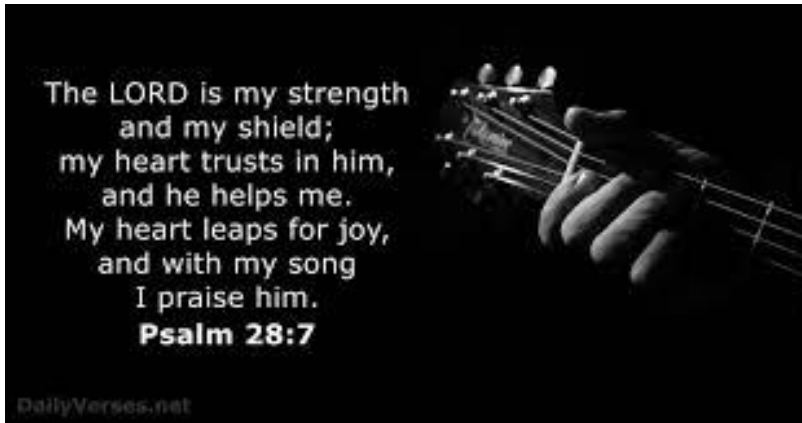


Wishing Everyone a Blessed & Safe New Year 2024

Thankyou Many thanks to Rev Samuel for your Ministry with us over the last 5 months. We have really appreciated your pastoral care, worship, your willingness to try new things and working so hard to be available for all members of the congregation and the community. Special thanks to Rachel, Emilia and Samuel Jnr for supporting you and us in many ways.

We wish you all the best and God's blessings on your appointment to the Rockingham Uniting Church and being a part of that community.

Shalom Willetton Congregation.



Prayerbook and Offering

Rosters:	Sunday 31 December	Sunday 7 January 2024
Minister:	Rev Samuel Annan	Rev Tobi Keva
Readers:	L Kenny, C Malan	J Burns, P Read
Organist:	J/B/DR	Deirdre Russell
Stewards:	Ed Kenny, T Orr, M Barron	A Barter, N Loudon, B Read
Welcome:	S Hayhurst, M Hogan	Pat Whipple, Angela Ontong
Morning Tea:	P Muller, L Burking	Dan Li, Florence McRae
Audio Visual:	Emelia Annan	Eddie Riedel
Worship & Minister:	John Boon	
Steward Enquiries:	Ed Kenny: Phone 0439 558 036	

Holiday Choir. A Reminder that about 12 singers – of different levels – will resume our 6-weeks of choir sessions from **Thurs Jan 4th 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.

31 December 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



A word on the WORD Luke 2:22-40

On the eighth day Mary and Joseph take Jesus up to Jerusalem to fulfil their religious duties in the temple. Jesus is accorded special mention, not only because He is a first-born male child, but because He is seen to be the long-awaited Messiah. Then comes the sting in the tail: He will have opposition.

and the outcome will break your heart, Mary. This announcement is given only to the ordinary people, for they alone would understand.

Everything about this event is turned upside down: Pregnancy before marriage; no message to the leaders of the day; the event itself takes place in a feedlot in a stable; the angels appear to shepherds; the only form of transport for this little family is a donkey. That seems to be the way of God's love.

(Harry Lucas 0407 483 926)



Bible Reading Today, 31 December 2023

Isiah 61:10-62:3, Psalm 48
Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:22-40

Bible Reading Sunday, 7 January 2024

Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11

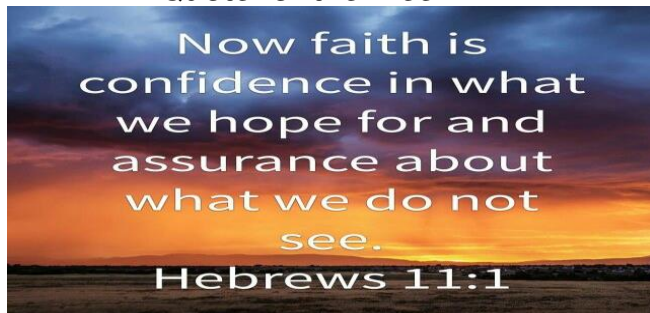


Prayers for the Week starting Today, 31 December, We pray for Rev Samuel, Rachel, Amelia, & Sam(Jnr) for their new life in Rockingham community Church. Pray also for peace in the world today.

