

# FELLOWSHIP NEWSLINK

*Look around you:  
Winter is over;  
the winter rains are over, gone!  
Spring flowers are in  
blossom all over.  
The whole world's a choir—and singing!*  
*Song of Solomon 2:11-12*



AUGUST 2019  
WA UNITING CHURCH  
ADULT FELLOWSHIP

PROMOTING FAITH AND  
FRIENDSHIP ACROSS  
CONGREGATIONS AND BEYOND



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**Welcome to the Winter edition of Newslink.**

I hope people are managing to keep warm and avoid the various winter ills which are circulating in the community. If you have been unfortunate and caught the flu virus, I hope you are making a good recovery.

Our environment has welcomed the refreshing rain to water the earth and replenish our dams and reservoirs. We think particularly of our country friends who are dependent on the seasons for their livelihood and the production of food which benefits the whole country, as well as beyond our shores.

At the end of June Gill Muir and I shared a special day with the Pinjarra UCAF at their 'At Home'. It was great to meet members of their group and congregation, as well as folk from other churches and community groups in the area. The day included beautiful music from the Voices in Harmony Choir, and the guest speaker from the local Historical Society who shared interesting stories and information about Pinjarra. Our time of fellowship concluded with a delicious lunch and time to meet and chat.

Are you having a special event at your Fellowship? Members of the committee would really like to join you and share in the time of fellowship. We would enjoy also joining you at any of your meetings; it does not have to be a 'special occasion'! Please let us know the date and time - we would be delighted to join you.

One of the aims of the State UCAF Committee is to become aware of the variety of groups and their activities within the Synod of WA. You will recall last year there was a survey by the Synod/ UCAF Committee of the congregations and their groups. Rev Lorna Atkins (committee member) is using the information we collected from the surveys which were returned, to contact some of the groups. The Committee has been delighted to hear news of the variety of fellowship activities taking place in our congregations and their outreach to the wider community.

At our Annual Fellowship Day on 13 September, at Swan View, (see Page 9 for more detail) we will be hearing from some groups about their activities.

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The State Committee is looking forward to meeting and sharing with you at Fellowship Day.

I would like to share with you this prayer:

*The light of "God surrounds me;  
The love of God enfolds me;  
The power of God protects me;  
The presence of God watches over me;  
Wherever I am, God is*

*(James Freeman in 'The Little Book of Prayers)*

## **Helen McMillan**

### **From the National Committee**



**Max's Candle**

Few occasions in his life could surely hold a "candle" to this powerful moment of revelation for South Australia's highly respected Uniting Church identity Max Howland.

During Max's commissioning as SA's Chairperson of UCAF in 2009 he was presented with a candle. But not just any ordinary candle – this was the same Christ candle that was originally presented to him at the end of his theological studies at Parkin Wesley College (now Uniting College).

Max has no doubt that the candle symbolized the changeover from being in the care of the college to taking up his new UCAF role. "The candle was handed to me at the end of year chapel service," he says, in recognition of my six years of service as secretary to the college council and also because I had completed my study program, which had taken five years."

"The presentation came with a short liturgy: 'Receive the light of Christ,' and something like, 'Let the light go with you in everything that you do.' I was overwhelmed with the feeling that I was being handed on from the college to my new role with the fellowships. You see as late as Tuesday (the day before the presentation) I was still saying, 'I can't believe I'm doing this! But by the Friday, two days later, I realized I didn't need to say that anymore.'"

"That candle liturgy was a sacramental act, in that it was something in which God was particularly present for me. And I understood that to ask, 'What can I do?' was to miss the whole point. I was bringing to my new role all the life experiences that make me who I am. This includes all the things that I have done with my life – work as a teacher, student, lay preacher, and member of church councils and pastoral relations committees and similar."

And I should include in this list, the volunteer work I do. So, the question 'What can I do?' was turned back on me: Will you trust God to make good use of the gifts you bring to the job."

