

# Newsletter



Uniting Church in Australia  
South Perth Uniting Church

Sandgate and Angelo Street  
Sunday Worship 9:30am  
12 NOVEMBER 2023

## **Bible Reading: 1 Peter 1:16-25; Malachi 3:3-4**

It's Remembrance Day this weekend. A day to remember that at 11am on 11 November 1918 the guns on the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. The end of the great war to end all wars.

And yet the guns have not been silent and the senseless futility of people seeking domination over or freedom from each other continues as tragically as always.

While visiting the British Isles, Deb and I encountered daily reminders that history is not a straight line to some idyllic future where everything is "subdued, straightened, pacified". Rather history is a "roundabout"; a phrase that journalist Stan Grant uses to describe the endless, repetitive loop of history that is "not a sepia-toned photograph but shards of broken glass."

Would we have acted differently in the circumstances of the past? Jesus suggests not in Matthew 23:30 "You say, 'If we had lived in the days of our forefathers, we would not have ... so you testify against yourselves ...'"

We are left with the reminder that "there, but for the grace of God, goes me".

The Apostle Peter uses the phrase "empty way of life" (literally "futile conduct") to describe the striving to have more, be more, achieve more that is endemic in every person, everywhere and every time.

The good news is that there is a rescuer, and that is Jesus. Do you know him?

***You know that it was not with perishable things  
such as silver or gold that you were redeemed  
from the empty way of life  
handed down to you from your ancestors,  
But with the precious blood of Christ,  
a lamb without blemish or defect.  
(1 Peter 1:18-19)***



With grace and peace, Mark

**Mission statement** - We are a people of God whose mission is to love and serve our congregation, our community and the World

**Vision statement** - We will show God's love, follow the teachings of Jesus and extend our faith journey. We will actively care for our community and world, and work to bring others into a relationship with God

- ❖ Our birthday greetings this week go to Mandy Craig and Jennifer Rogers who both celebrate their special day on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November. We wish you both a day of love and joy and pray for God's blessings on your birthday and for the year to come.



- ❖ **Wednesday Morning Prayer Meeting** : Wednesday (7.30-8.30am) Join us in this informal time of devotion and prayer for our community, friends, family, the world and whatever is on your heart. Prayer requests can be sent to [spertthuc@gmail.com](mailto:spertthuc@gmail.com)
- ❖ Lord, we lift up unto You all who are hurting, physically or emotionally, those going through rehabilitation and all who are mourning. We bring to you especially those who are affected by wars and conflicts around the world, the victims and their families. We commit each one of these precious ones to You and ask for Your Protection, Healing, Strength, Guidance and Peace during these challenging times. **May they be wrapped in Your love.** In Jesus' name. Amen.
- ❖ **Our Bible Study** for this week (Tuesday 7pm) will explore the newly release "Chaos Dragon" theme from the Bible Project. How did the biblical authors use dragon imagery to describe the spiritual forces that pull creation into disorder and death? Come along and find out!
- ❖ **English Conversation Class: Mondays** (10 am - 12 noon). These free classes aim to help migrants, au-pairs, visitors and their families speak better English. Know anyone who needs these classes? Or interested to be a tutor or kitchen helper? For more details, talk to Swee.
- ❖ **Christmas Care Packs for the homeless**: The box of Christmas gifts for those experiencing homeless or insecure housing is filling up. Many thanks to those who have made donations, all gifts will be gratefully received. The recipients are mainly male but we do have a few women who might like something special! For more information, contact Chris Kortas.
- ❖ **Ordination of Samuel Annan**: as a **Minister of the Word, Saturday 25 November, 2 pm, at Wesley Uniting in the City** All are welcome to attend his Ordination before he is inducted as the Minister at Rockingham Uniting Church starting in January 2024.



**South Perth Uniting Church  
Christmas Lunch 2023**

Saturday 2nd December

Keep the date free

Adult - \$10 pp  
Children - \$5 pp  
Children below 8 eat free



Please **RSVP & pay by**  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November,**  
see Fiona or Marie

*Registration Sheet is in the church foyer*



A heartfelt and enormous

**THANK YOU**

to everyone who participated this year. We had a total of 73 boxes and these will be bringing 73 children in Papua New Guinea (and their families) great joy and blessing. Hallelujah!

