

## MARCH 2026

## DIARY

**Sun 1 8.50 am** **Worship & Sunday School**  
 Tue 3 9 30am—11 am Study Group All Welcome  
 Wed 4 8 am or 8 pm Wednesday Prayer Circle—where you are!  
 Fri 6 10.00 am World Day of Prayer at Family Church

**Sun 8 8.50 am** **Worship & Sunday School**  
 Tue 10 9 30am—11 am Study Group All Welcome  
 Wed 11 8 am or 8 pm Wednesday Prayer Circle—where you are!  
 Thur 12 6.30pm Church Council  
**Fri 13 6pm** **Fund Raising Dinner for youth care**

**Sun 15 8.50 am** **Worship & Sunday School**  
 Ministry Team Meeting after morning Tea  
 Tue 17 9.30am—11 am Study Group All Welcome  
 6.00 pm Ministry Team  
 Wed 18 8 am or 8 pm Wednesday Prayer Circle—where you are!

**Sun 22 8.50 am** **Worship & Sunday School**  
 Tue 24 9.30 am—11 am Study Group All Welcome  
 Wed 25 8 am or 8 pm Wednesday Prayer Circle—where you are!  
 Fri 27 9.30 am Adult Fellowship outing

**Sun 29 8.50 am** **Worship & Sunday School Palm Sunday**

### Looking Ahead

Saturday April 11th Mini Market for YouthCARE 8am



I am the Vine.  
You are the  
Branches

# Pinjarra Vine



## March 2026

### Our Mission Statement

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



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**A warm Welcome to Everyone** worshipping with us today.

Please feel free to stay for fellowship and a cuppa after worship.

**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

9:30am—11 am. **STUDY GROUP**

this Tuesday is in recess till

March 17th Our study guide is

'With Love to the World'

available to purchase for \$7.00

All welcome to 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.

## World Day of Prayer 2026

Friday 6th March

at 10 am

Theme:

**"I will give you rest, Come."**

**Host country Nigeria**

at

**Pinjarra Family Church Wilson Rd,  
Pinjarra.**

**Bring and share light lunch**

All welcome a time to meet people from the other church fellowships in Pinjarra and be part of a stream of prayer that circles the earth for 24 hours.



Contact: Tricia for more information: 0417 913 818

## READINGS MARCH 1-29

<b>March 1 Purple</b>	Trevor Thomas Lent 2	Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5,13-17, Matthew 17:1-9. (or John 3:1-17)
<b>March 8 Purple</b>	Neil Illingworth Lent 3	Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42.
<b>March 15 Purple</b>	Kerrie Birch Lent 4	1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41.
<b>March 22 Purple</b>	Trevor Thomas Lent 5	Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45.
<b>March 29 Purple</b>	Karen Burke Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50: 4-9 Psalm 118 ; 1-2, 19-29, Philemon 2: 5-11, Matthew 21: 1-11

## ROSTERS MARCH 1-29

DATE	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Song Leader	Arthur Morrell is the song leader for March				
Light Candle Reader	Jim Landells	Trish Crocker	Kaye Hyde	Heather Hunter	Edmund Burke
Power Point	Kerrie/ Neil	Kerrie Birch	Neil Illingworth	Kerrie Birch	Neil Illingworth
Welcome	Trish Crocker Lyn Donald	Kaye Hyde Olive Morrell	Rhonda Ducker Jane Rickman	Penney Mcleod Kaye Hyde	Trish Crocker Lyn Donald
Morning Tea	Olive Morrell	Trish Crocker	Penney Mcleod	Kaye Hyde	Lyn Donald
Mowing	Arthur will kindly mow the lawn for March				

*If the above does not suit, please find a replacement. Contact Dannielle Atkinson  
Phone 0439 595 827 Many thanks for your contribution.....Dannielle Atkinson.*

## THIS & THAT

There will be a **FAIRTRADE DISPLAY** in the hall  
Sunday 1st March.

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.

### CARDS FOR YOUTHCARE

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



## THINGS PINJARRA UCA COLLECT!

### CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE—raising funds for YouthCARE

Aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard drink containers between 150ml and 3L Containers marked with a 10cent stamp can be saved.

Make sure you take off the lids

There is a Wheelie Bin in the back porch of the Church for the collection of cans. **All funds go to YouthCARE**

### 5C COINS

go in the **Frontier Services** 'Piggy Bank'. They are sent to our Patrol Partner (Pilbara Patrol) for gifts for outback children.