**Footnote:** Another powerful moment for Max came after he took out early retirement in 2003 after about 35 years as a teacher. He undertook studies for a Bachelor of Theology degree, which he completed at the end of 2008. "In May 2008, I was approached to consider the position of President of UCAF in SA," he says. "The last subject to be completed was entitled Church, Ministry, Sacraments, and turned out to be highly relevant to my new work with UCAF. "But it needs to be understood that I had enrolled in this subject in December 2007. "What was going on here? I wondered!"

### **USED STAMPS PLEASE!**

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Only \$8.00 per year for four issues of *Newslink* posted.  
See the application form on page 17.





**Uniting Church Adult Fellowship  
National Committee**  
An Agency of The Assembly



**2020 National Celebration**  
**Wednesday 29 April—Sunday 3 May**  
**West Beach Parks Resort**  
**West Beach South Australia**

*Theme*

**Your Word Lights the Way**

- Guest Speakers from Frontier Services and UnitingWorld
- Bible Study and Prayer Room
- Update on future structures of the National Committee
- Fun, Food and Fellowship
- Beautiful Beach Walks
- Celebration Dinner with Guest, UCA President Dr Deidre Palmer
- Electives
- Free time to explore Adelaide, enjoy the beach or just relax.

**Cost: \$750.00**

(Early Bird \$700 paid by 31 October 2019)

**Registration covers:**

- Transport from and to the airport
- Villas to sleep 4 in 2 shared rooms
- All food included
- Access bungalows (with ramps) are available for people with mobility issues
- Single rooms can be arranged with a supplementary cost of \$20/night,

**Day Visitors**

The Day visitor package is \$30 per day: this covers morning tea, afternoon tea, lunch and Celebration Materials

Please note visitors' cars will need to be left at the carpark by the main gate.

Dinner will be available for \$45 per evening

*For more information and bookings contact:*

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**Mission Fellowship Report**

Three excellent speakers. have shared with the Mission Fellowship group in the last three months:

In April, the Rev. Marie Wilson updated us on the church in Bali. She and the Rev. Geoff Lilburne had gone to Bali in October 2018, to lead a Professional Pastoral Supervision Course. She said they have a very strong community amongst their Pastors, and the church is led by well educated people who have studied overseas. The church is stronger than in Australia, and their welfare side is good, but they are still a minority.



*Ann Steed*

In May Peter Warren, the state representative for Mukti Mission, India, reminded us that Mukti was started 130 years ago in 1889, to support and empower women living in poverty; to provide a safe haven for unmarried mothers and their babies, and to encourage a full education for all girls. Its founder Pandita Ramabai (1858-1922) was one of the first Indian women to become a social reformer.



*Peter Warren*

In June, Connie Martin, spoke of the work of Street Chaplains in Fremantle and Perth city. This is a completely unique WA programme, which began 21 years ago, and follows the principle of The Good Samaritan. Chaplains are required to do a 7-week course and are mentored by other chaplains. Their main role is to help young people on the streets; to see they are safe; to provide Pastoral care at the point of contact, and to look out for intoxicated young people coming out of night-clubs. They collaborate with the Police services and are covered in prayer for their time on Patrol.

We have more interesting speakers lined up for the rest of the year. We would love to have you join us on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, in the Guild room at Wesley Church, Perth, at 10.00am for a cuppa, before starting at 10.30am.

The stamp group meet each Wednesday of the month (except the 3rd), at Bicton U.C from 10.00-2.00pm. Bring your lunch; tea / coffee and fellowship are freely available. Bag #34 is ready to send off, and so far, this year, we have been able to send off \$3,000 to Frontier Services for its work in our WA patrols.

**Ann Steed**

**Uniting Church Mission Fellowship Rep.**

## Farmers need your support now

Farmers are facing desperate drought conditions inland, while those in the northeast are still recovering from the floods of two years ago.

As we head into Spring, NOW is the time to register for a Great Outback BBQ to help our farmers who are doing it tough.

Hosting a Great Outback BBQ during September is a great way for those of us in the cities to show we care about our farmers.