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

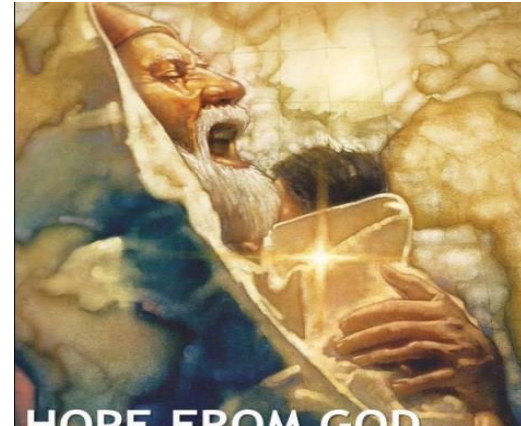
Orders for next year are due to be lodged early in the New Year. We need to know, as soon as possible, if those of you who subscribe, wish to continue with their order. Also, any new subscribers are welcome. The price is unchanged: \$7 per issue - \$28 for the year. No payment required at this stage. Contact Tony or Gwen Stevens: 0401636411 or stevens.a.g@bigpond.com.

Quote for the Week

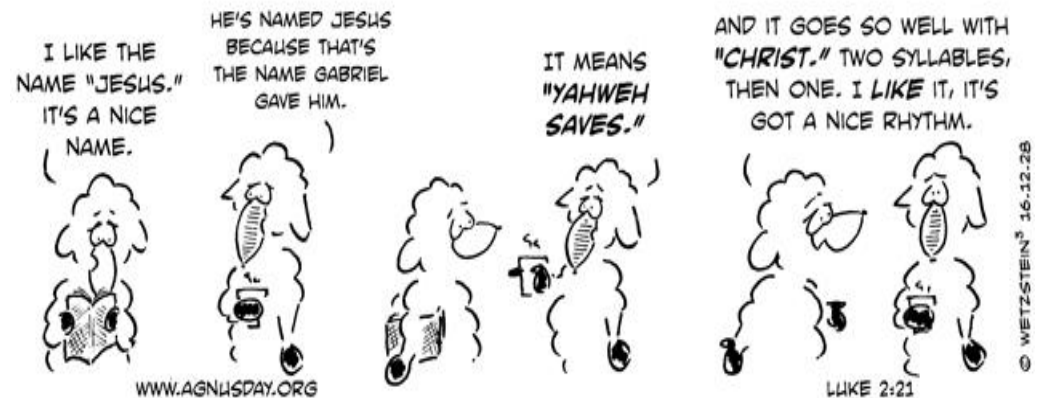


Christmas Bowl Appeal . Thank you for being a part of this important tradition at Willetton Uniting Church in supporting the Christmas Bowl. **Envelopes for your giving will be available from Diane Boon.**

Morning Tea today Please bring a plate of food, sandwiches and others to share for morning tea this Sunday 31st December. It will be a farewell for The Annan family.



“For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people, Israel.”
Luke 2:29-32



HEAR OUR PRAYERS LORD...

Our God of Love and Compassion, we thank you for your unfailing love for us and your faithfulness to us as your people. We as a community in Willetton reflect from the beginning of 2023 to this far, there have been times when we went through uncertainties, but you have generously carried us through. Thank you for our community, thank you for our leadership and we glorify you for choosing to call us your beloved Children. Our Good Shepherd, we pray for our neighbours who for them life have been difficult due to illness and other life challenges, we entrust them into your faithful hands and ask that your comforting Spirit envelope them. Have mercy on us and protect our family members who are facing challenges too. We have our faith and hope in you. You have said to us *"Come unto me all who are heavy laden, and you will give us rest."* We come to you trusting in these words, that in you there is peace and hope. Increase our faith and lead us. As we move into 2024, though the year is unknown to us, we have faith in you that your hands will carry us through because you are our alpha and omega.

Our Great provider, there is time for everything under the sun, we pray for the future of the journey ahead, and we pray for our incoming Minister and his family, be with him and may you continue to lead him as he begins with us. As your people, help us in our reflections and journey with you to know your will for us.

In your words to your disciples, *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid"*. (John 14:27). Let this peace be experienced in our world, relationships, and encounters with you.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit we pray, Amen.

-Samuel Annan

