



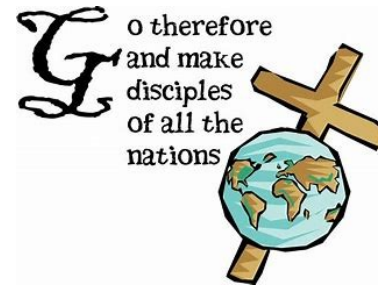
Pentecost 25 19 November 2023



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: Linda Liddelow

Reign of Christ 26 November 2023

Welcome: Lynsay & Jenny Dunning
 Flowers: Peter Punch
 Coffee/Tea: Raelyn Punch & Judy Law
 Reader: Pauline Terblanche
 Kids Church: Raelyn Punch
 Church Rep: Jenni Anderson
 Worship Leader: Piet Speyers
 Speaker: Rev. Mike Fawcett & Tony McAlinden



Go therefore
and make
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of all the
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The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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



Readings from the Lectionary

Judg 4:1-7
 Ps 123
 1 Thes 5:1-11
 Mt 25:14-30

Ez 34:11-16, 20-24
 Ps 100
 Eph 1:15-23
 Mt 25:31-46



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

Fearless

Commitment has become a fearful word in our current culture. Whether in careers, marriages, churches, or even faith, the very word "commitment" seems to strike fear into the spines of people of all ages.



Significant cultural paradigm changes may have contributed to this rise in our current "zero commitment, instant gratification" social milieu. Whereas 50 years ago, a solid resume meant that you loyally stayed with one employer for most of your working life, gaining wisdom and experience that proved valuable to business, the technological revolution shifted the image of the ideal employee to one with adaptable learning, multiple work experiences and environments, and the ability to shift jobs frequently in order to adapt to changing workplace needs. No longer was long-term wisdom valued but short-term adaptability became the desired hire.

The internet also changed our ideas about authority. No longer do we value one trusted authority on a subject, but we take our learning into our own hands, mining Google and other search engines for information on every available topic. We can access everything not only fully but instantly. We have become our own authorities.

The technological revolution has caused us to embrace a community of "online" relationships that remain convenient but are mostly superficial. As the wellness movement, good in many ways, has increased we have learned to invest in ourselves rather than others, to care first for our own needs, and to value quick and effortless change but what are the longer term consequences for this philosophy? Is this of benefit to our society as a whole? Has this philosophy lead to people running away from problems rather than having the courage to face our demons? To be fearless in the face of a challenge rather than looking for an easy way out.

Surely the best example of fearlessness was our lord Jesus Christ who knew what was in store for him. He knew that the Jews would crucify him if he continued to preach the word in a manner which threatened the comfortable lives of the Pharisees; but did he run away? Giving into fear or running away from challenges will in the long term have deleterious effects to your health, your relationships and your faith. Be fearless! Have faith in your creator and His son and live the good life.

www.sermons.com (edited)

YouthCARE

This week our speaker Linda Liddelowe is a chaplain from YouthCARE. South Mandurah Uniting Church has supported YouthCARE for many years. YouthCARE is WA's leading provider of pastoral care in over 600 state government schools and has been doing so for over 50 years. YouthCARE reaches people in need through specific programs such as Peers Skills and G.R.I.T. (Growth, Resilience, Integrity, Traction). More information about YouthCARE can be found at their website: <https://www.youthcare.org.au>



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 21st November
and every fortnight at the Taste of Italy Café, Peelwood Parade, Halls Head.

For more information please contact Peter M: 0427 685 908 or Raelyn Punch M: 0429 685 908, E: prpunch@lasar.net.au



Indifference

In the book *The Screwtape Letters*, by C. S. Lewis, a devil briefs his demon nephew, Wormwood, in a series of letters, on the subtleties and techniques of tempting people. In his writings, the devil says that the objective is not to make people wicked but to make them indifferent. This higher devil cautions Wormwood that he must keep the patient comfortable at all costs. If he should start thinking about anything of importance, encourage him to think about his luncheon plans and not to worry so much because it could cause indigestion. And then the devil gives this instruction to his nephew: "I, the devil, will always see to it that there are bad people. Your job, my dear Wormwood, is to provide me with people who do not care."

Dan Vellinga, *What Would You Do?*



For Your Diary

◆ 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



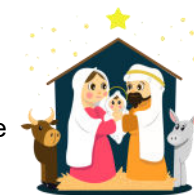
◆ Compassionate Friends Service

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. M: 0421 793 562; yoyea1210@gmail.com



◆ 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.



Pastoral Care

For pastoral care or spiritual guidance please contact:

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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.



Toys & Books 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.

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