It's as simple and fun as gathering together some mates and throwing snags on the barbie. Every dollar you raise helps our farmers, delivering hope and helping hands when they need it most. You can register today at the website [greatoutbackbbq.com.au](http://greatoutbackbbq.com.au)

Not only are farmers facing severe financial and physical stress from dealing with devastating drought and floods, they are most often doing it alone.

Not many understand that these farmers face weeks and weeks with no face to face contact and no one to talk to. It is so important that contact is made when times are tough and that is what our bush chaplains do. In many remote locations they are the only visitor knocking on the door.

## Bush chaplain for Kalgoorlie region moves closer

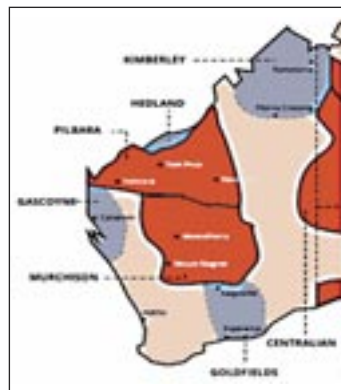
The Goldfields region has moved closer to having a bush chaplain based out of Kalgoorlie.

Frontier Services has allocated funding and the WA Synod is moving forward with the process of finding the right person to take up the position.

"We are thrilled to be moving closer to having a third bush chaplain in WA. We know that there is a very real need for a 'presence', pastoral and practical support of those living in the region. Every new bush chaplain in the field is a cause for celebration," says Jannine Jackson, national director for Frontier Services.

The new Goldfields patrol will add to the existing patrols: Rev. John Dihm in Tom Price covering the Pilbara region, and Rev. Mitch Fialkowski in Meekatharra covering the Murchison patrol.

Frontier Services has a goal of 25 bush chaplains across the country. In WA, the regions of Gascoigne, Hedland and Kimberley have also been ear-marked for development.



**Michelle Lewis**  
Frontier Services



## WA Uniting Church Adult Fellowship Annual Synod Fellowship Day and Annual General Meeting

**Friday 13 September 2019**  
**at Swan View Uniting Church**

**FOR PICK-UP:** at the Midland Bus Station (adjacent to the Midland Railway Station) go to Bus stop 4. Take bus route 313, 323, 324, 325 or 327 alight at Myles Road, stop No. 14643 (The Swan View Shopping Centre is on the corner with Morrison Rd) where we will collect people by car. Phone Bob or Marcia on 9255 2567 or mobile 0419 927 638 by Wednesday 11th September.

**Morning Tea 10.00am**

**Program commences 10.30am**

**Lunch 12 Noon**

**Annual General Meeting 1.00—2.00pm**

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Alison Gilchrist**  
**Presbytery Minister Mission**  
**who will share her**  
**vision of the church in the future.**



**There will be:**

- The Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to our 80-year old's.
- Bring & Share Lunch
- A Bring & Buy Trading Table,
- UCA Resource Centre Bookstall

**WA UC Adult Fellowship Annual General Meeting.**  
**After lunch 1.00 pm—2.00 pm**

Come and hear reports of WA Synod UCAF committee activities for the year past.

You are invited to consider becoming a committee member.

**Please wear your name tag.**

**Everybody Welcome**



**Lorna's Gleanings**

Rev. Lorna Atkins, a UCAF committee member, makes contacts with groups and has shared with us a window into the life and activities of the Leeming congregation. Leeming meet in the local Scout Hall, and despite having a congregation of only around 25 they have plenty of activities happening

There are two Bible Studies, Social Knitting, Community Afternoon Teas and they sponsor students to the Governor's Prayer Breakfast.

The ladies gathering held a very successful High Tea with fifty people attending, this also included an historical fashion show. A leader's retreat is planned for later in the year.

**Forrestfield Uniting Church**

We all know that St. Martin's, our Forrestfield sister church, has an Op-shop, but did you know this?? In the period 2017-2019 (so far), the Op-shop has donated, upon request, to 46 different organisations and groups. they include Bandyup Prison Outreach, Vic Park Emergency Accommodation, FIRS (Foothills Information and Referral Service), Manna House, Swan Caring, Kanyana, Children's Hospital, Baby pamper packs and Sharing a Hills Christmas. There are 37 more on this long and impressive list!

