

Prayerbook and Offering

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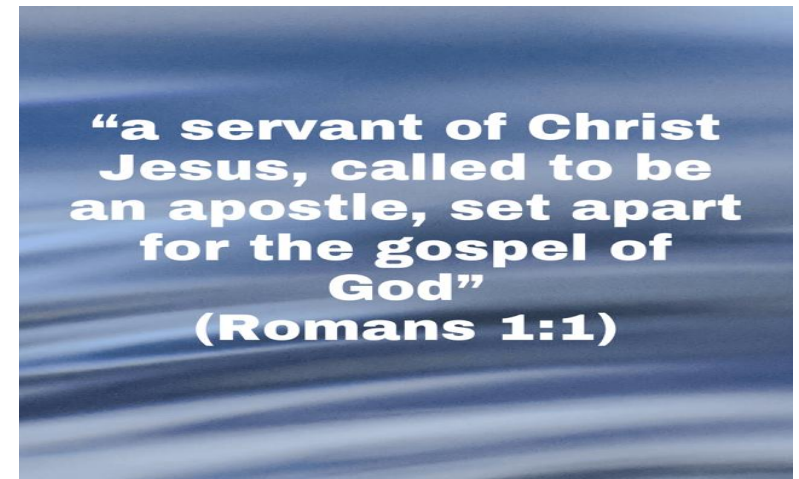
Sunday Service 9.15am

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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

Reflection On Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

In our reading in Matthew's Gospel, we meet Joseph, an ordinary man from the land of Judea in the first century. We hear nothing remarkable about the man, only that he is engaged to a woman named Mary. But, in the life of this ordinary man, a very extraordinary event happens: Mary, his fiancée, is already pregnant and the baby has a divine origin! Now, the Gospel of Matthew makes Joseph to be somehow better than what he may actually be. Any man would be furious if he knows that his fiancée is already pregnant and the baby is not his! Yet, Joseph somehow accepts the divine task and marries Mary. By doing that, he puts aside his own comfort, his own plan for the future, his own reputation, & submits himself into the unknown to answer the divine calling. He even names the baby, Jesus. By naming the baby, Joseph publicly declares that the baby is now his own! His fate and the baby's have now been forever intertwined. Joseph is no longer a man of his own, and he now fulfils one of the most important tasks in the world: to raise the Messiah, the Saviour from God! Friends, unlike the wisdom of the world where we are often told to forge our own destiny, today we learn from Joseph that our purpose in life is found not by creating a name for our own or by making our own path, but by surrendering ourselves to a higher calling. **(Rev. Toby Keva)**



Bible Reading Today 21 December 2025

Isiah 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Roman 1:1-7, Mathew 1:18-25

Bible Reading Christmas Day 25 December 2025

Isiah 9:2-7, 52:7-10, Heb 1:1-4, (5-12)

Luke 2:1-14 (15-20), John 1:1-14



Prayer for the Week from 21 December

Northampton Uniting Church and the Multicultural National Conferences Assembly Circles of Interest: Walking Together as First & Second Peoples, and Being a Multicultural Church



Rev David Jackson's 2025 Christmas Message This Christmas, we will once again reflect on the narrative of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus's flight into Egypt as detailed in the Gospel of Matthew. The Holy Family's journey was undertaken to escape King Herod's deadly decree. An angel warned Joseph in a dream, prompting their secret departure by night. This story is interpreted as a symbol of divine protection and humility. As Moderator, I have selected the flight of the Holy Family from Palestine to Egypt seeking refuge as this year's Christmas theme. My Christmas card features the quote: "In God alone is our place of refuge" and a passage by Christine Sine from Godspace: "...build bridges rather than walls, be willing to listen and learn and not be afraid of where God might lead us in the journey towards reconciliation and healing." The ongoing displacement of individuals due to war, oppression, ethnic cleansing, or family violence is a matter of deep concern. Current global crises, highlight the urgent need for compassion and justice. Our thoughts are also with those experiencing homelessness in our local communities and with our Jewish community reeling from yet another violent attack on their religious gatherings. Just as the Holy Family sought refuge from Herod's tyranny, we too are called to seek and offer refuge to others. We pray for an end to all forms of violence and commit ourselves to choosing peace over war, joy over sorrow, hope over despair, and love over hate. It has been heartening to witness the generosity of students at Uniting Church schools, who have actively participated in projects aimed at alleviating disadvantage and poverty. Their efforts in raising funds and goods for organisations such as Good Sammys and Uniting WA exemplify meaningful contributions toward addressing social challenges. As we contemplate the significance of the Holy Family's flight and its impact on Christian tradition in Egypt, let us value every effort made in the pursuit of justice. Recalling the words of the Australian National Anthem: "We've boundless plains to share ; with courage let us combine to Advance Australia Fair," may you discover within yourselves the capacity for generosity and the commitment to peace and justice for all this Christmas season. Rev David Jackson, Moderator, Uniting Church WA