



The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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

Pentecost 17

24 September 2023



Pentecost 18

1 October 2023

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking
Flowers: Jan Gibson
Coffee/Tea: Cliff & Averil Clark
Reader: Keith Picking
Kids Church: Julie Lehmann
Church Rep: Raelyn Punch
Worship Leader: Jenni Anderson
Speaker: David Liaw

Welcome: Brian & Barbara Smith
Flowers: Judy Smith
Coffee/Tea: Pauline Terblanche & Rosemary Sharp
Reader: Frances Davy
Kids Church: Raelyn Punch
Church Rep: Raelyn Punch
Worship Leader: Yoy Alberastine
Speaker: Rev. Mike Fawcett (Communion)



Readings from the Lectionary

Ex 16:2-15
Ps 105:1-6, 37-45
Phil 1:21-30
Mt 20:1-16

Ex 17:1-7
Ps 78:1-4, 12-16
Phil 2:1-13
Mt 21:23-32



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

We Need Great Trust in God

(Mt 20:1-16)

During the recent COVID epidemic commercial television news carried stories that the supplies of toilet paper would run out. There was no basis for those stories but within a short time there really was a shortage because many of the viewers who had watched the news panicked and rushed out and bought as much extra toilet paper as they could—"just in case". There was no trust in the fact that people, if they chose to work together, could ration out the toilet paper to make sure there would be enough for everyone. People panicked and grabbed not what they needed, but more than they needed, leaving others with nothing at all. When people allow their lives to be directed by this kind of fear and self-love, then they find out when they die and finally have the opportunity to enter into a heavenly community, that it is not really what they want at all.



They shrink back. You see, you need to have a great deal of trust in God and the goodness of others in order to buy into the concept of heaven, and these people don't. They can't anymore, because they have learned here on earth that you take what you can get when you can get it, because if you don't, no one else is going to look out for you. Heaven to these people is a very unsettling place.

In Matthew 20, our land owner is like the kingdom of heaven because he seeks to include everyone. He gives freely to everyone so that they each have as much as they need, and he holds up a mirror to the deepest part of our being that asks the question, "are we okay with that?"

Sarah Buteux, The Heavenly Landowner (Edited)



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.



Prayer Walking

If you're taking a walk, consider prayer walking! Prayer walking is a type of intercessory prayer that involves walking to or near a particular place while praying. As you prayer walk, your prayers extend beyond your own concerns, focusing directly on the needs of others and opening yourself to see them with God's eyes and heart.

Prayer walks are a means of asking God to give you a heart for your neighbourhood, city and country. It gives you a concrete means of doing something for the well-being of your town as you ask the Holy Spirit to pray through you as you observe the world around you.



While the Bible doesn't specifically mention prayer walking, there are a number of examples of something like it in the Scriptures:

- ◆ God commanded the Israelites to march seven days around the city of Jericho, lifting up prayers and praises to God for His deliverance (Joshua 6).
- ◆ Jesus spent much time walking with His disciples throughout the land of Israel and prayer was most likely a part of those walks as Jesus observed his environment, prayed and then taught. In one scene, Jesus looks over the city of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives and is moved to pray for the city (Matthew 23: 37-39).
- ◆ It was in walking through the city of Athens that the apostle Paul was moved by the Spirit to preach the Gospel in this idol-filled place. (Acts 17:6)
- ◆ The prophet Jeremiah was told to pray for Babylon, "And seek the peace of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf; for in its peace you will have peace." (Jer. 29:7)

Before you head out for a prayer-walk ask God to give you insight into what other's needs might be as you walk by their homes. Then just go for your normal walk. Your heart will be moved to pray for the things you see during the walk. For example, you might come across a yard that is extremely untidy and rundown. This might prompt you to pray for the health, both physical and spiritual, of the residents inside. Or, as you walk past a home you could ask God to bring the people who live there to know and love Him. Ask that their children and their descendants will all become believers.

You'll think of many other things to pray for as you go! You might even let your neighbours know you'll be praying for them as you walk by them and ask them if they have any prayer requests. Your prayers could be the beginning of a neighbourhood revival!

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)

<https://www.cslewisinstitute.org/resources/the-prayer-walk/> (Edited)

Dates for Your Diary

Please make a note in your diaries for the following events:



- ◆ **Our Annual Advent/Christmas Concert**
Our very popular Advent Concert will be held on Saturday evening 2nd December at our church. Ken Lehmann will once again be organising this Event and acting as MC on the night. If you would like to join the singers or musicians, or to help in any other way please contact Ken M: 0417 955 149 or E: kenneth.lehmann@bigpond.com
- ◆ **A Special Christmas Eve Service**
There will be a Christmas Eve service held on Sunday 24th December, led by our pastor, Yoy Alberastine.

More information will be published in the Messenger as it becomes available. In the meantime please make sure you have reserved these dates in your diary and ask your friends to reserve the dates too, as everyone is welcome at our (pre)Christmas concert and we are hoping for an even bigger crowd this year.

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 26th September
and every fortnight at the Taste of Italy Café, Peelwood Parade, Halls Head.

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Thank You Everyone

Last Sunday we were blessed to have the leadership team from Billabong Church and many of the members of their congregation join us for the service and the fellowship luncheon. Thank you to Rev. Luke and his team. Thank you also to everyone who attended the service, and to those who brought feed to share, helped serve the food and cleaned up afterwards. Thanks to everyone's efforts, a wonderful service and fellowship time was enjoyed by all.