## Praying Together

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

### Matters for Prayer

#### Synod & Wider Church

- Cuballing and
- Narrogin Uniting Churches
- Darkan, Dumbleyung and Wagin Uniting Churches
- Brookton Uniting Church.
- People suffering natural disasters
- For world Leaders.

#### Local Church

- Ministry Team
- Church Council
- Sunday School
- Adult Fellowship
- Youth Group
- Chaplains

#### People who would

#### appreciate your prayers

- Bev
  - Dannielle & Wayne
  - Trish
  - Sylvia & Neville
  - Kaye and her sisters
  - Karen & her boys.
  - Those who grieve
  - Those who are travelling
  - Your prayer partner
- Let us know the people who need prayer.

#### Our Patrol Partners

Pilbara Patrol: A replacement.  
Mid West: Erica Payne  
Murchison: Mitch Falkowski  
Gascoyne: John Tomkins  
Goldfields: Lindsay Ginn.

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

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

### Special Celebrations

#### March Birthdays

- 2nd. Hilary Illingworth  
4th. Lyn Donald,  
Jim Landells,  
5th. Arthur Fitzsimmons,  
Marlene Keil  
16th. Alma Holly  
28 th. Erla Riley, Gill Muir  
31st. Kerrie Birch

#### Wedding Anniversaries

- 28th. Gill & Jim Muir

*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 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.*

### Mini Market!

Saturday 11th April  
9am



Some of our congregation have a few things that are excess to requirements. So if you have some of these things that you could contribute, please talk to Arthur. All proceeds YouthCare



Join us for



International Dinner

**With entertainment by Janie's Boys**

6-8:30pm

Friday 13th March

Pinjarra Uniting Church

Come & enjoy delicious International Cuisine

Entertainment from 6pm– 7pm

Dinner from 7pm

This is a fund raiser for Youthcare instead of our usual market.

**Please continue to give generously.**

## Recipe for MARCH

### SPINACH AND FETA MINI FRITTATAS

#### Ingredients

- 2 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 small leek (200g), sliced thinly
- 1/2 clove garlic, crushed
- 3 cups (120g) firmly packed baby spinach leaves, chopped finely
- 5 eggs
- 1/2 cup (125ml) pouring cream
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh mint
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh basil
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh dill
- 100 gram feta, crumbled



#### Method

- 1.Preheat oven to 180°C/350°F. Line 8 holes of a 12-hole (1/2 cup/80ml) muffin pan with paper cases.
- 2.Heat oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat; cook leek, stirring, for 3 minutes. Add garlic; cook for 2 minutes or until leek is soft. Add spinach; cook, stirring, 30 seconds or until wilted. Remove from heat. Set aside.
- 3.Whisk eggs, cream and herbs in a medium jug; season.
- 4.Divide spinach mixture into pan holes; pour in egg mixture, then top with feta.
- 5.Bake frittatas for 20 minutes or until set. Leave in pan for 5 minutes before serving warm or at room temperature.

Taken from Womens' Weekly website. Thank you.



**Have you got a recipe you would like to share?**

**If you have a recipe you'd like to share please let either Trish or**

**Kerrie know: Trish: 0428 371 033. Kerrie : 0409 530 327.**

## Interesting Facts on the Bible Continued from Feb Vine

### 6. The longest verse in the Bible is in the book of Esther.

While the longest *chapter* is the famous Psalm 119, the longest single *verse* is **Esther 8:9**. This incredibly detailed verse, describing a royal decree, contains around 90 words, depending on the translation.

### 7. The Bible is the bestselling book of all time.

No book in history comes close to the Bible's circulation. It has been translated into over 700 languages, and it's estimated that more than 5 billion copies have been sold to date.

### 8. The oldest person in the Bible lived to be 969.

According to **Genesis 5:27**, Methuselah, the grandfather of Noah, lived to be 969 years old, making him the longest-living person mentioned in the Bible.

### 9. A famous saying isn't actually in the Bible.

The popular phrase "God helps those who help themselves" is often quoted as if it's from Scripture, but it's not in the Bible at all! The phrase can be traced back to ancient Greece and was popularized in modern times by Benjamin Franklin.

### 10. The last word in the Bible is "Amen."

The very last word of the very last verse of the Bible (**Revelation 22:21**) is a fitting and final "Amen," a word that means "so be it" or "truly." It's the perfect final seal on the story of God's love and redemption.

The Bible is a deep and endlessly fascinating book. These fun facts are just the tip of the iceberg, a small glimpse into the incredible world that awaits when you open its pages.



## NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Trevor Beer opened the meeting with a reading from Leviticus 6:8 – "The fire must be kept burning on the altar continuously; it must not go out." The Thought for the Day: How will I create time for fellowship with God.

A big thank you to all members of UCAF and those who attended the Christmas Lunch at the Redcliffe Barn . Our "At Home" is now being organised and Justin Hill, from YouthCARE has agreed to be our speaker for the day.

Youth Group will re-convene, hopefully, on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Our Bank Account balance at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2025 was: \$10,966.09.

Our closing balance at January 31st.2026 was: \$11,780.50

Please be aware our Insurance payment of \$5,363.87 was made in January.

You may have noticed that a sign about the traffic of E-Scooters through the Church premises has been put up as a deterrent for those who ride through. It seems to be working. We do not seem to have had any further incidents.

An "International Dinner" to be held on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Janie's Boys to give a Concert on the night to raise funds for Chaplaincy. Time: 6pm Concert to be followed by the Dinner.

Arthur and Olive Morrell have requested that a Car Boot Sale (Mini market) be planned for April 11<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 12noon. Anyone who also has "stuff" to be got rid of, please bring it on the day.

Olive has retired from Council, but will continue to help Hilary with the Collection counting, etc.

As always, if you would like a copy of the Minutes, please see Trish who will arrange it.

Trish

MINISTRY TEAM REPORT

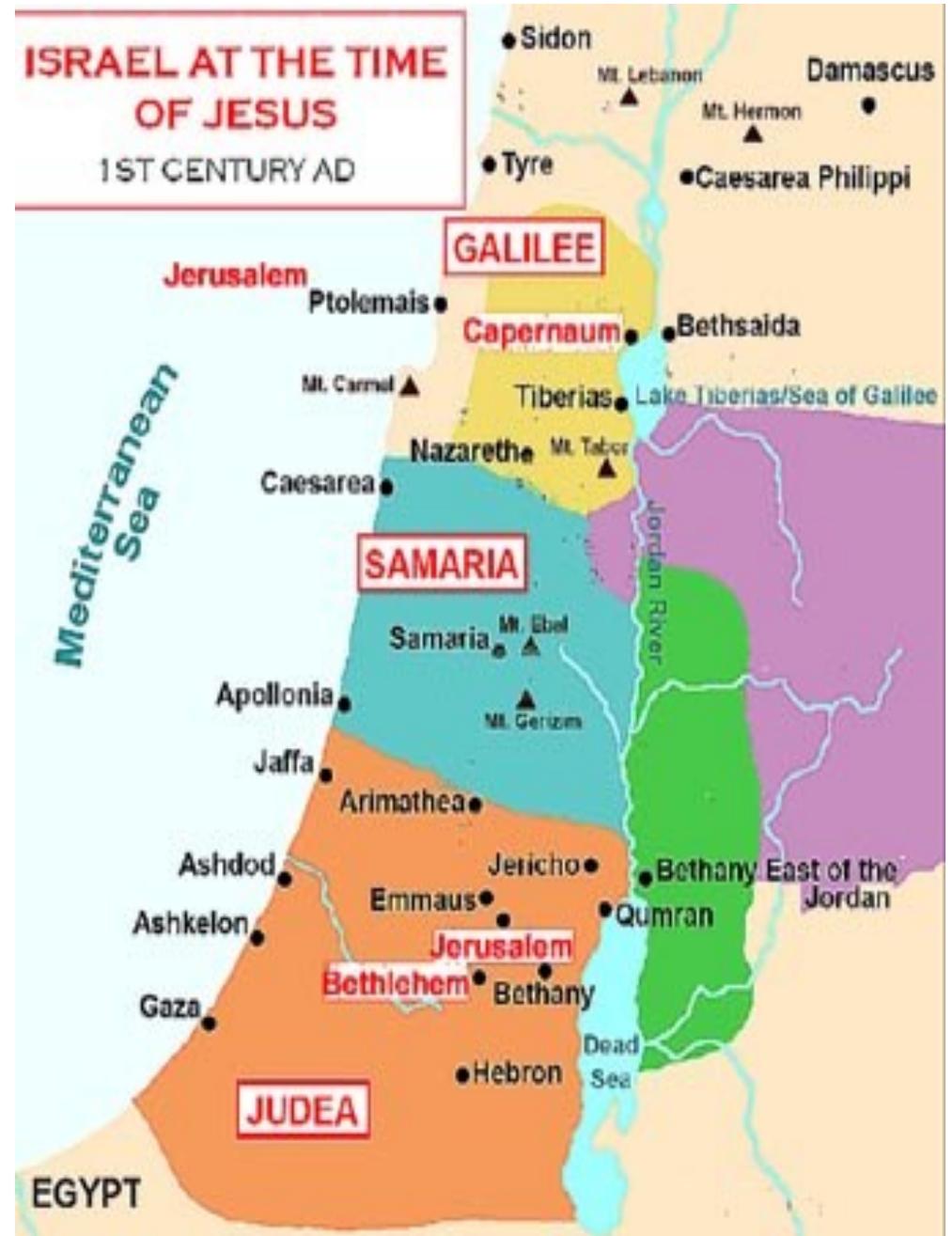
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Unfortunately there is no report as the Team meets after this vine is published.

