



The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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



Pentecost 18

1 October 2023

Welcome: Brian & Barbara Smith
Flowers: Judy Law
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)



Pentecost 19

8 October 2023

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking
Flowers: Cynthia Falconer
Coffee/Tea: Brian & Barbara Smith
Reader: Piet Speyers
Kids Church: Anita Alberastine
Church Rep: Andrew Telfer
Worship Leader: Frances Davy
Speaker: Yoy Alberastine



Readings from the Lectionary

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

Ex 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Ps 19
Phil 3:4b-14
Mt 21:33-46



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It is optional whether you include your name as a reference for the payment.



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

Which Coaching Style is Better?

Mt 21: 23-27

There is a story about two talented young football players from one of the poorest neighbourhoods in Balga. Jim, who had more natural talent, was given a scholarship, which included his accommodation expenses, to study sport at Melbourne University, a holiday job with excellent pay, and a coach who was described as the "coach from hell." Sadly the constant badgering, pressure, and demeaning style of the coach slowly destroyed any fun the youngster ever felt in the game. Once the desire to play started to crumble, Jim began to sabotage his own success. He became more vulnerable to injuries, he didn't do well in his university course, and as the pressure worsened Jim started experimenting with drugs and spent more time with girls than he did studying or playing football. His cry for help went unheard.



Meanwhile, the second boy, Billy, who had less talent received little help but he wasn't under pressure from a mean spirited coach. Billy struggled on, and because of the time he spent training for football he didn't get the marks to gain entry to university and instead took a job as a night filler at the local supermarket. He had to want to play football or it wasn't going to happen. Despite his father being jailed for drugs and his mother having a succession of live-in boyfriends, Billy studied computer science at the local TAFE. He worked hard to stay on the local football team, which had a coach who encouraged all his players to play to the best of their abilities. Finally Billy's abilities on the field was recognised by a talent scout; he was recruited to play with one of the WAFL teams and went on to a successful AFL football career. It is clear that Billy is a happier, healthier person who is more likely to be successful with or without football.

The Pharisees were like the demanding coach - badgering, pressuring, and demeaning. They wanted perfection. Jesus knew that is not the way to bring hurting people into the kingdom of God. He did it with love and acceptance. He did it by living out God's amazing, startling, absurd grace.

King Duncan, Collected Sermons (Edited)

Spend Some Time 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.



Fire On One End, Fool on the Other

A local doctor went to talk about the dangers of smoking to a class of high school students. He scared them with grim pictures of smokers' lungs and tales of death from lung cancer. The doctor finished his speech by saying, "Remember, fire on one end, fool on the other."

The students were all impressed, especially those boys who would sneak out behind the shop building at lunch to light one up. But then a couple of the boys saw the doctor himself lighting up when he got back in his car after the lecture and his credibility was shot. He was the talk of the school. It would have been better for the no-smoking campaign if he had never come to speak. Saying one thing and doing another is something nobody respects.

Julian Gordy, Didn't You Hear What I Said? (edited)



A Prayer of Gratitude

Dear God, Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you that you are able to bring hope through even the toughest of times, strengthening us for your purposes. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your mercy and grace. Thank you that you are always with us and will never leave us. Thank you for your incredible sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Debbie McDaniel, <https://www.christianity.com/wiki/prayer/>



WELCOME

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.



Pink Ribbon Morning Tea

The Tuesday Craft Group invite you, your family and friends to our annual fundraiser for Breast Cancer Research.

When: Tuesday 24th October at 9.30 am

Where: The Fellowship Room,
South Mandurah Uniting Church
2-4 REES PLACE

Cost: \$15 entry with raffle tickets and stalls on the day.

Theme: PINK ATTIRE [The more pink the better!!]

Come and join us for a cuppa and a laugh.

Contact: Sue Lawrence to book a table for you and friends. M: 043 029 530
E: jslaw1@bigpond.com

If anyone is interested in joining the Tuesday Craft Group, please speak to Sue. The group meets every Tuesday, starting at 9am.



The Messenger

Jenni Anderson has kindly agreed to be our guest editor for the 15th & 22nd October Messengers while Peter & Raelyn are holidaying.

If you have any articles, notices or prayer requests please email them by **5pm Tuesday** to:
jenni.anderson@internode.on.net



Pastoral Care

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Happy Birthday

Judy Smith Tuesday 3 October
*God Bless and warm wishes
To you upon your birthdays*

On Line Giving

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**Blessings & Congratulations To
Peter & Raelyn Punch**
Celebrating their 38th Anniversary
On Thursday 5th October