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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

Saturday 13 September, 8.00am to 8.00pm. 49th Annual Meeting of the
Synod of WA at Wesley College, South Perth.

Sunday 14 September, 8.00am to 4.00pm. 49th Annual Meeting of the
Synod of WA at Wesley College, South Perth.

Sunday 21 September, 12.00pm. Towards Enduring Sustainability -
Coral's Last Stand Film Screening at Tranby Hall, Uniting Church in the
City, Perth.

Monday 29 September. King's Birthday Public Holiday - Uniting Church
Centre closed & no News and Notes.

OCTOBER

Sunday 5 October. 1.00pm. Trek 4 Timor South West at Crooked Brook
Forest, WA.

The late British economist, John Maynard Keynes, once said:
"I would rather be vaguely right than precisely wrong."

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

THE GRAPEVINE

SEPTEMBER 2025



NORTHAM CONGREGATION
103 Duke Street, NORTHAM, Western Australia 6401

WORSHIP 9.30am
1st and 3rd Sundays

NEWS - ROSTERS - CHURCH INFORMATION

EVENTS

AUSTRALIANS STILL OPEN TO FAITH AND JESUS EVEN THOUGH CHRISTIANITY HAS DECLINED, SURVEY FINDS

Christianity has declined in recent decades, but Australians are not completely closed off to faith, with young adults being the most open of all age groups, a study has found. The findings of the 2021 Australian Community Survey by NCLS Research were presented at a webinar entitled 'What Australians really think about Jesus and the Church today'. The study examined topics like the frequency of church attendance, beliefs about Jesus and the Christian faith, views on religion and religious institutions, and Australians' social connections with church attendees.

A snapshot of frequent service attendance among Australians from 2016 showed a gradual increase, reaching 22% in 2019. Attendance slumped during the pandemic in 2020 before going on to recover to pre-pandemic levels in late 2021.

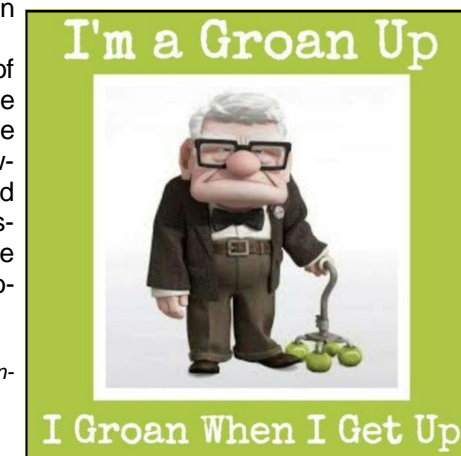
Of all the age groups represented, young adults had the highest church attendance rate, with 1 in 3 reporting monthly attendance at a service in 2021. The Gen X age group of 50 to 64 year olds had the lowest attendance rate at 11%.

The survey also examined views on Jesus and orthodox Christian beliefs, including Jesus' divinity and resurrection.

While more than half of Australians reported belief in God or a higher power (55%), less than half believed Jesus was a real person (49%). Two in 10 affirmed His divinity and nearly half (44%) said they believed in the Resurrection.

On the role of religion in society, 44% of Australians believed it to have a good influence with only 19% disagreeing. Attitudes around the specific role of churches were more mixed, however, and Australians most commonly wanted churches to do three things: perform rites of passage, encourage good morals, and support the poor. There was less support for converting people to the faith at 15%.

<https://www.christiantoday.com.au/news/australians-still-open-to-faith-and-jesus-even-though-christianity.html>



BIBLE READERS SEPTEMBER

7 Sept Bob Lockley
21 Sept Pat Yandell



OCTOBER
5 Oct Jenny Kelly

PREACHING PLAN SEPTEMBER

7. HOLY COMMUNION Rev John Dihm

21. CAFÉ FELLOWSHIP. Ann Barnes

PRAYERS PLEASE FOR:



Marilyn and
Rev John,
Lorna and
John.

A truckful of Vic's Vapour Rub
overturned on the road.
Amazingly, there was no congestion.

Pray they stay off the road

LONDON

Priests are among Britain's most dangerous drivers.

A study reveals that they are the fourth most likely profession to hold a conviction for dangerous driving.

Warehouse loaders are the most high-risk, with seven in

every 1000 having a conviction for dangerous driving. Car dealers were second worst spot, with just over four in every 1000 having a conviction for the offence.

Just under three in every 1000 priests who sought car insurance with Money Supermarket had a dangerous driving conviction.



There is
an article
about
Gloria in
this
edition of

REVIVE!

A NOTE ABOUT REVIVE MAGAZINE- PLEASE CHECK YOUR COPY

Since distributing our August Revive magazines we have noticed that some copies have come back from our printing supplier with incorrect page ordering. To help us understand the extent of this inconsistency could congregations, schools and agencies please check your Revive bundle when next able and let Wendy know if your magazines have this issue -

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BIBLE READING LUKE 4:40-44

At sunset, all who had people sick with various diseases brought them to him.

He laid his hands on each of them and cured them.

And demons also came out from many, shouting, "You are the Son of God."

WHERE DID THAT SAYING COME FROM?

1. In the 1400s a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb.

Hence we have 'the rule of thumb.'

2. Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only...

Ladies Forbidden'... and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

3. Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

Spades - King David,
Hearts - Charlemagne,
Clubs - Alexander the Great,
Diamonds - Julius Caesar

FOUR STEPS TO FORGIVENESS

Acknowledge:

Recognising what has happened and the harm that has been caused.

Accept:

Coming to terms with the reality of the situation.

Surrender:

Surrendering to God.

Voice Forgiveness:

Actually speaking or expressing forgiveness.

"Forgiveness is a decision, not a feeling. It is for your peace, not for the other person."

Daniel Abdallah

i4Give Foundation was created in response to a tragic accident in which their three children, were killed going for ice creams, by a drunk driver.

Daniel Abdallah, the father, met with the driver in jail to tell him that they had forgiven him.

Daniel and his wife Leila are both Christians.

REMASTERED HITS FROM THE 1960s FOR THEIR FANS

Herman and the Hermits:-

"Mrs Brown you have a lovely walker"

Helen Reddy:- "Hear me snore"

Abba:- "Denture Queen."

The Commodores:- "Once, twice, three times to the bathroom."

CONGREGATIONAL DIVERSITY?

"While diverse, multicultural, multiethnic, multiracial, and multigenerational churches exist, there aren't many of them. In fact, LifeWay Research found that 53 percent of churchgoers disagreed with the following statement: "My church needs to become more ethnically diverse." In other words, the majority of believers are comfortable with the level (or lack) of diversity that exists in their church."

Ed Stetzer www.Churchgrowthmagazine.com

We see in our own state of Western Australia, that there are Uniting Churches that are specifically for various ethnicities, whose attendance is overwhelmingly if not 100%, the community for which it caters.

There are Korean, Indonesian, Tongan, Afrikaans and Indigenous congregations here, doing their own thing. All conducting services in their own language. -Ed.

UCWA NAME BADGES

Uniting Church WA name badges are available for congregations and individuals to order from the Uniting Church Centre. See Ann.



Toilet ahead



Optician
ahead

A 69 year old
Perth man was
sacked for not
calling a col-
league 'they'.