



Christmas Carols will be held “Tonight” at 6.00pm. The night will be filled with carols singing, sausage sizzles, games, quiz, & fun! Please bring your own non-alcoholic drinks and picnic chairs/rugs.



**Prayerbook and Offering**

<b>Rosters:</b>	<b>Sunday 15 December</b>	<b>22 December 2024</b>
<b>Minister:</b>	Rev Toby Keva	Rev Toby Keva
<b>Readers:</b>	A Witherington, W Wilson	V Rowney, M Staffa
<b>Organist:</b>	Barbara Bennewith	Janice Barrett
<b>Stewards:</b>	R Rowson, J Maddocks, E Kenny	C Malan, G Rowney, B Read
<b>Greeter:</b>	Gwen Stevens	Lin Waterhouse
<b>Welcomer:</b>	Phyllis Muller	Fran Ciupryk
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	L Kenny, J Heath	C Erskine, A Ontong
<b>Audio Visual:</b>	Judy Rowson	Barbara Bennewith
<b>Worship Elder:</b>	Diane Boon	
<b>Steward Enquiries:</b>	Ed Kenny: Phone 0439 558 036	

**Roster for Christmas Day Wed. 25 Dec, 9.15am**  
**Minister:** Rev Toby Keva, **Readers:** B Dinnie, P Read  
**Organist:** Janice Barrett, **Stewards:** J Murdock, N Loudon, B Read  
**Greeter:** L Riedel, **Welcomer:** L Murdock, **Audio V:** Eddie Riedel

15 December 2024



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**Sunday Service 9.15am**

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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: Philippians 4:4-7

How many times do we think that our joy will come from material possession? But we all know how fleeting the feeling of joy that we get from material thing is. The poet, Robert Burns, captured this reality when he said, "Pleasures are like poppies spread—You seize the flower, its bloom is shed." So where else can we find joy—especially the everlasting joy that we all want? Paul's letter to the Philippians can help us. In his letter, Paul did not ask the Philippians to rejoice only in good times. He asked them to be joyful regardless of the situation they were in. Paul then related this joy to the way the Philippians treated one another. He asked them to be gentle to one another. In the New Testament Greek, gentleness is about the way we behave towards other people, especially the way we use power in relation to others (Holly Hearon's Commentary on Philippians 4:4-7). To be gentle, then, is to use our power to bring out the best in others. Only when we do this, according to Paul, that we can truly rejoice in the Lord, always.

(Rev. Toby Keva)



### Bible Reading Today, 15 December 2024

Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6  
Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

### Bible Reading Sunday 22 December 2024

Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 80:1-7  
Hebrew 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)



### Prayer for the week from 15 December

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

**Confirmation** There will be no Confirmation group gathering during this Christmas and New Year season (December and January). We will meet again next year on the third Wed. of February (19th February) at 3.30 pm.

### Quote for the Week



## Candle of Joy A third candle pink one



**The third Sunday in Advent (Advent III) shifts from a tone of expectation of Christ's coming to one of rejoicing at the arrival of God's kingdom with the coming of Jesus.**

This candle, often called the Shepherd's Candle or the Joy Candle, represents joy, such as the joy the shepherds experienced when the angel told them that Christ was to be born. The Advent season is now half over, and Jesus' coming—both his first coming, liturgically, and his second coming, historically—is nearer now than it was two weeks ago.

**"With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." —Isaiah 12:3,**

**Your impact: Providing safety in exile for Syrian & Palestinian Refugees living in Jordan.**



Acts for Peace local partner in Jordan, The department of services for Palestinians refugees runs the Forsa Project, a two-year initiative that works with members of the Syrian & Palestinian refugee community, to assist them in teaching a point of self-reliance. The transformation program not only helps refugees to meet their basic needs, like food & healthcare, but focuses on long term solutions through relevant training.& eventually find employment or small enterprises.

Like Rima started her own sewing business to help care for her family.  
**Your support can help find solutions for people who have been displaced by conflicts and disasters around the world**