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HOLY COMMUNION is on the first Sunday of each month.
BETHAVON & THE RESIDENCY (JUNIPER RESIDENTIAL & COMMUNITY CARE) are supported with pastoral care to the residents, family and staff of Juniper Northam.

NORTHAM CONGREGATION gives financial support for Chaplaincy in local schools.

CHAPLAINCY (DONATION DAY) is the first Sunday of each month.
(Collect the marked envelopes in the Church foyer.)

CAFE FELLOWSHIP every third Sunday of the month.

EVENTS

- Sunday 1 June, 3.00pm. **Celebration Service - 195th Anniversary of Methodist Church in Perth** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth.
- Monday 2 June. **WA Day Public Holiday**. (Uniting Church Centre closed. No News and Notes.)
- Friday 6 June, 1.00pm. **Wesley at One: Wesley Music Scholars 2025** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth.
- Saturday 7 June, 6.00pm. **Celebration of 40th Anniversary of Multicultural Church Declaration** at Kardinya Uniting Church.
- Saturday 14 June, 9.00am to 12.00pm. **Uniting Church Polity and Ethos Workshop** at Leeming Uniting Church.
- Friday 20 June, 1.00pm. **Wesley at One: Emily Hobday** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth.
- Friday 20 June, 2.00pm. **Rural Network Gathering** at South Perth Uniting Church.
- Saturday 21 June, 9.00am to 4.00pm. **Presbytery of WA Annual Meeting** at Mount Pleasant Uniting Church.
- Saturday 28 June, 9.00am. **Opening and Dedication of Uniting Church in Port Hedland** at Hedland Fijian Uniting Church, Port Hedland.

I'm starting a support group for people who talk too much. It will be called
'ON AND ON ANON'

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

THE GRAPEVINE

JUNE 2025



NORTHAM CONGREGATION
103 Duke Street, NORTHAM, Western Australia 6401

WORSHIP 9.30am
1st and 3rd Sundays

NEWS - ROSTERS - CHURCH INFORMATION

EVENTS

BLACK PEARL NETWORK LUNCH



Members of our congregation executive with members of the Black Pearl Network. Four ladies from Papua New Guinea went to Fox Farm to look at some sheep as they hadn't seen any before. Then they came and had lunch and a chat at our church.

Papua New Guinea will have its first lamb though, in the next year, called a Toea Kina, which is home grown particularly for the local conditions.

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BIBLE READERS JUNE

1. Bob Lockley
15. Karen Bain



6 July Raelenne Ashman

**PRAYERS
FOR**
Sheena,
Kay and
Lorna.

PREACHING PLAN JUNE

1. Rev John Dihm- HOLY COMMUNION

15. Karen Bain - CAFÉ FELLOWSHIP



HINDU SPORT IN INDIA

Tribal leaders in the Indian state of Manipur have appealed to the UK Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion and Belief, saying that they need international assistance if they are to survive deadly anti-Christian persecution.

The killings began two years ago when Hindu mobs burned down 360 churches, 7,000 Christian homes and killed over 200 people. The survivors are unable to return and rebuild their villages and there are now 60,000 Christian internally displaced people (IDPs) from the region.

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DOCTOR TO NURSE
"How is the child that
swallowed those
coins?"
NURSE TO DOCTOR
"No change yet!"

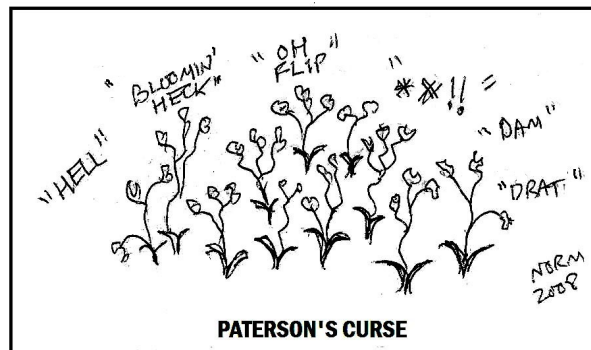
Did you know
that a single
ant can live up
to 29 years?
What about a
married one?

MY WIFE SAYS
I'M GETTING
FAT BUT TO BE
HONEST, I'VE
HAD A LOT ON
MY PLATE
LATELY.

Two years ago
my doctor told
me I was going
deaf.
I haven't heard
from him since.

BIBLE READING REV. 13

The whole earth was amazed and followed the beast. They worshiped the dragon because he gave authority to the beast. And they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to wage war against it?"



AI AND THE BIBLE

The book of Revelation in the Christian Bible doesn't specifically mention artificial intelligence (AI), as it was written long before such technology existed. However, some people interpret certain passages symbolically, suggesting parallels to modern advancements like AI. For example, the "Beast" described in Revelation 13 is often associated with systems of control or power, and some speculate that AI could play a role in such systems ¹ ².

These interpretations are speculative and vary widely among scholars and believers. Revelation is a deeply symbolic text, and its imagery has been applied to many different contexts throughout history.

PAKISTAN AT THE POPE'S INAUGURATION

The joy of witnessing Pope Leo XIV's inauguration was quickly overshadowed by the harsh reality that Pakistan overlooked Christian representation at the landmark Vatican ceremony.

Pakistan's government sent an official delegation consisting of Yousaf Raza Gillani, Kheal Das Kohistani, and Ramesh Singh Arora, but did not consider it necessary to include any Christian lawmakers in the delegation. This despite the presence of capable, respected Christian members in both the National Assembly and the Senate. www.Christiantoday.com

SILLY STUFF

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
The butcher backed into a meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
No matter how much you push the envelope, it is still stationery.
Two silk worms had a race and ended up in a tie.
Don't join dangerous cults- practice safe sects.

What should you do if you are addicted to seaweed?
Sea kelp.

POPE LEO SAYS...

"Faith and prayer are like salt in food: they give it flavour," Pope Leo XIV said on Saturday, recommending these two practical and prayerful 'ingredients' for Vatican employees to always use amply in their daily tasks.

What are cow's knees called?
BURGER JOINTS!