Pentecost 13 27August 2023



Pentecost 14 3 September 2023

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Flowers: Peter Punch

Coffee/Tea: Peter & Cath Salisbury

Reader: Pauline Terblanche
Kids Church: Julie Lehmann

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Church Rep: Raelyn Punch
Worship Leader: Ken Lehmann
Speaker: Frances Davy

Welcome: Lynsay & Jenny Dunning

Flowers: Debby Hardy

Coffee/Tea Lynsay & Jenny Dunning

Reader: Sue Lawrence
Kids Church: Anita Alberastine
Church Rep: Sherryl Smith
Worship Leader: Ken Lehmann
Speaker: Piet Speyers



Ps 124

Rom 12:1-8

Mt 16:13-20

Readings from the Lectionary

Ex 1:8-2:10 Ex 3:1-15

Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

Rom 12:9-21 Mt 16:21-28



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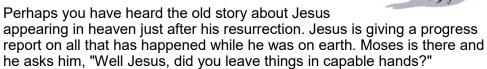
The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

Welcome to our Sunday Service of worship, commencing at <u>9-30am</u> every Sunday

One Generation Away From Extinction

It has been pointed out that the Church is always one generation from extinction. If we don't spread the Gospel, it will be just one generation away from disappearing from the face of the earth. It's a compelling idea, isn't it? It enhances our sense of Christian responsibility. We need to get out there and work for the Gospel or the Church could fade into history.



Jesus responds, "I did. I have left behind Mary and Martha and Peter and the other disciples."

Moses said, "What if they fail?"

Jesus said, "Well, I have established the Church and filled it with the Holy Spirit and they will carry on."

And Moses said, "What if they fail?"

Came the reply, "I have no other plan."

There's a great tension there. God is at work here in our church but we've been given the keys of the Kingdom. We have work to do and Christ calls us to it. The prophet Micah put it this way: "do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with thy God."

Brett Blair, www.Sermons.com



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

Without the struggle, There Are No Wings

Three young nature lovers found two butterfly cocoons which were about to hatch and brought them inside and put them on the windowsill to see what would happen. They watched as the first one began to open and the butterfly inside squeezed very slowly and painfully through a tiny hole that it chewed in one end of the cocoon. After lying exhausted for about ten minutes following its agonizing emergence, the butterfly finally flew out the open window on its beautiful new wings.



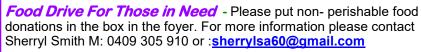
The family decided to help the second butterfly so that it would not have to go through such an excruciating ordeal. So, as it began to emerge, they carefully sliced open the cocoon with a razor blade, doing the equivalent of a Caesarean section. The second butterfly never did sprout wings, and in about ten minutes, instead of flying away, it quietly died.

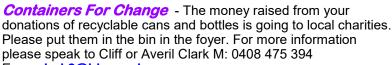
The family asked a biologist friend to explain what had happened. The scientist said that the difficult struggle to emerge from the small hole actually pushes liquids from deep inside the butterfly's body cavity into tiny capillaries in the wings where they hardened to complete the healthy and beautiful adult butterfly. The lesson? WITHOUT THE STRUGGLE. THERE ARE NO WINGS.

Collected Sermons, David E. Leininger

Your Donations Make a Difference

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













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.

Ladies' Luncheon

Fourteen ladies attended the ladies' luncheon at the Cut Tavern Bar & Bistro on Wednesday 23rd August. They enjoyed wonderful food, enjoyed the fellowship and farewelled Robyn Speyers. The ladies also raised \$60 to be donated to the WA Cancer Council. Thank you to Robyn for organising the event and to everyone who joined in and donated to a really worthwhile charity.



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 - 9-30am Tuesday 29th August

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

A Sunday Morning Prayer

Lord, on this special day, I run into Your loving arms. May Sunday be a celebration, filled with thankfulness, where I connect with the presence of Heaven, seek Your beauty and goodness, and cherish special family time together. Come fill my heart afresh with Your love. May it overflow with Heaven's bounty, moving through this rest day and into the week ahead.

Lord on this special day, I run into Your arms. Spend cherished time with family. And find shelter in Your palm. May Sunday be a celebration, Full up to the brim. With Heaven's promise ringing loud, And Your love flowing in. Amen.

https://www.prayerscapes.com/prayers/times/Sunday morning prayer.html

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Your Messenger

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