ps 89:1-4, 19-26  
Roman 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38



#### **Prayers for the Week starting Today, 17 December**

Dongara and Geraldton Lighthouse Uniting Churches  
UCA Redress Ltd and the Protestant Christian Church  
in Bali

#### **“With Love to the World** (Lectionary based study booklets).

Orders for next year are due to be lodged early in the New Year.

We need to know, as soon as possible. if those of you who subscribe, wish to continue with their order. Also, any new subscribers are welcome.

The price is unchanged: \$7 per issue - \$28 for the year. No payment required at this stage. Contact Tony or Gwen Stevens: 0401636411 or [stevens.a.g@bigpond.com](mailto:stevens.a.g@bigpond.com).

#### **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 4<sup>th</sup> Jan until 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Quote for the Week**

**“I have chosen to be happy because it is good for my health.”**

Francois-Marie Arouet, called Voltaire (1694-1778)



**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.** Please invite friends to join our Willetton community, also our neighbouring churches will be invited, please contact **John or Diane** if you have any problem or enquiries.

#### **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**