



The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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



Pentecost 15 10 September 2023

Welcome: John & Sue Lawrence
Flowers: Sue Lawrence
Coffee/Tea: Keith & Jaren Picking
Reader: Sue Lawrence
Kids Church: Jan Fawcett
Church Rep: Jenni Anderson
Worship Leader: Yoy Alberastine
Speaker: Rev. Mike Fawcett
(Communion)

Pentecost 16 17 September 2023

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking
Flowers: Cynthia Falconer
Coffee/Tea: Ken & Julie Lehmann
Reader: John Lawrence
Kids Church: Raelyn Punch
Church Rep: Andrew Telfer
Worship Leader: Billabong Church
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Sing God's Praises

True Freedom in Forgiveness

When Bill Clinton met Nelson Mandela for the first time, he had a question on his mind: "When you were released from prison, Mr. Mandela," the former President said, "I woke my daughter at three o'clock in the morning.



I wanted her to see this historic event." Then President Clinton zeroed in on his question: "As you marched from the cellblock across the yard to the gate of the prison, the camera focused in on your face. I have never seen such anger, and even hatred, in any man as was expressed on your face at that time.

That's not the Nelson Mandela I know today," said Clinton. "What was that about?"

Mandela answered, "I'm surprised that you saw that, and I regret that the cameras caught my anger. As I walked across the courtyard that day I thought to myself, 'They've taken everything from you that matters. Your cause is dead. Your family is gone. Your friends have been killed. Now they're releasing you, but there's nothing left for you out there.' And I hated them for what they had taken from me. Then, I sensed an inner voice saying to me, 'Nelson! For twenty-seven years you were their prisoner, but you were always a free man! Don't allow them to make you into a free man, only to turn you into their prisoner!'"

You can never be free to be a whole person if you are unable to forgive.

King Duncan, Collected Sermons,
www.Sermons.com

Readings from the Lectionary

Ex 12:1-14
Ps 149
Rom 13:8-14
Mt 18:15-20

Ex 14:19-31
Ps 114 or Ex 15:1b-11, 20-21
Rom 14:1-12
Mt 18:21-35



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

Fellowship Luncheon

A Bring and Share Luncheon will follow the service on **Sunday 17 September**. Why have a luncheon? To celebrate our fellowship, our shared love of God and to share a meal with the members of the Billabong Church who will lead the service that Sunday. Please bring your favourite dish, whether it is a savoury dish or dessert, to share with our church family.



If you have any questions please speak to any of the members of our Leadership Team (their names are on the back page).

Reminder: CampFIRE 2023

A reminder has been received from the organisers of **CampFIRE 2023** asking for people to register as soon as possible.

CampFIRE will be held at Lake Yealering from 22 to 25 September.

To register go to <https://forms.gle/TenBqhYktGdr98Md8>
OR email Piet for a copy of the latest brochure and registration form at pieter45@outlook.com.au
For more information: Contact Dave Gardner E: dave@peaksite.com or M: 0414 989 441



Photo by Piet CampFIRE 2012



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.



Share A Prayer With Yoy!

Yoy is 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 Saturday afternoons between midday and 3pm, he can be contacted via email: yoyea1210@gmail.com or M: 0421 793 562.



Prayer & Worship Night

You are invited to join the Southern Corridor Concert of Prayer. The event has been organised as part of the World Prayer Assembly. Everyone is welcome.

When: 5-30 to 7-30pm Sunday 17 September

Where: Lakes Theatre, 22 Catalina Drive, Lakelands

More information about the World Prayer Assembly can be found at: <https://reg.wpa2023au.org>



The Enablers List

Thank you to everyone who volunteers to join our church's Enablers' List. Without your help our church services would be a sad reflection of the joyous celebration of God's Love that we enjoy and share every Sunday.



It is now time to start compiling the Enablers' List for the 1st October to 31st December 2023 quarter. If you haven't been on the Enablers' List previously, or have taken a break from the List, please join in.

You can get more information from any of the Leadership Team. Could all new and existing congregational members willing to serve on the Enablers' List please email Peter at prpunch@lasar.net.au by **5pm Thursday 21st September** advising when you are **not** available and the Enablers' roles you are happy to accept (greeting, flowers, morning tea, reader and/or kids church).



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)



Jan Gibson Wednesday 13 September

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