



The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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

Pentecost 24

12 November 2023

Welcome: John & Sue Lawrence
 Flowers: Judy Law
 Coffee/Tea: Frances Davy & Alison Yule
 Reader: Yoy Alberastine
 Kids Church: Anita Alberastine
 Church Rep: Sherryl Smith
 Worship Leader: Yoy Alberastine
 Speaker: Rev. Mike Fawcett (Communion)



Pentecost 25

19 November 2023

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking
 Flowers: Cynthia Falconer
 Coffee/Tea: Cynthia Falconer & Jan Robinson
 Reader: Jaren Picking
 Kids Church: Julie Lehmann
 Church Rep: Raelyn Punch
 Worship Leader: Keith Lehmann
 Speaker: Neil Masters



Readings from the Lectionary

Josh 24:1-3a, 14-25
 Ps 78:1-7
 1 Thes 4:13-18
 Mt 25:1-13

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

Are You Ready? (Mt 25:1-13)

There's a true story that comes from the sinking of the Titanic. A frightened woman found her place in a lifeboat that was about to be lowered into the raging North Atlantic. She suddenly thought of something she needed, so she asked permission to return to her stateroom before they cast off. She was granted three minutes or they would leave without her.



She ran across the deck that was already slanted at a dangerous angle. She raced through the gambling room with all the money that had rolled to one side, ankle deep. She came to her stateroom and quickly pushed a side her diamond rings and expensive bracelets and necklaces as she reached to the shelf above her bed and grabbed three small oranges. She quickly found her way back to the lifeboat and got in. Now that seems incredible because thirty minutes earlier she would not have chosen a crate of oranges over the smallest diamond. But death had boarded the Titanic. One blast of its awful breath had transformed all values. Instantaneously, priceless things had become worthless. Worthless things had become priceless and in that moment she preferred three small oranges to a crate of diamonds.

There are events in life, which have the power to transform the way we look at the world. Jesus' parable about the ten virgins offers one of these types of events, for the parable is about the Second Coming of Christ. But Jesus doesn't come right out and say this. Rather, he lets the story describe it for him. The woman on the sinking Titanic understood, in the light of her current circumstances, that she must make preparations for living on a lifeboat. Diamonds would not suffice, only the precious resources of an orange were good enough. Likewise, in this world where Christ may return at any moment, the parable warns, we must be ready and those who are not will be left behind.

It is worth asking what keeps you burning and passionate about life and filled with authenticity, truth, identity, and meaning in your everyday living? If you say you are a Christian but didn't answer "Jesus," you've identified the problem !!

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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.



Upcoming Events

◆ Advent/Christmas Concert & Supper

Our very popular Advent Concert will be held **Saturday evening 2nd December, with dinner starting at 5-30pm.**

The church will provide barbecued sausages, tea and coffee. Members are asked to bring a plate of their favourite salad or dessert to share. Please invite guests - neighbours, family and friends to join us for a fun filled evening. Ken Lehmann will be the MC and is organising the event. Please contact Ken if you would like to join the singers or musicians

M: 0417 955 149 or E: kenneth.lehmann@bigpond.com



◆ Ladies' Christmas Luncheon

The Ladies coffee group will meet at the Mei Jing Chinese Restaurant, **midday Wednesday 6th December** for an early Christmas lunch (instead of meeting for morning tea in Falcon.) The Mei Jing Chinese restaurant is at 93 Mandurah Terrace, Mandurah, Ph: 9581 3626. Guests are very welcome.

RSVP: To confirm the booking please RSVP by 1st December to Robyn M: 0417 962 435



◆ Compassionate Friends Service

The Compassionate Friends Annual Service is being held at our church on **Sunday 10th December, 6-30pm for a 7pm start.** Compassionate Friends is a charity aimed at supporting parents, siblings and grandparents who have lost a child. Yoy Alberastine will be conducting the service and will need some volunteers on the evening. Please contact Yoy if you would like to help.

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◆ Christmas Eve Service

There will be a special Christmas Eve Service held on **Sunday 24th December**, led by Yoy Alberastine. Check future Messengers for more details.



Toys for the Children of Dads who are in Prison

Thank you to everyone who has already donated toys. Please continue to donate toys or books for the children whose dads are in prison. The toys or books should be new, or near new, and suitable for children up to 14 years. Please put them in the decorated boxes in the church foyer. They don't need to be expensive or gift wrapped, but if batteries are needed please include them with the toy. Through your generosity we can help make a difference for these children and their fathers this Christmas.

For more information, please speak to Raelyn M: 0429 685 908 or E: prpunch@lasar.net.au



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. Appointments for a confidential meeting with Yoy on Saturday afternoons between midday and 3pm, via email: yoyea1210@gmail.com or M: 0421 793 562.



Tip Passes

If anyone has rubbish tip passes (the passes can be found on your rate's notices) they are not using could you please donate them to the church? They will be used for the disposal of rubbish removed from our gardens by the Community Services group. If you can help please contact:

Jenni Anderson M0429 120 658, E: jenni.anderson@internode.on.net
Or Raelyn Punch 0429 685 908, E: prpunch@lasar.net.au



There is a Deadline

Did you hear about last year's Christmas parade in Mandurah? Many elaborate floats passed by before a simple hay wagon pulled by a tractor came along. On the wagon were several young people from the university. They are madly sawing boards and nailing things together. The puzzled expressions of the onlooker's faces changed to laughter when they read the sign on the back of the wagon. It read: "We thought the parade was next week!" Isn't that just how it is? There is a time to prepare, and there is a deadline after which nothing will do. Either you're ready or you're not!

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**Blessings & Congratulations To
John & Sue Lawrence**

**Celebrating their 52nd Anniversary
On Monday 13th November**

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)



Your Messenger

If you have any articles, notices or prayer requests please email them by **5pm Tuesday** to prpunch@lasar.net.au

Also, if you would like to receive an email copy of the weekly Uniting Church News & Notes please contact me.

Peter



Henry Bubb Saturday 18 November
**God Bless and warm wishes
To you upon your birthdays**