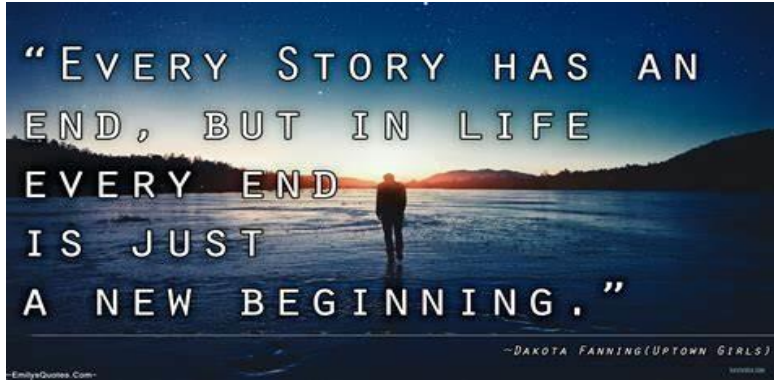


Welcome to this New Year 2024 and new challenges on the way.

Members of the Willetton congregation welcome Rev Toby Keva, his wife Rita and boys Abinaya and Arka.

We give thanks that Toby has accepted the call to Willetton and we look forward to journeying together in the future. Thanks be to God.

About the Newsletter, after this Sunday, we will have a brake for 2 weeks. And be back again on 28 January, please check your Roster for the next 3 Sundays. Stay safe, Blessings , Louise & Eddie



Rosters Worship Rosters for February, March and April will be prepared shortly. If you are unavailable for rosters at any time during these 3 months, please contact Wilma Wilson on 94579713 (wilsons1@inet.net.au) no later than 14th January.2024

For those members of the congregation who at present are not on the roster but would like to participate in worship this way, please feel free to speak to Wilma for information on the various duties.



Prayerbook and Offering

Rosters:	Sunday 7 January	Sunday 14 January 2024
Minister:	Rev Toby Keva	Rev Toby Keva
Readers:	J Burns, P Read	J Burt, V Rowney
Organist:	Deirdre Russell	Deirdre Russell
Stewards:	A Barter, N Loudon, B Read	J Maddocks, C Malan, G Rowney
Welcome:	Pat Whipple, Angela Ontong	L Waterhouse, G Stevens
Morning Tea:	Dan Li, Florence McRae	S Heng, L Kenny
Audio Visual:	Eddie Riedel	Vicki Banks
Worship & Minister:	Barbara Bennewith	
Holy Communion:	Diane Boon	
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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 Mark 1:4-11

Mark's Gospel is the framework for Matthew's and Luke's gospels. It is the shortest and most compact. Even so Mark has a compelling way of telling the Good News. He quotes Isaiah, John the Baptist, and God in support of his statement that Jesus is the Son of God. A literary device is used to declare that the Baptist is the expected Elijah who prepares the way for Messiah. (Mk 1:6 & 9:12-13) and calls people to repent confessing their sins by baptism. So that raises a question. Jesus is baptized by John. What sin has he to confess? It is suggested that Jesus is aligning Himself with those awaiting the coming Kingdom John states the difference; "I have baptized you with water He baptizes with the Holy Spirit."

PS This is the last of my contributions to 'word.' Failing reading eyesight is becoming a problem for me. I say a big thank you to Lyn Muir who has been my competent proofreader
(Harry Lucas 0407 483 926)



Bible Reading Today, 7 January 2024

Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11

Bible Reading Sunday, 14 January 2024

1Sam 3:1-10,(11-20), Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

1Cor 6:12-20, John 1:43-51



**Prayers for the Week starting Today,
7 January, 2024 We pray for the people
who have lost their homes from floods
also those who also lost their homes from
fires in W Australia
Pray also for peace in the world today.**

"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.

Holiday Choir.

A Reminder that about 12 singers of different levels –will resume our 6-weeks of choir sessions from **Thursday 11th Jan at 10am** in the church hall to a varied programme of songs. Please bring your own thermos or water bottle, as the kitchen will not be used. There will be a small cash donation to cover utilities – to be advised.



John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Quote for the Week