Gill xx



**Sharing God's love through Christmas Bowl Appeal:**

Since 1949, compassionate Christians like you have followed Rev Frank Byatt's legacy, coming together each Christmas across Australia and the world to provide safety in exile for people forced from their homes by conflict and disaster. *Your gift through the Christmas Bowl will support local partners to meet urgent needs and help create a world where uprooted people have a safe place to belong*



*Christmas with UWA Choral Society*



UWA CHORAL SOCIETY

**Bruckner Mass No 2 in E minor  
Vaughan Williams Fantasia on Christmas  
Carols**

**Traditional carols at Winthrop Hall**

*Experience the magic of the season*

4.00 pm Sunday 10 December, Winthrop Hall, UWA  
Followed by the traditional picnic on the Winthrop Lawns



Position	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November
Speaker	Mark Illingworth	Mark Illingworth
Welcomer	Gill Amos	Gill Amos
Bible Reading	Sarah Shipman	Sue Cornish
Flowers	Marie Cubitt	Carolyn Dickie
Pre-Sunday Tea Set up	Bev Hill	Carol Dombrose
Sunday Tea Serving	Bev and Criz	Carol and Mandy
Sunday Club	Kerry and Grae	Kerry and Grae

### Weekly Diary

Worship Service	Sun 9:30am (Church)	Mark
Bible Study	Tues 7-8:30pm (Room 1)	Mark
Prayer Meeting	Wed 7:30am (Room 1)	Judy Siddins
Music Practice	Usually 4:30pm Saturday	Ron Craig
English Conversation Class	Monday 10 – 12 noon (Hall)	Swee

### Monthly Diary

Church Council 7pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed of the Month	22 <sup>nd</sup> November
brite* 6 – 7.30pm (yrs K to 4 and yrs 5 to 9)	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the Month (Hall)	17 <sup>th</sup> November
Fellowship Morning Tea	In recess until 9 February 2024	
Friday Worship 7:00pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of Month (Church)	10 <sup>th</sup> November
Craft Workshops 1-4pm	In recess until 2024 date TBC	

If South Perth  
Uniting Church is  
your church  
family you  
are invited to  
give regularly via  
Direct Debit:

BSB 036 050

Account Number  
862121

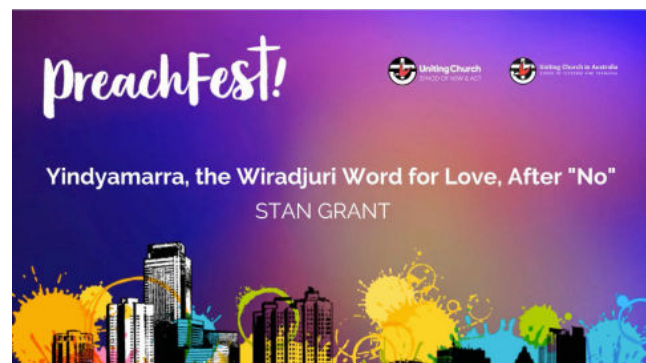
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Debit Giving"  
cards are  
available to place  
in offering.

### Remembrance Day 11<sup>th</sup> November

O Lord our God,  
as we remember those who  
have died in conflict  
teach us the ways of peace.

As we learn from past mistakes,  
teach us to hope.

As we give thanks for the  
sacrifices of the past,  
help us to make your future in  
this world.  
Amen.



Checkout this excellent talk by Stan Grant.  
<https://vimeo.com/880751191>

"It's lovely to be in a building like this, it's lovely to be here and to share this space with you. But this wasn't the church I was raised in. I was raised in a black church, a church that white people who went to church uptown didn't step foot in. Ours if anything was a church of forsaken. It was the church of crucified Christ. It was the church of people who cry out 'my God, my God why have you forsaken me?' And it's the church where we never ask 'Is God Real?' that would be impossible for a Wiradjuri person"

<p><b>Minister</b> Rev Mark Illingworth (0408 118 898)</p> <p><b>Church Council</b> Carolyn Dickie (0478 485 654)</p>	<p><b>English Conversation Class</b> Swee-Guan Lee (0417 911 270)</p> <p><b>Venue Hire</b> Vida Corbett (0448 334 855)</p>	<p><b>Online</b> <a href="mailto:sperthuc@gmail.com">sperthuc@gmail.com</a> <a href="https://southperth.ucwa.au/">https://southperth.ucwa.au/</a> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/sperthuc">www.facebook.com/sperthuc</a></p> <p><b>Zoom Meeting</b> ID 274 894 206 Passcode: 061510</p>
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