Well done to all the members of St. Martin's and their trusty volunteers, and especially to their co-ordinator, Mary Tulloch!

**Anne Steed**

*Share with us about life in your congregation it will inspire others.  
Send to rayaladina@dodo.com.au or Newslink GPO Box N952 Perth 6943*

**Rainbow Lunches to Celebrate 20 years**

On the 5th June 2019, the Rainbow Friendship Groups celebrated their 20th Anniversary.

The Rainbow Friendship Groups are completely volunteer run with other people in their local community.

We have groups running in Duncraig, Maylands, Wembley Downs, Como, Claremont, and soon to be opened East Perth.

For more information contact Larissa Muir or Lucy Twynham on 1300 663 298

*Some of the Rainbow Friendship Group volunteers*



Brian Gates is remembered by many people for his happy, helpful manner. Brian was born in Bunbury in 1927, His godly parents sent him to Methodist Sunday School. When they moved to Perth, Brian worked in the Postmaster General's Department (PMG) as a messenger boy. later he became a postman, then telegraphist, and then Supervisor at the General Post office.



He loved music and sang in the choir, where he met his wife, Margory Meyer, who was also a great singer. They attended Perth Wesley, which was the Methodist 'Cathedral' in those days. His wife's brother, Rev Arthur Meyer, conducted their wedding at Maylands Methodist Church in 1949. They started life together living with relatives but were soon transferred to Hobart with the PMG.

Twelve months later he was transferred to Adelaide, and soon got involved at Brighton Methodist, singing In the choir, youth work and Sunday school, he said: at that time there were 300 kids in the Youth Club. What a busy life it would have been.

In 1961, this time to Darwin, Brian was involved with the Methodist Church. They were busy days, with a family to raise, He did prison chaplaincy work and taught scripture in local schools. He told me that he was not much of a speaker, and so he joined Rostrum. The family moved to Geraldton in 1964, and there Brian studied and obtained a local Lay Preachers certificate, and soon found himself taking services, weddings, funerals, and was involved in youth work and chaplaincy.

The family returned to Perth In 1981, and joined Perth Wesley Church, he was a Pastoral Assistant to Rev Les Renshaw. The connection between Perth Wesley and Rowethorpe Retirement Village was being established, after losing his beloved wife Marg, he retired to Rowethorpe in 1996 as Lay Pastor, and set about helping everyone he could. At Rowethorpe he met and married Joan Drysdale and spent 3 more years of happiness before she too went to be with her Lord.

Brian gave 10 years of wonderful service to Adult Fellowship as their treasurer. He was always positive and cheerful. A great blessing to have on the team.

Life is quieter now, Brian's health and memory are fading, but he has quietly done so much in so many ways. At Rowethorpe he helped to build up the Christian community. He now lives in the Nursing Home, but still has a twinkle in his eye. He tells me that his favourite hymn is "O love that will not let me go" and his philosophy on Churches is that "it's not the buildings, It's the people and friendships that matter most, and stand the test of time"

**Gill Muir**

## ***Nungalinya: The Joys of Crossing Cultures***

Nungalinya College, in Darwin, has a heritage of helping others understand the richness of Indigenous Culture. In 2018, we commenced a new Cross-Cultural program that was aimed at high school students in order to breakdown myths and stereotypes and speak into the hearts and minds of the leaders of tomorrow.

***"Often people have the wrong story. We want them to have the right story!"***

*Teddy Portaminni, Nungalinya Cert IV student*

After a worthwhile time in 2018, Emmanuel College (QLD) has returned bringing a small group of 10 senior high school students. Workshop sessions challenged their worldview thinking to consider what a Christian response would be to the things they are learning about. Unlike last year, this stay coincided with the last week of the semester when the



college is in full flight with 4 courses running concurrently. This meant the group had the opportunity to attend chapel every morning and engage in rich conversations with 55 Nungalinya students over 3 meals a day in the dining room.,

***"Coming to Nungalinya is such an eye-opening experience for these young people. It is a wonderful introduction to remote Indigenous culture and a chance to build relationships as we learn together. We all come away better informed, and better equipped to take action."***

*Peter McQueen, Emmanuel College Chaplain*

As the 2019 trip was being planned, all the students from the 2018 cohort were wanting to come back! University commitments got in the way for many, but one young man, Jack, was able to return this year and also bring along his sister who is still a student at Emmanuel.

