

## MAY 2025

## DIARY

<b>Sun 4</b>	<b>8.50 am</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Sunday School</b>
Tue 6	9.30 am—11.00 am	Study Group resumes. All welcome
Wed 7	8 am or 8 pm	Wednesday Prayer Circle—where you are!
Thu 8	6.30 pm	Church Council
<b>Fri 9</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>A taste Of Italy. With Janey's Boys</b>
Sat 10	6:30pm	Youth Group: Newspaper Night
<b>Sun 11</b>	<b>8.50 am</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Sunday School</b>
Tue 13	9.30 am—11.00 am	Study Group. All welcome
Wed 14	8 am or 8 pm	Wednesday Prayer Circle—where you are!
Thurs 15	6 pm	Ministry Team meeting
<b>Sun 18</b>	<b>8.50 am</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Sunday School</b>
Tue 20	9.30 am—11.00 am	Study Group. All welcome
Wed 21	8 am or 8 pm	Wednesday Prayer Circle—where you are!
<b>Fri 23</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>UCAF At Home All Welcome</b>
Sat 24	6 :30pm	Youth group: Lets go bananas
<b>Sun 25</b>	<b>8.50 am</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Sunday School</b>
Tue 29	9.30 am—11.00 am	Study Group. All welcome
Wed 30	8 am or 8 pm	Wednesday Prayer Circle—where you are!



I am the Vine.  
You are the  
Branches

# Pinjarra Vine

## May 2025

### Our Mission Statement

*'To be the Face of God in the Community'*

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God's word,  
A light to your  
path.  
Read it and it  
will guide and  
encourage you,  
all your days.

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**A warm Welcome to Everyone** *worshipping with us today.*  
 Please feel welcome to stay for fellowship and a cuppa after worship.  
 For those with **HEARING AIDS**. There is a hearing loop in the  
 main body of the worship area.

**People to contact for information or assistance**

**Church Council Chairperson:** Trevor Beer Ph. 0418 932 243

**Ministry Team Leader:** Arthur Morrell Ph. 9531 1244

Pinjarra Uniting Church is a safe place for all people to worship, regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation. All are welcome.

**This Week**

**TUESDAY**

**9.30 –11am STUDY GROUP**

**Tuesday** Our Study guide is  
 “With Love to the World” *Come  
 and join us. Contact:* Kerrie  
 Birch 0409 530 327 .

**WEDNESDAY**

**8.00am or/and 8.00pm PRAYER**

**CIRCLE** Pray where you are in  
 unity with others in our church family.



Please  
 wear your  
**NAMETAG!**

It is a way to be hospitable to  
 visitors and kind to those with  
 less than perfect memories.

Thank you

**REMEMBER THE PRAYER BOOK**

We have a ‘Prayer Book’ on the  
 back table in the church.  
 It is to encourage us to share pray  
 needs and our concerns for the  
 world, local community, neigh-  
 bours, family and friends. Feel free to  
 add your prayer needs.

**Uniting WA  
 Cosy Toes Appeal**



**Cosy Toes Appeal**

**Uniting WA who have  
 launched their ‘cosy toes’  
 sock appeal and invite  
 congregations to take part.**

Socks are a much-requested  
 item for homeless centres, par-  
 ticularly in the winter months. A  
 pair of clean new socks can  
 make a world of difference for  
 people living on the streets .  
 These will be collected along  
 with our winter appeal **See  
 page 14**

**READINGS May 4—25**

<b>May 4 White</b>	Trevor Thomas Easter 3	Acts 9:1-6, Psalm 30, Revelations 5: 11-14, John 21: 1-19.
<b>May 11 White</b>	Karen Burke Easter 4	Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelations 7:9-17, John 10: 22-30.
<b>May 18 White</b>	Kerrie Birch Easter 5	Acts 11: 1-18, Psalm 148 Revelations 21: 1-6, John 13: 31-35,
<b>May 25 White</b>	Neil Illingworth Easter 6	Acts 16: 9-15, Psalm 67, Revelations 21:10-22:5, John14:23-29.