Apologies



Neil Illingworth has shared the maps with us he used in his recent service.



[Safe Church Awareness Workshop - South Mandurah](#)

There will be a Safe Church Awareness Workshop on **Saturday 9th May** 9.00am – 2.00pm at South Mandurah Uniting Church. All ministers, pastors, church leaders, volunteers, members of congregations and those involved in community services are welcome and urged to attend. Refreshments will be provided. For further information or to register, please contact Kerry Shields, Administrative Support Officer: Culture of Safety, on 9260 9800 or [cultureofsafety@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:cultureofsafety@wa.uca.org.au).



**LECTIONARY THEMES: MARCH 2026.**

Lent runs through all of March and is the time to prepare for Easter.

The Theme for Lent is: **Experience God in Jesus.**

**Lent 2. March 1. The Lord is with you.**

**Genesis 12: 1-4a.** You will be a blessing.

**Psalms 121.** My help comes from the Lord.

**Matthew 17: 1-9 or 3:1-17.** Don't be afraid.

**Lent 3. March 8. The Lord will give living water.**

**Exodus 17: 1-7.** Water from the rock.

**Psalms 95.** The Lord is a great God.

**John 4: 5-42.** Lord give me this water.

**Lent 4. March 15. Seek and find.**

**1 Samuel 16: 1-13.** The Lord looks at the heart.

**Psalms 23.** The Lord leads me.

**John 9: 1-41.** Where is this man?

**Lent 5. March 22 See, hear and believe.**

**Ezekiel 37: 1-14.** Dry bones can live again.

**Psalms 130.** O Lord hear my voice.

**John 11: 1-45.** If you believe you will see the glory of God.

**Psalms Sunday. March 29.**

**Theme: Hosanna to him who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Isaiah 50: 4-9a.** The Lord's Servant.

**Psalms 118: 1-2, 19-29.** His love is eternal.

**Matthew 21:1-11.** He must rise from the dead.

Lent is followed by Easter when the Church reflects on Christ's crucifixion and celebrate his resurrection.





**After almost three years as National Director of Frontier Services, Rob Floyd has announced he will step down from the role following the next Board meeting on 31 March.**

Over the past month, Mr Floyd has been in conversation with Frontier Services Chair, Rev Heather den Houting, and Assembly General Secretary, Andrew Johnson, reflecting on the significant work undertaken to stabilise and grow the agency's vital bush ministry. Mr Floyd has discerned that now is the right time to retire from the role, creating space for new leadership to guide Frontier Services into its next phase of expanding mission and service to people in rural and remote Australia. Mr Floyd commenced as National Director in March 2023, following nine months as Acting National Director. Prior to this, he served almost six years as Associate General Secretary of the Uniting Church in Australia Assembly. He is also a former National Director and Associate Director of Uniting World; roles he held over a combined period of more than eight years. "Rob has held senior leadership positions with the Assembly for more than 17 years," Mr Johnson said. "Throughout that time, he has demonstrated

exemplary leadership, dedication, and care for his teams.

We are all richer for his skill, passion and commitment. "We thank Rob for his service and trust that he will flourish in the next season of his life."

Reflecting on his time, Mr Floyd said, "I've thoroughly enjoyed my journey with Frontier Services and the various roles I've held within the Uniting Church." "It has been an honour to play a small part in God's work across Australia and the world. I pray that many people will continue to be touched by God's love through the ministry of the Uniting Church and its agencies." The process to appoint a new National Director of Frontier Services will commence in the near future.



### The Arab

Out of the desert, as black as midnight  
As swift and as graceful, as an eagle in flight  
His head is held high, his nostrils are flared  
He ran with such beauty, I stood there and stared  
There is something about the Arab, something different indeed  
He's not just a horse, but a magnificent steed.

Poem by Graeme Rickman