



# The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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



## 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

## Pentecost 20

15 October 2023

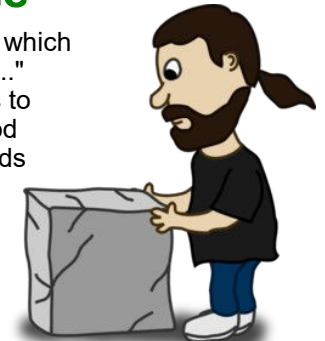
Welcome: John & Sue Lawrence  
 Flowers: Debbie Hardy  
 Coffee/Tea: Peter & Cath Salisbury  
 Reader: Andrew Gibson  
 Kids Church: Julie Lehmann  
 Church Rep: Jenni Anderson  
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## The Rejected Stone

Jesus quoted the words of the Psalmist: "The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner..." (Ps. 118:22) Later Simon Peter would quote these words to the rulers and the elders in testimony concerning the good news of Christ. (Acts 4:11) Later he would cite those words again in his epistles. (1 Pet. 2:7)

There was a legend that was well known in New Testament times that in the building of the temple of Solomon most of the stones were of the same size and shape. One stone arrived, however, that was different from the others. The builders took one look at it and said, "This will not do," and sent it rolling down into the valley of Kedron below. The years passed and the great temple was nearing completion, and the builders sent a message to the stonecutters to send the chief cornerstone that the structure might be complete. The cutters replied that they had sent the stone years before. Then someone remembered the stone that was different than all the rest that somehow did not seem to belong. They realized that they had thrown away the cornerstone. They hurried into the valley to retrieve it. Finally under vines and debris they recovered it and with great effort rolled it up the hill and put it in place so that the great temple would be complete. The stone that had been rejected had become the chief cornerstone. Jesus, who had been rejected now reigns at the right hand of the Father. From rejection to rejoicing.



King Duncan, From Rejection to Rejoicing, [www.Sermons.com](http://www.Sermons.com)



## Readings from the Lectionary

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

Ex 32:1-14  
 Ps 106:1-6, 19-23  
 Phil 4:1-9  
 Mt 22:1-14



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

## Toys For Christmas

Last year Tony McAlinden asked our congregation to collect toys for children whose parents were in prison. He said this would be hugely beneficial for the children who don't understand why their parents can't come home. It would also greatly help their parents' mental health because they would have a present to give to their loved ones. The response from our congregation to this appeal was fantastic, and at last year's Christmas concert several large boxes of presents were presented to Tony McAlinden. Tony was extremely grateful and later told us that the recipients of those gifts were overwhelmed with the generosity which had been shown to them.

Tony has approached the Leadership Team and asked if South Mandurah Uniting Church will support this worthwhile cause again. The Leadership Team have agreed and are inviting the congregation to donate toys for children whose mother or father will be in jail at Christmas time. The toys can be new or near new and don't need to be wrapped. If you are donating a toy which requires batteries, please provide the appropriate batteries. For more information please speak to any member of the Leadership Team.



## The Vineyard Belongs to God

A friend told me about an announcement in her church's weekly newsletter saying that next Sunday the church would celebrate the Lord's Supper. A new Christian with no church background saw the notice and called up my friend. "I have two questions," she said. "It's about this supper thing. Am I invited and how much will it cost?"

The world is still asking these questions. Can we come? And how much will this supper cost? The way we answer these questions will determine the kind of tenants we are. We still have much work to do. We keep reminding one another that the table is not ours. We just work here. The vineyard belongs to God.

Roger Lovette, Dinner Reservations, article in The Christian Century, September 20, 2005, p. 21.



## Compassionate Friends Service

Compassionate Friends is a charity aimed at supporting bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents who have suffered the death of a child. This year their annual service will be held at SMUC on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 6-30pm for a 7pm start. Everyone is welcome. More information will be provided as it becomes available.



# 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.*



## Pray 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](mailto:yoyea1210@gmail.com) or M: 0421 793 562.



## Pink Ribbon Morning Tea

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

**When:** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:jenni.anderson@internode.on.net)



## Pastoral Care

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Alison Yule** Monday 9 October

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