**ROSTERS May 4—25**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>May 4</b>	<b>May 11</b>	<b>May 18</b>	<b>May 25</b>
Song Leader	Kerrie Birch is the song leader for May			
Light Candle Reader	Olive Morrell	Linda Trewern	Lyn Donald	Trish Crocker
PowerPoint	Neil Illingworth	Dannielle Atkinson	Dannielle Atkinson	Kerrie Birch
Welcome	Trish Crocker & Bev Brotchie	Olive Morrell & Lyn Donald	Jane Rickman & Rhonda Ducker	Lyn Donald & Sylvia Smith
Morning Tea	Sylvia Smith	Trish Crocker	Linda Trewern	Bev Brotchie
Mowing	Trevor Beer will do the mowing for May			

*Many thanks for your contribution.....Dannielle Atkinson*

*If the above does not suit, please find a replacement.  
 Contact Dannielle Atkinson Phone 0429 099 084) and*

*Kerrie Birch (for the Vine) 04209 530 327 or Email: carramaridge@bigpond.com*

## THIS & THAT

There will be a **FAIRTRADE DISPLAY** in the hall  
**Sunday 4th May.**

Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world.

Always look for Fairtrade products they can be found in our local supermarket.

We use FairTrade tea and coffee at church functions.



### CARDS FOR YOUTHCARE

Lovely handmade cards & several other lovely paper products for various occasions are available. See them in the hall at Morning Tea



### THINGS PINJARRA UCA COLLECT

**5C COINS** go in the **Frontier Services** 'Piggy Bank'. There are sent to our Patrol Partners (Pilbara & Tennant Creek Patrols) for things for outback children.

### Winter Appeal for the month of May.

We will be collecting warm clothes, blankets, doonas, etc all in good order please. Non-perishable foods. In conjunction with the sock Appeal

All donations are gratefully received. Closing date will be 25th May.



## Praying Together

We invite you to join us praying for these people and situations

### Matters for Prayer

#### Synod & Wider Church

- Candidates for Ministry Committee
- Congregational Community Services Committee
- Pastoral Relations Committee
- Synod of South Australia

#### The Community

- Roman Catholic Community
- World Peace
- Up coming Federal election—candidates and voters

#### Local Church

- Ministry Team
- Pastoral Carers
- Sunday School
- Adult Fellowship
- Church Council
- YouthCare Chaplains

#### People who would appreciate your prayer:

Let us know the people you want prayer for this month.

- Trevor Beer & Family
- Brian, Kaye's Son
- Mal, Rhonda & Kerrie's Nephew
- Children who suffer Bullying
- Your prayer partners

#### Our Patrol Partners

- Pilbara Patrol: David Jackson
- Mid West: Erica Payne
- Kalgoorlie: Lindsay Ginn
- Meekatharra: Mitch Fiakowski

#### PLEASE NOTE

If you have a prayer need please speak to **Kerrie Birch** or Email [carramaridge@bigpond.com](mailto:carramaridge@bigpond.com) Ph. 0409 530 327 who will add your prayer to the list

#### DEADLINE for JUNE VINE is 23rd May 2025

- ☺ Send to Kerrie Birch: hand to me at worship or phone 0409 530 327
- ☺ email [carramaridge@bigpond.com](mailto:carramaridge@bigpond.com) & last resort post to PO Box 536 Pinjarra 6208

## Special Celebrations

### May Birthdays

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Karen Burke
6 <sup>th</sup>	Eddy Burke
17 <sup>th</sup>	Dannielle Atkinson
29 <sup>th</sup>	Arthur Morrell

God Bless you on your special day.

God Bless you all year through.

May you know the love of God

and friends who pray for of you.

Has your special day been missed? Let Hilary Illingworth

know your birthday and other special dates and we are most happy to recognise them.

### WEDNESDAY PRAYER CIRCLE 8am or 8 pm

This is an initiative of the Adult Fellowship. We encourage every person to pray wherever you are:

Pray for our nation, community and church each Wednesday at 8 am or/and 8 pm.

Please join us and know others are praying with you.

*'More things are wrought by pray than this world dreams of.'*  
 Alfred, Lord Tennyson

This event is a fund Raiser for youth care, as we no longer have our market it was decided to have these sorts of events instead. Please be generous in your giving. For catering purposes please put you name on the sign up sheet in the hall.