***"It always amazes me how little I really know about Indigenous culture; I find being at Nungalinya College allows us just the smallest taste of how rich and valuable it is. There is still so much to learn and I can't wait to come back!"***

*Jack, Emmanuel College Alumnus*

One of the added joys of the program is the opportunity it provides for Nungalinya students to be the teachers and share with young people who are keen to learn as they share meals together or sit together after class

***"We can sit together and talk, and we can learn from each other."***

*Darren Farrell, Nungalinya College Board member and Cert IV student*



So "What's Next?" for this partnership between Emmanuel College and Nungalinya? Well, a few things actually! Emmanuel College is wanting to train more of their staff in Indigenous Culture and we are exploring ways that Nungalinya can assist in that. In 2020, they are looking to return to Nungalinya with a new cohort of students to participate in the Cross-Cultural Experience. In addition, they may also incorporate an alumni trip which takes them to the Tiwi Islands to participate in a cultural program run by some Nungalinya students.

It is a great encouragement to see the minds of our leaders of tomorrow being opened and the enthusiasm to learn more bursting forth!

If you would like to find out more about the Nungalinya Cross Cultural Experience for your group, email Karen at [comms@nungalinya.edu.au](mailto:comms@nungalinya.edu.au)



## Who are ARRCC?

***The Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) is a multi-faith network taking action on the most pressing issue of our time.***

We guard our independence so that we can remain uncompromising in our stand for what is right. ARRCC is a multi-faith, member-based organisation of people from around Australia who are committed to acting on climate change. Our members represent a variety of religious traditions. We believe that as people dedicated to the common good, inspired by our beliefs and energized by our spirituality, people of all faiths can and should be at the forefront of creating a safe climate. While celebrating the uniqueness of our different traditions, we stand together in working for an ecologically and socially sustainable future.

ARRCC acknowledges the special place that Aboriginal culture and spirituality have in upholding care for the Earth. We have much to learn from the intimate connection our Aboriginal brothers and sisters have to country.

### Organisational structure

ARRCC has both individual and organisational members from across Australia. A list of our organisational members is available on our Members and Supporters page. It is guided by a management committee that is responsible for ARRCC's broad strategic direction and for driving key programs and initiatives. In the second half of 2013, GreenFaith Australia joined ARRCC, as a Victorian-based chapter now known as GreenFaith/ARRCC

ARRCC is an association incorporated in NSW, under the Associations Incorporation Act, and an Australian Registered Body, under the Corporations Act.

### Management committee

The Management Committee comprises individual ARRCC members from a range of traditions, to reflect with integrity the multi-faith nature of the organisation. It has had members from the Anglican,



*Thea Ormerod, President ARRCC*

Baha'i, Baptist, Buddhist, Catholic, Hindu, Islamic, Jewish, Uniting Church and other traditions, each with a history of active engagement with environmental and/or justice issues. The committee may also include nominated representatives of organisational members and has a place for one member of GreenFaith Australia's management committee. The Committee may have up to 10 members in total. It meets monthly and is elected at an Annual General Meeting held at the beginning of each year.

To find out more about ARRCC, visit their website at <https://www.arrcc.org.au>



## Share the story!

We would love to hear your stories! See your pics!

Achievements, inspiring events, projects, interesting people, visits you've enjoyed etc. etc.

Write a short description or a longer piece we will share it with our readers. And a photo or two will make it come to life.

Next *Newslink* Deadline 16 October 2019.

