



St Martin's News

DAY OF MOURNING

25 JANUARY 2026



Matthew 4: 12-23



Church Roster

Sunday 25th January 2026 - 9am

Day of Mourning

Worship Leader: Rev Dr Alison Longworth

Bible Reader: Peter: Is 9:1-7, Ps 27:1,4-9,

1 Cor 1:10-18, Mt 4:12-23 Morning Tea: Hana

Sunday 1st February 2026 - 9am

Worship Leader: Rev Janelle Macgregor

Bible Reader: Kim: Mic 6:1-8, Ps 15,

1 Cor 1:18-31, Mt 5:1-12 Morning Tea: Nely

Dates for the Diary

• **Saturday 7th February Craft and Chat 10am-11.30am**

• **Tuesday 10th February 2pm at Alex Graham's: Men's Cuppa and Conversation Group**

• **Sun 15th Feb after worship Congregational Meeting:**

Please, reports in to Nely by Fri 30th Jan

• **20th & 21st February Summer Spirit 2026: Walking Together, Covenancing Together At All Saints Uniting Church, Floreat**

[Find Out More](#)

• **Mon 23rd & Wed 25th Feb - Lenten Studies**

• **Friday 6th March 11am World Day of Prayer at St Francis of Assisi Church, Maida Vale**



Genocide in the Wildflower State

is a 2024 documentary that investigates the systematic, state-run policies of forced child removal, eugenics, and assimilation against Aboriginal people in Western Australia during the 20th century. The film highlights how, for over sixty years (roughly 1905–1972), the Western Australian government aimed to dismantle Aboriginal families and culture to ensure white settler dominance, a process identified as genocide by the 1997 *Bringing Them Home* report.

It is possible to see this important film on SBS on demand as well as this weekend at BKI in Queens Park. A flyer with more details is attached

Bible Studies in the Season of Lent

There will be two groups led by

Rev Janelle Macgregor

Commencing Mon 23rd & Wed 25th February

For 6 wks (excluding March 2nd, Public Hol)

The study guide is *With you Always: Lenten Studies in Matthew's Gospel Year A*, costing \$14. To obtain your copy please contact Janelle 0427051101 or email abbeypathways@gmail.com

The St Martin's Foothills Website:
<https://foothills.ucwa.au/>

The 10am Service on Sunday at KUC will be on Zoom:
[Sunday Service Link](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact **Rev John Steed** or **Rev Janelle Macgregor**, who are available for Pastoral Care.

Reflection: Matt 4: 12-23 Congregations of the Uniting Church are invited to mark the Day of Mourning this Sunday. The observance of a Day of Mourning was endorsed by the 15th Assembly arising from a request from the UAICC - Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) and has been marked on the Sunday before 26 January since 2019. This day provides an opportunity to reflect on the dispossession and continuing injustices experienced by Australia's First Peoples, to acknowledge our shared history, and to renew our commitment to justice and healing.

The scripture passage is interpreted as a call to repentance, a move from darkness into light, and an invitation to participate in a new just, and reconciling future.

Thank you to those who have donated, there are still collection boxes for the following items at Church

- **ADRA - Medical supplies for Africa**
- **GIVE WRITE - Schools Supplies for Kids**
- **Pastor John - Egg cartons**
- **UnitingWA - Containers for Change (outside)**



Your support is appreciated



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A worship service for faith communities to stand in solidarity with Australia's First Peoples as we remember and reflect on the effects of invasion, forced dispossession, oppression and suffering.

This artwork by Zoe Belle, a Guwa Koa and Kuku Yalanji woman depicts the story of God's presence being amongst First Peoples of these lands of his creation for generations. His teachings have long been displayed within the stories, songs, dances and ceremony. First Peoples have used them to connect with God as great Creator and teacher for our communities.