

Easter 3
23 April 2023



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30 April 2023

Welcome: Judy Law's Home Group
Flowers: Judy Law
Coffee/Tea: Judy Law's Home Group
Reader: Judy Law's Home Group
Kids Church: Kerry Lawson
Church Rep: Raelyn Punch
Worship Leader: Judy Law's Home Group
Speaker: Judy Law's Home Group

Welcome: Lynsay & Jenny Dunning
Flowers: Sue Lawrence
Coffee/Tea: Averil & Cliff Clark & Kathy McGoldrick
Reader: John Lawrence
Kids Church: Raelyn Punch
Church Rep: Jenni Anderson
Worship Leader: Cynthia Clive
Speaker: Frances Davy



Readings from the Lectionary

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Ps 116:1-4, 12-19
1Peter 1:17-23
Lk 24:13-35

Acts 2:42-47
Ps 23
1Peter 12:19-25
Jn 10:1-10



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

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The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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



The Core Message

The Holy Scriptures are filled with ghost stories – holy ghost stories. From Saul's encounter with the ghost of Samuel to Ezekiel's "zombie army," to the dead man who came to life after touching Elisha's bones, to the raising of Lazarus, to the revival of Jairus' daughter, to Jesus' own terrifying resurrection—at least terrifying to the guards who literally froze in fear. These stories remind us that supernatural encounters come with the territory of our Christian faith.

If anything stands out among these kinds of experiences, it's that as human beings we are witnesses to both the brokenness* of our world and to God's power to heal and resurrect all life within it, including us. Without brokenness, we cannot witness to the amazing power and miracles of God or realize our promise and heritage within our covenantal relationship. Without brokenness, we don't need a God to heal us. Encountering brokenness, recognizing brokenness, is vital to the purpose and story of scripture, in which the transitory and temporal nature of life is transcended by God and that transcendence promised to us as well.

From broken to remade, dead to alive, lost to reinstated, infected to healed, wounded to restored, natural to supernatural, God is master of the new and renewed. Both the Potter and the Breath.

Just as we confirm our very faith and belief through the witness of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances to his disciples, we also confirm the basic, undeniable, unequivocal, inevitable, and immutable truth born only of the Christian faith: that Jesus' sacrifice and subsequent resurrection fulfills God's ultimate saving initiative to free the faithful from sin and the limits of mortality and grant them everlasting life. This is the core message of the apostles, the bible and of our faith.

www.sermons.com (Edited)

***Editor's Note:** *Brokenness is not a commonly used word, and depending on its context it can have different meanings including, but not limited to, being aware of one's sinfulness and inability, being not right or not working as intended or being messy or imperfect.*



A Prayer of Freedom and Hope Through Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross

Father, help us to embrace and enjoy the life you've given us to live.

We know we are not accidentally here on earth. Each day when we awake you faithfully meet us with purpose. Today and everyday we lift our worries to you as we seek to embrace your peace and promises.

We confess our tendency to condemn, criticise, and compare, instead of embracing the peace and blessings you have showered over our lives.

In both trying times and on wonderful days, help us to see and remember you regardless of the situation.

We never know what our world is going to throw at us, but you do, and we are eternally grateful that you never change.

Holy Spirit, faithfully nudge and remind us that we are children of God, freed from the chains of sin by Christ's sacrifice on the cross; His resurrection and ascension to heaven where He is seated by our Father.

Bless us to remember and embrace the freedom, hope, joy and peace we have in Christ and the freedom we have in this wonderful country to praise Him.

Lord, we ask you to extend this freedom to all the people of this world, regardless of where they live so that they may all know your love in peace.

In Jesus' name, **Amen**

Meg Bucher, <https://www.christianity.com/wiki/prayer/> (Edited)



Leadership Team Update

The Leadership Team (LT) met Wednesday evening 19th April for approximately 3 hours. Amongst the items on the agenda were:

- Pastor** - the discussions relating to our pastor's appointment are ongoing, with an expectation that contractual arrangements will be finalised in the near future. The LT anticipate that Yoy will be attending services at our church in May, and that he will be worship leader for at least one service in June.
- Prayer Room** - it has been agreed that as last year's prayer room was such a success, the South Mandurah Uniting Church will participate in this year's event. The prayer room will be held in the lead up to Pentecost, under the guidance of Frances Davy and her helpers. More information will be published in the Messenger as it becomes available.
- Defibrillator** - as discussed at the AGM, our church will be purchasing a defibrillator which will be installed on the outside of the building near the front door. The LT have been seeking donations from a number of organisations towards the cost of the defibrillator. To date SMUC has received donations of \$250 from MLA Lisa Munday and \$500 from the Falcon Lions (who meet on a monthly basis in our fellowship room).



UnitingWA Cosy Toes Sock Appeal

Two years ago members of our church generously donated many dozens of pairs of socks for the homeless. UCAWA has launched a new appeal for socks this winter, explaining that:

- (1) Socks are the #1 requested item at homelessness centres globally and they're in short supply.
- (2) Many homeless people rarely take their shoes off and often have painful foot conditions which are made worse in winter if they don't have good quality socks.
- (3) New socks are needed for men, women and children in all sizes. People tend to prefer white sports socks, but all socks are welcome.



Please support this worthwhile appeal by donating new (preferably white sports) socks for men, women and children. They can be left in the box in the foyer.

For more information please contact Jenni Anderson M: 0429 120 658

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Coffee, Cake & Fellowship

Neighbours, friends and family are very well welcome to join the ladies or gentlemen respectively for coffee, cake and fellowship on the following days:

For Ladies: She Brews - 9-30am every Wednesday

Change of Venue: Seven Trees Café, 11 Galbraith Loop, Falcon.

For Gentlemen: Espresso Yourself - Change of date

Due to the Anzac day holiday, the gentlemen will next meet at 9-30am Wednesday 26th April. Coffee mornings will then revert back to every second Tuesday 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



Pastoral Care

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Happy birthday

Jarren Picking Tuesday 25 April

Jaimee Thompson Thursday 27 April

Grace Dalzell Saturday 29 April

**God Bless and warm wishes
To you all upon your birthdays**

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.