Join Us For

**A taste of Italy**

With Entertainment by Janie's Boys

6-8pm

Friday, May 9th

Pinjarra Uniting Church

Our Youth Group will be serving a delicious Italian Buffet from 6pm with Entertainment by the Fabulous Janie's Boys from 7pm. This is a fundraiser for YouthCare. In honour of Mother's Day, all Mums will be given a special gift on arrival.

## Recipe for May

### BAKED EGGS BULGARIAN STYLE

1 Tbsp Olive oil

1 Tomato

100g Feta cheese

2 eggs

A pinch paprika, salt,pepper

A sprig of Oregano. (parsley if no fresh oregano)

Preheat oven to 180C. Pour the olive oil into a cold ovenproof frypan or baking dish.

Slice the tomato and place them into frypan, crumble half the feta cheese over the top.

Break the two eggs over the tomato and feta cheese, and sprinkle with remaining feta, paprika, salt and pepper. Bake uncovered, until eggs are set and feta melted, about 10 minutes. In the meantime chop the fresh oregano. Just before serving, sprinkle the oregano over the top. Serve with toast or crunchy bread.



Have you a favourite recipe you would like to share? Give a copy to Trish Crocker 0428 371 033

servant, emptying himself – emptying himself of “all but love” we might say or sing – following Charles Wesley in the hymn, ‘And can it be ...?’. Being one who serves voluntarily, even without thanks or acknowledgement, bears witness to the one who gave Himself for us.

Just as the story of Jesus included many details that were never written down, many names never recorded, many people never acknowledged, so the story of the Church has always included the contribution of countless people, and so the story of our lives.

So today and this week, I invite you to think of those people whose giving of themselves and their resources have opened the doors for you to come to faith or be sustained.

Perhaps you may give some time for the donkey lender, or the person who owned the upper room, or those who kept Jesus and the disciples on the road so that they could serve God.

As we remember the suffering, we might also remember a couple of individuals, including Simon of Cyrene, one of the few volunteers named, who lent himself and his physical energy to help Jesus make his way to Calvary. And as we remember the death of Jesus on the cross, which fulfilled the work of God to do all that was necessary to reconcile us to God, we might also remember Joseph of Arimathea, who gave his tomb for Jesus.

May we remember the volunteers we know, may we acknowledge them, and may we remember and give thanks for the work of volunteers unknown to us, which however has benefited us.

During this Holy Week and in this season, as we follow the way of Jesus and give ourselves in voluntary service, may we and all the followers of the servant Jesus Christ, remember that he gave himself for us. May we remember all that it meant to him to go through the days of that first Holy Week, and especially his suffering and passion and his death on the cross and the mysterious events of the Sunday morning.

May we, like the women who voluntarily went to the tomb to make a memorial offering to the one they had followed, discover that he is not there. May we find that Christ is a living presence.

And as the story of Jesus is told over and over, and as the story of the followers of Jesus is still to be lived, and as the ministry of Jesus is still continued through the followers, may we be a means of revealing the love of Christ. May our remembering, in its solemnity, in its acknowledgement of costly service by Jesus, who emptied himself of all but love, lead us to hearing of and knowing the Jesus Christ, who gives us eternal life, who always goes with us and always leads us on. That in the end, we may share in His eternal embrace.

*Rev Dr Ian Tozer, Moderator WA*

***Pinjarra Uniting Church  
Adult Fellowship***

***Annual 'At Home'***

*on*

***Friday 23rd May 2025***

*Commencing at 10.30 am*

*Followed by lunch at 12.00 noon.*

***Our special guest is***

***John Coman***

*From: Pinjarra Community kitchen*

***Topic: How so few did so much!***

**Voices in Harmony Choir will present  
songs of yesteryear.**

*Hope you can join us.*

**RSVP:** Friday 9th May 2025 please.

Only approximate numbers are needed

**To one of the following;**

**Kerrie Birch: 0409 530 327** email: [carramaridge@bigpond.com](mailto:carramaridge@bigpond.com)

**Trish Crocker: 0428 371 033** email: [trishvic1943@gmail.com](mailto:trishvic1943@gmail.com)

## NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL 10 APRIL 2025



Olive Morrell  
Council Secre-

Chairperson, Trevor Beer, opened the meeting with a reading from John -Acceptance

### **Thought for the Day: I follow Jesus' example when I reflect God's love to others.**

Have you noticed that the work on the Cross on the outside wall has been completed by the electrician?