Send to: [rayaladina@dodo.com.au](mailto:rayaladina@dodo.com.au) or Fellowship Newslink, GPO Box M952 Perth 6843



## Busselton Wildflower Exhibition

Now in its 94th year, the Busselton Wildflower Exhibition is gearing up to welcome local enthusiasts as well as visitors from further afield this September. The South West corner of Western Australia is renowned for having one of the richest and most diverse flora in the world and attracts visitors from around the State, Australia and overseas.



Geographe Community Landcare Nursery's Co-ordinator, Rod Cary, will be onsite to assist wildflower enthusiasts to learn more about the local varieties. Orchid specialist, Bill Dear, will also be available to answer queries at the exhibition.

Much of the flora on display would not be experienced by any one person at any one site, so it's a rare and fantastic opportunity to see such a wide variety of wildflowers. The exhibition is loved by locals as well as visitors.

Wildflowers on display are chosen by people who have obtained licences from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (Dept BCA) to pick wildflowers in the week of the Wildflower Exhibition.

Australia's South West, Chief Executive Officer Catrin Allsop said that "Almost 80% of Australia's South West's plant species cannot be found anywhere else in the world. In August through to November, more than 8 000 species of wildflowers and 300 species of delicate orchids are in bloom, making it a popular and beautiful time to visit the region."

**Busselton Uniting Church**  
47 Kent Street, Busselton

**Thursday 26—Friday 27 September 2019**  
9.00am—4.00pm daily

**Admission**  
**Adults: \$10, Pensioners: \$6, Children Free**

For more information contact  
Linda Stephenson on 08 9752 3304

Email: [bsnuca@westnet.com.au](mailto:bsnuca@westnet.com.au)

Website: [www.busseltonuniting.org](http://www.busseltonuniting.org)



*Butterfly Orchid found  
in South West Australia*

## Adult Fellowship Registration

*Adult Fellowship invites congregations and groups to register with Adult Fellowship, so copies of Newslink and other mailings can be personally addressed to you.*

*All congregations receive one unaddressed copy of Newslink in the synod mailout. All registered groups receive an addressed copy/copies of Newslink.*

***We ask you to register so your group is on our contact list.***

Group name .....

Contact person for group .....

Or individual person .....

Postal address .....

Email address ..... Phone .....

*Adult Fellowship would appreciate donations to assist with the running expenses. We need to cover the cost of the Certificates of Appreciation for 80-year old's and Greeting Cards sent to 90-year old's as well as general running expenses*

***Please send registrations and donations to:***

the Treasurer Mr Bob Nicholls.  
Uniting Church Adult Fellowship  
GPO Box M952 Perth WA 6843

Cheques payable to Uniting Church Adult Fellowship WA  
Please attach this form  
Internet Banking BSB 036-001 Acc. No. 92-1850  
Reference 'Name of group or individual'

***Want Newslink posted to your address?***

For \$8.00 per year, Newslink can be posted.

Recipients Name .....

Congregation ..... Date .....

Postal address ..... P/code .....

No of copies ..... Postage \$8 ..... Donation \$ .....

Total \$ ..... *Payment detail for Treasurer as for Registration above.*

## Celebrating Milestones of our Senior Members

The UCAF WA Committee offers you the opportunity to recognise the contribution your seniors have made and to celebrate with them and show appreciation when they reach their important milestones.

**EIGHTY YEAR OLDS:** at the UCAF Annual Synod Fellowship Day this year 2019, Certificates of Appreciation will be presented, on behalf of the WA Uniting Church, to octogenarians nominated by their church or fellowship group. All who reach their 80th year during 2018 or have missed out are eligible.

**Application forms were in the May 2019 issue of Newslink.**

**NINETY YEAR OLDS:** the WA Uniting Church Adult Fellowship Committee, will send an especially designed greeting card, on behalf of the WA Uniting Church, to any person celebrating their 90th birthday and who has been nominated by their group or congregation. The Greeting Card is sent out as applications are received. We meet on the first Friday of each month (except January and December). If the application is received before the first Friday the greeting will be sent the following week. See application below.

**ONE HUNDRED YEAR OLDS:** The Synod looks after these. A letter to the Moderator requesting a greeting to those turning one hundred will be responded to. If you have any questions, please contact WA UCAF Newslink Editor, Aladina Foster on Phone 0428 821 657. Email rayaladina@dodo.com.au.

