



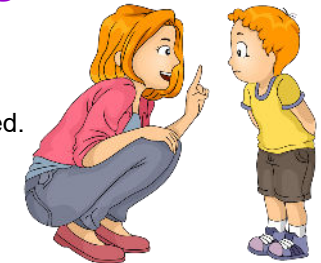
The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

**Welcome to our Sunday Service of worship,
commencing at 9-30am every Sunday**

LENT

Daylight Lasts Longer John 11:1-45



A couple who lived in Pinjarra had tried for many years to have a baby. Some years ago they were overjoyed when a baby boy, who they named Steven, finally arrived. Naturally they were very protective of their only child. When he was six years old and had started attending school he was allowed to visit friends' homes after school and play with them. However his parents gave Steven very strict instructions to come home from playing every afternoon by no later than 5p.m.. His parents were quite serious about Steven's curfew and if he wasn't home by 5 p.m., they'd begin to worry and call around the neighbourhood to find out where he was. Steven knew this and was usually careful to arrive home on time.

In early November, the day after Daylight Saving Time came into effect, Steven was late coming home. When he finally arrived home, a few minutes before 6 p.m., his mother scolded him for being late. "You know you are to be home by five," she said, "and here it is nearly six."

Steven was puzzled and pointed out the window. "But the light," he protested, "the light; it's the light that tells me when to come home."

Realizing what had happened, his mother smiled and gently explained that the day before the time had been changed and everyone had reset their clocks. Now the daylight lasted longer. Her son's eyes narrowed. "Does God know about this?" he asked suspiciously.

In a childlike way, this little boy shared John's story of the resurrection of Lazarus. Jesus wanted his disciples and all of his followers, including you and me, to know that with God daylight lasts longer than death.

Adapted from Thomas G. Long, "When Jesus Arrives Late," *Whispering the Lyrics*,
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Lent 5 26 March 2023

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking
Flowers: Judy Law
Coffee/Tea: Judy Law & Pauline Terblanche
Reader: Pauline Terblanche
Kids Church: Raelyn Punch
Church Rep: Sherryl Smith
Worship Leader: Piet Speyers
Speaker: Frances Davy

Palm Sunday 3 April 2023

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking
Flowers: Kerry Lawson
Coffee/Tea: Sherryl Smith & Frances Davy
Reader: Jaren Picking
Kids Church: Julie Lehmann
Church Rep: Jenny Anderson
Worship Leader: Ken Lehmann
Speaker: Piet Speyers

Readings from the Lectionary

Ezek 37:1-14
Ps 130
Rom 8:6-11
Jn 11:1-45

Is 50:4-9
Ps 118:1-2, 19-29 or Ps 31:9-16
Phil 2:5-11
Mt 21:1-11



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Our Vision: "United in Christ we reach out to build loving relationships that deepen faith and enrich lives."

Last Chance to Book for the Dinner & Movie 1st April

If you are intending to come to dinner and the movie at South Mandurah Uniting Church with your spouse and friends on 1st April please make sure you book and pay for your meal by this Sunday. The movie is "The Most Reluctant Convert" and it's the story of C S Lewis's journey from a hard-boiled atheist to a devout Christian.



COST: \$15 per person - includes fish & chips (battered or grilled), popcorn, an ice cream and the movie. Terrific value!

WHEN: 6-00pm fish and chips, movie starts at 6-30, followed by tea or coffee.

PLEASE NOTE: To attend you **MUST** book and pay for the fish and chips **by no later than 5pm Sunday 26th March**

BOOK: To book and pay for the fish and chips, or for more information, contact Kerry Lawson E: rkl1@bigpond.com, M: 0409 885 988 or H: 9583 3603

Towels & Sheets Please

Uniting Aid is one of the caring agencies of the Uniting Church, and provides support to the homeless and disadvantaged in our community. They have launched an appeal for good quality used towels and bedsheets for their clients. If you have some surplus towels or sheets and would like to donate them, please bring them to the church. Also, as Easter is rapidly approaching, please consider donating some Easter Eggs too.

For more information speak to Jenni Anderson M: 0429 120 658 E: jenni.anderson@internode.on.net



Coffee, Cake & Fellowship

For Ladies: She Brews - 9-30am every Wednesday
Manhattan Café, 36 Wattle Glen Ave, in the Erskine Shopping Centre.

For Gentlemen: Espresso Yourself - 9-30am Tuesday 28th March
Fortnightly at the Taste of Italy Café, Peelwood Parade, Halls Head.

For more information please contact Peter M: 0427 685 908 or Raelyn Punch M: 0429 685 908, email: prpunch@lasar.net.au



WELCOME

A very warm welcome is extended to any visitors. We trust that you will be blessed during this time of worship and invite you to fellowship with us after the service.



Easter Services

Father Chris, Saint Damien's new minister, has extended an invitation to the South Mandurah congregation to continue the tradition of joining them for the Stations of the Cross service and morning tea on Good Friday. Please note the dates in your diary and we look forward to seeing you at the services listed below:

Good Friday: April 7 Stations of the Cross
At St Damien's Catholic School Oval,
1 Nyabing Pass, Dawesville,
Commencing at 10-00am,
followed by hot cross buns for morning tea

Easter Sunday: April 9 Sunday service
At SMUC Commencing at 9-30am,
followed by morning tea



A Lenten Prayer to Overcome temptations

We know that it can be hard to resist and flee from temptation if we rely solely on our willpower. This is our lent prayer to seek the Lord's help in saying no to temptations and sins.

Lord, I want to live a life of obedience and faithfulness to You. Help me not to fall into temptation and sin. Forgive me for the times I have stumbled, but I want to change and live by Your way. Lord, You are merciful and I know that You will not let me be tempted beyond what I can bear. I pray that You would provide a way out for me whenever I face temptation and the courage to run away from it. Whenever temptation and sin knock, help me to focus instead on Your goodness and love so I can resist them. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

<https://christian.net/resources/lent-prayers>



Blessings & Congratulations
To Graham & Christine Hickson
Celebrating their 53rd Anniversary
On Tuesday 28th March

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Elaine Jarrett Tuesday 28 March
God Bless and warm wishes
To you upon your birthday

Pastoral Care

For pastoral care or spiritual guidance please contact:

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OR Any member of the leadership team (their names are overleaf)



Your Messenger

If you have any articles, notices or prayer requests please email them by 5pm Tuesday to prpunch@lasar.net.au

Also If you would like to receive an email copy of the weekly Uniting Church News & Notes please contact me.

Peter

