

**Pentecost**  
28 May 2023



**Trinity**  
4 June 2023

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking  
Flowers: Judy Law  
Coffee/Tea: Jenni Anderson & Peter & Cath Salisbury  
Reader: Tuesday Home Group  
Kids Church: Jenny Dunning  
Church Rep: Jenni Anderson  
Worship Leader: John Lawrence  
Speaker: John Lawrence

Welcome: Lynsay & Jenny Dunning  
Flowers: Cynthia Falconer  
Coffee/Tea: Lynsay & Jenny Dunning  
Reader: Barbara Smith  
Kids Church: Raelyn Punch  
Church Rep: Andrew Telfer  
Worship Leader: Yoy Alberastine  
Speaker: Rev. Mike Fawcett (Communion)



### Readings from the Lectionary

Acts 2:1-21 or Num 11:24-30  
Ps 104:24-34, 35b  
1 Cor 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21  
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 7:37-39

Gen 1:1-2: 4a  
Ps 8  
2 Cor 13:11-13  
Mt 28:16-20



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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



## Pentecost Sunday

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

### Sharing God's Vision

When was the last time you had trouble communicating with someone? It happens to all of us at some time, and to many of us, lots of times. Maybe it's because you didn't understand the other person's language or culture. Maybe it's because a word can mean different things to different people.

There's an old joke which used to be told amongst the personnel at the Joint Services Base in Canberra that the different branches of the Armed Forces have trouble operating jointly because they don't speak the same language. For example, if you told Navy personnel to "secure a building," they would turn off the lights and lock the doors. Army personnel would occupy the building so no one could enter. The SAS would storm the building, capture it, and defend it with suppressive fire and close combat. Whereas the Air Force would take out a three-year lease with an option to purchase. It is estimated that there are a little over 7,000 languages in the world. Given the difficulties we experience communicating between people who supposedly speak the same language, it is little surprise that the potential for misunderstanding due to cultural differences and misinterpretation increases exponentially between peoples whose languages don't share a common historical foundation.

How then do we communicate the love of God and promised eternal life to those who don't share a common language or culture? In Acts 2:4 the disciples "were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them" and they were able to communicate with other peoples in their own languages (as distinct to how some people now interpret "speaking in tongues"). Sharing God's vision need not involve learning a foreign language, but learning to speak to others in a way they can understand. For example, the style of language needed to communicate with a 16 year old drug addicted homeless teenage girl is radically different (a foreign language?) to that which you would adopt if speaking to a 90 year old retiree. With patience, God's blessing and through accepting the Holy Spirit, we can all learn to share God's word. As Christians that is our duty, our obligation and our joy.

Praise God.

[Sermons.com](http://Sermons.com) (Edited)



## Luncheon After Prayer Room

On Pentecost Sunday 28 May, to close our "Prayer Room", we will gather after morning tea in the Church for a short time of prayer. The focus will be to pray on behalf of those who recorded prayer requests whilst the prayer room was open. Following the prayer meeting there will be a light lunch. Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

For more information please contact Frances Davy:  
M: 0488 906 280 E: [2davyfamily@gmail.com](mailto:2davyfamily@gmail.com)



## Yoy's Drop In!

Yoy will be at our church the first and second Saturday of every month from 9am to midday or by appointment in the afternoons. Please drop in to share a time of prayer with Yoy, or for a chat or a more in depth conversation over a cup of coffee. Yoy is very much looking forward to working with us and is here to help our members travel along your personal faith journeys and through life's trials. If you want to make an appointment for a confidential meeting with Yoy on the Saturday afternoons between midday and 3pm he can be contacted via email: [yoyea1210@gmail.com](mailto:yoyea1210@gmail.com) or M: 0421 793 562.



## A Prayer for Pentecost

Dear Lord, when Christ ascended into heaven to reign with you in power and glory, You sent the Spirit of truth to guide us into the way, the truth, and the life of Christ. Let your Spirit, our Advocate, guide us still, Preserving us from judgement, protecting us from sin, And leading us into righteousness, So that we may testify to the good news: Fullness of life and joy for all, Through Jesus Christ our Saviour, And in the unity of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



<https://prayerist.com/prayer/pentecost> (Edited)

## Annual Contact List

Normally the congregation's annual contact list is published soon after the AGM when the membership of the incoming Leadership Team is known. However this year for a number of reasons the release of the contact list has been intentionally delayed. This year's list, which will no longer contain email addresses, will be circulated by email next week. Unless specifically requested, printed copies will not be available.



**\*\*\*URGENT:** If you have any changes in your contact details could you please forward them to Peter Punch **no later than 5pm Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023** E: [prpunch@lasar.net.au](mailto:prpunch@lasar.net.au)

**Please note:** a master copy of the contact list, which contains email addresses, will be maintained for use by the Leadership Team and your newsletter's editor. Please continue to advise Peter of any changes to your email address.

## Volunteers Needed

Your editor knows it seems hardly any time since the last Enablers' Roster was compiled, and yet it is time to start working on the next quarter's roster. For those who may not know (or perhaps as a reminder) our congregation is heavily dependent on the many members in our congregation who volunteer to be Enablers. They do a fantastic job helping run the Sunday services in a variety of roles including flowers, readings, morning tea, Sunday School and much more.



Whether you are new or foundation members of our church, everyone is encouraged to join the Enablers. Please let Peter Punch know by **14<sup>th</sup> June** your availability and which roles you would like to volunteer for during the next quarter (**1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023**). Peter can be contacted via email at: [prpunch@lasar.net.au](mailto:prpunch@lasar.net.au)

In addition to the Enablers the Leadership Team are seeking volunteers to:

- \* Join our wonderful singers and musicians; and
- \* Act as the social function coordinator for our church.

If you would like additional information about any of these roles please speak to any member of the Leadership Team or Peter.

## 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)



**Blessings & Congratulations  
To Mike & Jan Fawcett  
Who Celebrated their  
47<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**



*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.*

