



The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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



The Trinity

A preacher proudly boasted that he does not preach doctrinal sermons. They are boring he asserted and people do not understand or relate to them. Further, he claimed, "I am a preacher and not a theologian. I get down to the practical issues and simply preach Christ crucified."

His thinking is faulty at several points. First, he is wrong when he says that he is not a theologian. The fact is that everyone to a certain extent is a theologian. Theology is nothing more than what you think about God. Well, shouts one person, "I don't believe In God." That then is your theology. I would also take issue with him when he claims that he does not preach theology but gets down to practical issues. In my thinking there is no difference in good theology and good practice. Good, solid theology gets down to the very core of our existence. Finally, I would disagree with him when he says that we should only preach Christ crucified. I know that is what the Apostle Paul said but this preacher doesn't mean what Paul meant. He is saying that he only preaches about the cross and saving the sinner. I submit to you that the cross is not central in Paul's theology; rather, it is Christ. It has always puzzled me why some ministers preach the message of salvation to people who have been sitting in the pews all their life when they need so much more of Christ's teaching on life's other issues. There are many strings on a guitar. To make beautiful music all of them must be played and not just one. That is why in the United Church we honour the lectionary and the seasons of the church year. That insures a witness to the whole Gospel of Jesus Christ. How can one go through the season of Advent and not touch upon the doctrine of the incarnation. How can one go through Lent without touching upon the doctrine of the resurrection? Likewise, how can we embark upon the season of Pentecost, as we did last week, without mentioning the doctrine of the Trinity?

Today is Trinity Sunday. This is a day that has been celebrated in the Christian church since the 10th century. It is on this occasion that ministers around the world address themselves to the subject of the triune God.

Let me say that the doctrine of the Trinity does not attempt to explain God. It only explains to us in a very elemental way what God has revealed to us about himself so far. To describe the tip of the iceberg above the water is not to describe the

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Trinity

4 June 2023



Pentecost 2

11 June 2023

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)

Welcome: John & Sue Lawrence
Flowers: Sue Lawrence
Coffee/Tea: Andrew & Jan Gibson
& Jan Robinson
Reader: Jenni Anderson
Kids Church: TBA
Church Rep: Sherryl Smith
Worship Leader: Andrew Telfer
Speaker: Yoy Alberastine



Readings from the Lectionary

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

Gen 12:1-9
Ps 33:1-12
Rom 4:13-25
Mt 9:9-13, 18-26



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

The Trinity (continued)

entire iceberg. So we Christians affirm the Trinity, not as an explanation of God, but simply as a way of describing what we know about Him.

The idea of the Trinity is not emphatically stated as a doctrine in the scriptures. Yet, by implication, it is stated many times. The early Christians soon discovered that they simply could not speak of God without speaking of the three ways in which he had revealed himself to them. This does not mean that there are three separate Gods. It means that there is one God who has shown himself in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. While we don't really understand the Trinity, that is okay because none of us really understand God. We should just be grateful that He understands us, cares for us and offers us life everlasting. Who could ask for more?



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Your Donations Make a Difference

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to support the disadvantaged. Please keep supporting these worthwhile projects:

Food Drive For Those in Need - Please put non-perishable food donations in the box in the foyer. For more information please contact Sheryl Smith M: 0409 305 910 or : sherylsa60@gmail.com



Containers For Change - The money raised from your donations of recyclable cans and bottles is going to local charities. Please put them in the bin in the foyer. For more information please speak to Cliff or Averil Clark M: 0408 475 394 E: ca.clark2@bigpond.com



Bread Tags for Wheelchairs - Please keep saving the plastic tags from your bread bags (no cardboard tags please) and putting them in the jar in the church foyer. The funds from the bread tags are used to purchase wheelchairs. For more information speak to Raelyn Punch M: 0429 685 908 or E: punch@lasar.net.au.



Happy birthday

Laurel James Sunday 4 June
Raelyn Punch Friday 9 June

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

Pastoral Care

For pastoral care or spiritual guidance please contact:

Rev. Mike Fawcett
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OR Any member of the leadership team (their names are overleaf)



Yoy Is Here For You!

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. 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 or M: 0421 793 562.



Coffee, Cake & Fellowship

You are invited to join the ladies or gentlemen respectively for coffee, delicious pastries and scintillating conversation:

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

Seven Trees Café, 11 Galbraith Loop, Falcon

For Gentlemen: Espresso Yourself - 9-30am Tuesday 6th June

and every fortnight 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, E: prpunch@lasar.net.au



Volunteers Needed

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



Please remember: If Peter doesn't hear from you, he will assume you are available and put your names on the roster to fill the vacant positions.

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.



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.