The Winter Appeal will run until the end of May. A request has been received for **NEW SOCKS** for homeless folks-**specifically White, Long Length, Large Sizes**

Media report: the website is up to date. The aim is to update the monthly vine to the website each month. Please Note: Monthly vine deadline is 23rd of each month.

Study Group are using the Lent Event material.

UCAF arranging the "At Home" 23rd May 2025.

YouthCARE: Dannielle reported that the YouthCARE service held at the Uniting Church was well attended. The Chaplains' work is expanding outside school.

Neil Illingworth having been co-opted on to Council was duly elected as Treasurer. / Hilary and Olive as assistants.

Motion passed to include Kerrie and Neil as signatories on the Church Working Account. This gives us 4(including Lyn and Olive)

Dannielle has taken on the role of reporting to CCLI.

Church internet will be upgraded to a higher speed.

Dawnine's work and service to the Lord's mission in our Church was acknowledged.

The opening balance of the Church working account as at 1 March 2025 was \$ 18,790.65 and the closing balance as at 31 March 2025 was \$ 19,380.20

The next meeting of Council will be 8 May at 6.30pm and, as always, members of the Congregation are welcome to attend.

Should anyone like to have a personal copy of the minutes, please speak to Trish or Olive as that can easily be arranged.

Olive Morrell

P/P Council

### **Easter message from Our Moderator Rev Dr Ian Tozer.**

As I read the stories of Holy Week, I think of the many details that didn't make it into the Gospels. Two stand out for me this year.

Jesus entered the city on a donkey. However, we are not told whose donkey it was. We hear a very sketchy conversation about the Lord needing it. However, behind this story is an unnamed person willing to allow their donkey to be used.

Later in the week, Jesus eats the Last Supper, a Passover meal, in an upper room. It was a profound time, a time when Jesus gave new meaning to the Passover bread and wine and an example through the washing of the disciples' feet.

However, we don't know who owned the room or how the arrangements were made. Who provided the food?

Someone voluntarily allowed Jesus and the disciples to share that supper.

Throughout his ministry, we are occasionally told about people who gave Jesus support, including money, so that he could continue to travel around Galilee and preach and teach and heal. Many of us remember the story of the boy with the loaves and fishes.

Jesus needed volunteers and they are often given little credit.

It was ever thus. The work of volunteers is often quiet and in the background.

That remains true of contributions large and small, which people make in the church, in order that all sorts of activities can continue, worship and preaching, learning and Study, hymns and songs, or children be cared for. They give themselves so that fellowship may happen, food and drink be offered, and care shown.

So it has always been in the history of the church.

One decision of the Synod is to acknowledge volunteers. By doing so, even when unnamed, we are affirming that God works through them, even though what they do may be out of the sight and awareness of many others.

As these individuals offer themselves, their time and gifts and their talents, for the sake of the church, they serve God.

And just as the names of those volunteers who supported Jesus are unknown to us, many of those who have given of themselves over the years have been forgotten, including many whose actions and gifts and contributions have helped us.

At the beginning of Holy Week, on Passion or Palm Sunday, the reading from Philippians 2 reminds us that Jesus freely chose to take the form of a

## A Statement on the Passing of Pope Francis

With deep sorrow, we mourn the passing of Pope Francis, a shepherd of grace and compassion. On behalf of the Uniting Church in Australia, I extend my deepest condolences to our Catholic sisters and brothers, and all who grieve this profound loss. We join with people of faith around the world in giving thanks for his extraordinary witness, moral courage and lifelong commitment to the Gospel.

Pope Francis was a beacon of humility and compassion. From the moment he chose the name *Francis*, inspired by the saint known for his love of the poor and care for creation, he embodied the Gospel message in word and deed. A Jesuit priest who took seriously his vow of poverty, his papacy was marked not by the trappings of power but by the simplicity and grace of servant leadership.

As we grieve, we also give thanks for Pope Francis' extraordinary witness and we commit ourselves to walking the path he illuminated - one of mercy, justice and love for all creation. His legacy will continue to inspire people of all faiths and none to embrace the call to peace, compassion, and justice. May the Spirit of comfort surround all who mourn, as we pray that he will be welcomed home by the boundless mercy of God he so faithfully proclaimed in life.