### Application form for a greeting to 90 year olds

SEND TO: Kay Lockley, email: kaylockl@bigpond.net.au  
22 Pembroke Street, Bicton WA 6157. Phone 9319 1644

#### PLEASE PRINT

Name of congregation ..... Date of birth.....

Name of 90 year old .....

*If there is more than one please photocopy this form or list on blank paper, be sure to give all details.*  
**Check spelling please**

To whom shall we send the card? Please (✓) tick

- Congregation so it can be suitably presented?
- Nominator: The person who wishes to deliver card personally or arrange a special time for presentation?
- The 90 year old person nominated. To their personal address?

Please supply the following:

Contact person:

Name ..... Phone No.....

Address to which to send the greeting card:

Name .....

Address ..... Post Code .....



*In the 'Lord's Prayer' we pray for God's kingdom to come and his will to be done on earth as it is done in heaven.*

Is that praying for the end time? Or are we praying that the changes will begin in the here and now?

We are praying for major changes here in our world! That the kingdoms would stop competing and begin to work together to bring about a better world?

It's not only the kingdoms that need to change, individuals need to change. There is much selfishness, greed, and mistrust; hatred and violence; we see in our world, community, family; we find it in our own lives.

Our call to prayer is to pray for God's world in the here and now; beginning with our selves. Father forgive me; enable me to see the changes needed in my own life to strengthen God's kingdom growing in our lives.

Our Father in heaven, your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

Amen (I really want this to be so).

**Ray Foster**

Pinjarra  
August 2019

## Diary of Events

### AUGUST 2019

Friday 2	9.30—11.00am.	Uniting Church Adult Fellowship Meeting at the Uniting Church Centre, East Perth
Saturday 3		Presbytery of Western Australia meeting
Saturday 10	8.30am— 3.00pm.	Perth Men's Convention 2019
Sunday 11	4.00— 6.00pm.	Messy Church at Trinity North Uniting Church, Greenwood Worship Centre
Monday 12	7.00pm.	Lay preacher and pastor gathering
Sunday 18	2.00pm. 10.00 am	Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Concert at York UCA Uniting Church Mission Fellowship at Uniting Church in the City, Perth Wesley
Saturday 24		Perth Women's Convention 2019
Friday 30	6.00—8.00pm.	Ministry Expo at St Andrew's UCA, 182 Bennett St, Perth

### SEPTEMBER 2019

Whole Month.		Sustainable September
Whole Month.		Great Outback BBQ
Friday 6	9.30—11.00am.	Uniting Church Adult Fellowship Meeting at the Uniting Church Centre, East Perth
Saturday 7	9.00am—4.00pm 9.00am—12noon	Basis of Union Day 1 at Star St Uniting Church, Victoria Park Godly Play Day at St Cuthbert's Anglican Church, Darlington
Monday 9	7.00pm.	Lay preacher and pastor gathering
Sunday 8	4.00—6.00pm.	Messy Church at Trinity North Uniting Church, Greenwood Worship Centre
Friday 13		Ethical Ministry Workshop
Friday 13—Sunday 15		43rd Annual Meeting of the Synod of Western Australia
Wednesday 18	10.00.am	Uniting Church Mission Fellowship at Uniting Church in the City, Perth Wesley
Friday 26		Frontier Services 107th Birthday
Saturday 28		Term 3 School Holidays – First Day
Saturday 28		Mission Shaped Ministry Course Semester 2

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Friday 4	9.30—11.00am	Uniting Church Adult Fellowship Meeting at the Uniting Church Centre, East Perth
Saturday 12		Masters Games at Warwick Stadium
Sunday 13		Term 3 School Holidays – Final Day
Sunday 13	4.00—6.00pm.	Messy Church at Trinity North Uniting Church, Greenwood Worship Centre
Monday 14	7.00pm.	Lay preacher and pastor gathering
Wednesday 16		Uniting Church Mission Fellowship at Uniting Church in the City, Perth Wesley

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