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NORTHAM CONGREGATION
 103 Duke Street, NORTHAM, Western Australia 6401

WORSHIP 9.30am
 1st and 3rd Sundays

NEWS - ROSTERS - CHURCH INFORMATION EVENTS

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

- Friday 15 August, 1.00pm to 3.00pm.
Uniting Generations Network Meeting at Mount Pleasant Uniting Church, Mt Pleasant.
- Saturday 23 August, 9.00am to 12.30pm.
Safe Church Refresher Workshop at Willetton Uniting Church, Willetton.
- Thursday 28 August, 10.00am to 12.00pm.
Good Sammy Uniting Church Open Day at Good Sammy HQ, 33-35 Bannister Rd, Canning Vale.
- Sunday 31 August, 10.00am to 11.00am.
Admission of Rev Roy Surjenegara at GKI Uniting Church, Mosman Park.

MY PHONE

..just fell down a flight of stairs. It is ok though- it was in my pocket.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD

when your birthday cake is a fire hazard!

WHAT sits at the bottom of the sea and twitches?
 A Nervous Wreck!

DID YOU HEAR the watermelon joke? It's pitiful.

STRANGE CHRISTIAN BELIEFS THAT TIME FORGOT

SIN EATING

Though it's unclear how widespread the practice was, sin-eating has popped up throughout history in various strains of Christian folklore including, especially, Scotland and Wales in the 18th century. The idea relates to someone who would consume a small meal prepared near or sometimes even *in* the corpse of a recently deceased person as a way of freeing sins from their soul. This person would carry the dead person's sins within them, mirroring Jesus taking on the sins of the world at his death. Although the practice declined over time, Scottish novelist Catherine Sinclair wrote that she heard of the practice continuing well in the 1800s.

IRISH SAILING MONKS

In the Middle Ages, many Irish monks would set sail in a small coracle with no provisions or plans — only trust that God would see them to a new shore if that's what God wanted. It was a sign of extreme devotion, and monks who survived their voyage would live out the rest of their days in peace and isolation on whatever small Irish island God brought them to. You can still see many of their monasteries today.

SUICIDE BURIALS

In the 18th and 19th centuries, people who died by suicide were considered to have committed a grave sin against God, and their body was dragged through the streets and buried at a crossroads at night. The idea was that the crossroads would confuse the victim's spirit, which might otherwise return to town as a ghost and start causing problems. The practice was banned by the Burial of Suicide Act 1823.
www.relevantmagazine.com

BIBLE READERS AUGUST

3 Aug Ann Barnes
17 Aug Karen Bain
7 Sept Bob Lockley



PREACHING PLAN AUGUST

3. Rev John Dihm HOILY COMMUNION
17. Karen Bain CAFE FELLOWSHIP

PRAYERS PLEASE

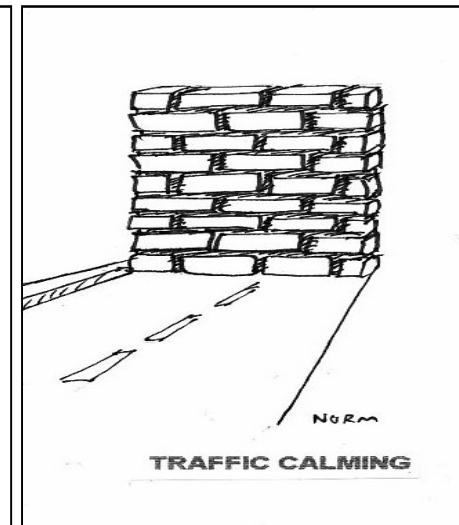
for:

Lorna and John.
Condolences to Kay
on the passing of
her brother.



THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME.....

My mother taught me RELIGION:
“You better pray that will come out of the
carpet.”
My mother taught me IRONY.
“Keep crying and I’ll give you something
to cry about.”
My mother taught me STAMINA:
“You’ll sit there until all that spinach has
gone.”
My mother taught me FORESIGHT:
“Make sure that you wear clean under-
wear, in case you have an accident.”



WHAT DO
YOU CALL A
RELIUC-
TANT
POTATO?

**A Hesi-
tater!**



KALAMUNDA UNITING CHURCH WINS ENVIRONMENT AWARDS

Kalamunda Uniting Church’s efforts to hope and act with creation and show that we can all help our environment were celebrated recently with the presentation of three prestigious environmental awards to the congregation – the Five Leaf Eco-Awards Basic Certificate, Eco Worship and Climate Activism Awards.

The Basic Certificate recognises the church’s dedication to sustainability for over two decades, and the practical actions they have taken, including installing solar panels and energy efficient lighting and heating, using lap rugs in church and conducting an energy audit, driven by their Green Church Group.

DO THE JEWS BELIEVE THEY ARE GOD’S GIFT TO THE EARTH?

There is a concept called Am Segula, meaning “treasured people,” and Chosen People, which refers to a covenantal relationship with God. This doesn’t imply superiority over others, but rather a responsibility:

- Jews are seen as chosen to uphold certain ethical and spiritual obligations, such as justice, compassion, and care for the world.
- The idea is more about duty than privilege—being a moral example, not claiming dominance.

religionsfacts.com

BIBLE READING

NUMBERS 11 : 16-17

The Lord said to Moses: “Bring me seventy of Israel’s elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you. 17I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take some of the power of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them. They will share the burden of the people with you so that you will not have to carry it alone.

SELLING CHRISTIANITY?

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BILLY GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION PREPARES FOR MORE EUROPEAN COURT BATTLES

To date, Christians have won a remarkable series of legal victories in Europe. Graham triumphed in his lawsuits. Activists upset by his past comments on LGBTQ people (“the enemy”) and Islam (“an evil and very wicked religion”) successfully pressured stadiums, conference halls, and theatres to cancel BGEA events, despite signed contracts. The seaside city of Blackpool, England, pulled ads from city buses, citing community complaints and “heightened tension.” Then in 2021, British courts said that was religious discrimination and not allowed under the UK Human Rights Act or the European Convention on Human Rights.

www.christianitytoday.com: 29th July 2025

POPE LEO GETS HIS FAVORITE PIZZA DELIVERED FROM CHICAGO TO THE VATICAN

The pope’s brother told local media that the pontiff ate the six-inch Aurelio’s pepperoni pizza, which was shipped using dry ice. A group of young Catholic influencers teamed up to get Pope Leo XIV his favourite dish from his hometown.

.news.yahoo.com/pope-