We now uphold the Catholic Church in the coming time of mourning, and as it prepares to begin its treasured process to elect a new spiritual leader.

With every blessing and in the peace of Christ,

**Reverend Charissa Suli**

*President, Uniting Church in Australia*

Full statement: <https://uniting.church/statement-on-the-passing-of-pope-francis/>

## MIISTRY TEAM REPORT TO COUNCIL APRIL MEETING



Arthur Morrell  
Team Leader

As is our custom, the team sat down to a lovely bring and share meal.

Karen Burke led us in devotion and spoke about the courage of Joseph of Arimathea to approach Pilate for Jesus's body, and how as Christians this sort of courage can help us to do great things.

Our Pastoral concerns were all prayerfully considered.

The Ministers' get-together for April we were not able to attend .

Youth report: our numbers have increased with approx 16 on our roll. It is hoped that there will be confirmation and baptism of some of the youth at the end of May.

Easter was well organised and the Team felt the services were well attended and received.

April was our turn at Bedingfeld to share communion with the residents there. There was low attendance, but Jesus assures us that when two or three gather in His name, there He will be.

Our Guest Speaker for the Anniversary Services in July will be Andrew Williams UCAWA general secretary. Thanks to Trevor Thomas for contacting him.

Yours in Christ,

*Arthur Morrell*

Arthur Morrell  
Team Leader  
24 April 2025

## LECTIONARY THEMES: MAY 2025.

Jesus appears to his followers in the weeks leading up to the Ascension.

The theme for May is: *See what God has done.*

**Easter 3. May 4. Know the Lord.**

**Acts 9: 1-6.** Who are you Lord?

**Psalms 30.** Sing praise to the Lord.

**John 21: 1-19.** Jesus stood at the water.

**Easter 4. May 11. God meets us in Jesus.**

**Acts 9: 36-43.** Peter heals Tabitha.

**Psalms 23.** I have everything I want.

**John 10: 22-30.** Are you the Messiah?

**Easter 5. May 18. God's name is love.**

**Acts 11:1-18.** The Spirit told me to go.

**Psalms 148.** God's name is greater than all others.

**John 13: 31-35.** Love one another as I have loved you.

**Easter 6. May 25. God's peace.**

**Acts 16:9-15.** I am a believer.

**Psalms 67.** God has blessed us.

**John 14:23-29.** Peace I leave with you.

We celebrate the ascension of Christ on May 29th

Next month we will enter the long season of Pentecost.

### STUDY GROUP

Meet each **Tuesday** from  
**9.30am until 11am.**

We enjoy interesting discussions.

Come and explore the next Sunday readings and  
how they relate to our everyday lives.

Everyone's ideas are valid and listened to.

You are welcome.



## HOLBERRY HOUSE HOTEL

Holberrry house hotel is situated on 4.5 acres of prime bushland just on the outskirts of the town of Nannup.

As a wedding present to Jane and I, our church congregation contributed to an accommodation voucher for us to enjoy a three night stay including continental breakfast.

We found our hosts, Louise and Chris to be most accommodating, as we settled in to the relaxing atmosphere of country living, art deco style furnishings, home made bread and muffins.

The gardens are magnificent with footpaths meandering between the lovely shrubs, bushes and flowers, many of which were in full bloom. Local ducks frequent the small lake and the birdlife coming in to share the spoils of the many bird tables are a delight to watch.

We enjoyed watching the Blue Wrens, Red breasted Parrots and the odd Kookaburra as we ate breakfast.

The hotel is surrounded by the tranquillity and calmness of the native bushes combined with the tasteful mixture of local nursery plants.

The hotel boasts a comfortable lounge area where guests can sit and make friends whilst sharing the tea, coffee and cake which is always available. The lounge also has a full fridge freezer for guests to put their drinks etc should they prefer drinks before evening meal.

Cooked breakfast is available to order and hot home made soup is served on request at \$10.00 per person and a most wonderful food platter for two (which we took advantage of one night) at a cost of \$40.00.

Our room had a Spa that we used to the full.

We shared three marvellous days, relaxing with nature, making new friends and enjoying the ambience of the lovely country township as well as the local shops and the odd pub!

To everyone who contributed to this amazing gift, we say a warm heartfelt thank you, for us it was as if we were on our honeymoon all over again.

Many Thanks from Jane and Trevor Thomas.