

The AGM of the Willetton Congregation will be held following Worship **Today**. Please stay to hear what's been happening in our church. Wilsons1@iinet.net.au

About the Newsletter: The last Newsletter for this year 2025 will be on 28 December and will resume on 1 February, 2026. Please check your Roster.



Prayerbook and Offering

Rosters: Sunday, 7 December Sunday 14 December 2025

Minister: Rev Toby Keva Rev Toby Keva

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Stewards: R Rowson, J Maddocks, M Barron Ed Kenny, B Read, J Murdock

Welcomer: Phyllis Muller Phyllis Muller Greeter: Val O'Reilly Pat Whipple

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Christmas Carols on 14 December in the Car Park of our church facing Herald Avenue. Free sausage sizzles will be served from 5.30 pm and Carols will start between 6.20 and 6.30 pm. Come for an evening of fun and singing also don't forget to invite your family and friends.

7 December 2025



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Sunday Service 9.15am

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Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you ... (Romans 15:7)

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

In our reading from the book of Isaiah, we are presented with a remnant of a tree that seems to have already died. The stump represents the House of King David. From this stump will come a new life: a new person who will rule the people. Unlike the other kings who had ruled Judah in the past, this ruler, however, will rule with "wisdom and understanding," "counsel and might," and "knowledge and the fear of the Lord". He will side with the poor and the oppressed and destroy evil. During the reign of this new king, no one would "hurt" or "destroy" one another. But Isaiah does not say that a fully-grown tree will come out of the stump. He says, "a shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse." (Isaiah 11:1 NRSV) And just like any sprout, unless people care for it, the new plant will never grow into a big tree. The kingdom of peace, of justice, of righteousness that Isajah promises does not come fully grown with abundant fruits that all can enjoy. No: the kingdom comes as a tiny and fragile sprout that needs caring. Isajah does not declare the immediate fulfillment of the Kingdom of Righteousness and Faithfulness: what Isaiah promises is the beginning of that kingdom; and, unless the people care for it at its early stage of its life, it will simply die.

(Rev. Toby Keva)



Bible Reading Today 7 December 2025 Isiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

Bible Reading Sunday 14 December 2025 Isiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10, or Luke 1:46b-55 James 5:7-10. Matthew 11:2-11



Prayer for the Week from 7 December

Dongara Uniting Church and Moora Uniting Church Frontier Services WA Bush Chaplains and Methodist Church of Sri Lanka

Thought for Today

To live is to change and to be perfect is to have change often.

John Henry Newman

Consult not your fears, but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself with not what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do. Pope John X111

Concert Lyric Chorale, led by Ian Westrip, will have its annual Christmas concert on Sunday 14 December,3pm, in St Patrick's Anglican Church. First Ave, Mt Lawley. \$30 includes afternoon tea. Favourite choral Christmas carols and soloists. All welcome. Hope some of you will be able to make it. Contact Willemina





In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We

Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor;' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."



