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

#### Induction Rev Toby Keva. 2.00pm Today

Afternoon Tea We are expecting many visitors to Toby's induction. Lois Murdock is co ordinating this and asks members to please bring a small plate of food to share. Inquires to Lois mobile: 047 663 414 9.

**With Love to the World.** The first issue for this year has arrived for subscribers. Subscriptions are now due: \$28 for the full year or \$7 if paying for individual issues. Please see Tony or Gwen Stevens.

Friendship Circle will be meeting on Monday 5 Feb. at 2.00pm in the Hall. Afternoon tea will be served by Christine and Phyllis.

Each person is to contribute telling of a recent event which was meaningful to them and why.

*Vintage Coffee Group* One more week on holiday, and will start on 14 February 2024



## Prayerbook and Offering

**Rev Toby Keva** 

Janice Barrett

B Dinnie, D Russell

F McRae, M Hogan

P Muller, C Erskine

Barbara Bennewith

J Maddocks, G Rowney, J Burns

Rosters: Sunday 4 February 2024 Sunday 11 February 2024

Minister: Rev Toby Keva
Readers: M Burt, C Daggers
Organist: Deirdre Russell

**Stewards:** T Orr, J Murdock, M Barron

Welcome: L Burking, J Vermeer Morning Tea: Pauline & Bruce Read

Audio Visual: Vicki Banks

Worship & Minister: Chris Malan

Holy Communion: Lyn Burking

Steward Enquiries: Ed Kenny: Phone 0439 558 036







If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel. free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

## 4 February 2024



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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

#### Bible Reading: Psalm 111

In the opening verse of Psalm 111, the author of the psalm declares that he worships God "in the company of the upright, in the congregation." (Psalm 111:1 NRSV) For him, worship of God should not exist in a vacuum, but located within a community. In other words, we are to worship God together as a community. But, not only that: our worship of God should also be reflected in the way we relate to other people in the community.

The South African Bishop and Nobel Peace Prize Laurette, Desmond Tutu, once says in his book that "a person is only a person through other people ... we are humans only in relation to other humans. Our humanity is bound up in one another, and any tear in the fabric of connection between us must be repaired for us all to be made whole. This interconnectedness is the very root of who we are." (The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World)

Indeed, we only become fully human when we consider other people around us, including in the decision that we make. That is what true worship is all about.

Rev. Toby Keva



#### Bible Reading Today, 4 February 2024

Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-11, 20c 1 Corinthian 9:16-23, Mark1:29-39

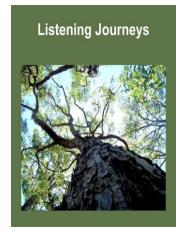
#### Bible Reading Sunday, 11 February 2024

2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6. Mark 9:2-9



#### Prayer for the week from 4 February 2024

St Luke's Carnarvon Uniting Church Synod of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory



#### **Listening Journeys**

What will the congregations of the WA Presbytery of the Uniting Church look like in 25 years' time? That was the question that was posed when Thrive Mission Committee presented a report to the 18th Annual Meeting of the Presbytery of WA in June. But more than a question, the report also put forward some proposals that could influence the shape of that journey over the next 25 years. This article was originally published in the December 2023 edition of Revive magazine.



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# Uniting WA Pancake Day at Willetton Uniting Church Hall, on Tuesday, 10.00am, 13 February

2024 Please come and join us. For delicious and fluffy pancakes, happy faces, and the joy of making a difference in the lives of vulnerable Western Australians. Uniting WA invites you to help them fundraise and turn Pancake Day into a fun and impactful way to support the most vulnerable people within our community.



Summer Spirit 2024 celebrates faith. a platform for learning, and a catalyst for meaningful change. Whether vou're a church leader, a lay preacher, or a member seeking deeper engagement. with your faith, this event promises to be a rejuvenating & transformative. experience. Get ready to be part of a iourney those uplifts, challenges, & renews. Let's come together to embrace the true essence of our faith &identities. creating a future where everyone's authentic self is not just welcomed but celebrated. Join us at Summer Spirit 2024 – it's time to be true to ourselves and true to our faith!

#### **Thoughts for the Week**

"Work needs rest and rest takes work. We need to allow ourselves to rest, to nap, to enjoy, to deliberately switch on to joy and nourishment and the stuff that actually fills the tank."

British professor of health psychologist Vincent Deary

"Everyone wants a better life; very few of us want to be better people."

British author Alain de Botton

A 7-week online series of exploration and discussion

following the Acts readings in the *Revised Common Lectionary* during the 49 days of the season of Easter

led by Rev. Elizabeth Raine and Rev. Dr John Squires

The same session is offered at 10am and 7pm each Thursday

You are welcome to join whichever is the more convenient time

Thursday	Session Topic	Passage	Sunday
4 April	A man attested by God	Acts 2:14–36	Easter 2
11 April	Times of refreshing from the Lord	Acts 3:1–19	Easter 3
18 April	No other name under heaven	Acts 4:1–22	Easter 4
25 April	Proclaiming the good news	Acts 8:26-40	Easter 5
2 May	Poured out even on the Gentiles	Acts 10:34–48	Easter 6
9 May	Women in the early	Acts 1:12–14,	Easter 7
	Christian community	12:6–17	
16 May	A violent win, tongues of fire	Acts 2:1–4	Pentecost



These studies are hosted by the *Tuggeranong Uniting Church* and sponsored by *With Love to the World* 



To join the online sessions, go to the homepage of the Tuggeranong Uniting Church (<a href="https://tuc.org.au">https://tuc.org.au</a>) and click on the link at the bottom left of the screen that says "Connect to Bible Studies on ZOOM"







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# **Bill Loader Workshops**

The Progressive Christian Network of WA is pleased to announce a series of Lenten Studies to be presented by Emeritus Professor Rev Dr Bill Loader in 2024. They will be entitled: "How the First Christians Coped with Rejection and Acceptance, Well and Otherwise."

#### The sessions will be held on

1.Tuesday 12 March, 7.30 pm at Wembley Downs Uniting Church, Calais Road, Wembley Downs.

Coping with Rejection Healthily and Unhealthily "I hate you; why don't you love me?"

2.Wednesday 13 March, 12.00 at Wesley Uniting Church, Corner William and Hay Streets, Perth

Coping with the Rejection of Jesus Healthily and Unhealthily Turning a Disaster Upside Down

3. Thursday 14 March, 7.30 pm at Wembley Downs Uniting Church, Calais Road, Wembley Downs.

Coping with Acceptance Healthily and Unhealthily How can I justify it? Doing the Sums.

All are welcome to attend one or all of these stimulating workshops and we invite you to promote them through your churches. The program is free, but donations will be accepted towards the costs.

For further information contact Karen Sloan at <u>0421 314 008</u> or Marie Yuncken 0410 061 279