



# The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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



## Epiphany 3

21 January 2024

Welcome: Peter & Raelyn Punch  
 Flowers: Debby Hardy  
 Coffee/Tea: Judy Law & Rosie Sharp  
 Reader: Sherryl Smith  
 Kids Church: Julie Lehmann  
 Church Rep: Sherryl Smith  
 Worship Leader: Ken Lehmann  
 Speaker: Steve Hall (Adult & Teen Challenge)



## Epiphany 4

28 January 2024

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking  
 Flowers: Sue Lawrence  
 Coffee/Tea: Andrew & Jan Gibson & Alison Yule  
 Reader: Andrew Gibson  
 Kids Church: Raelyn Punch  
 Church Rep: Raelyn Punch  
 Worship Leader: Frances Davy  
 Speaker: Piet Speyers



### Readings from the Lectionary

Jon 3:1-5, 10  
 Ps 62:5-12  
 1 Cor 7:29-31  
 Mk 1:14-20

Dt 18:15-20  
 Ps 111  
 1 Cor 8:1-13  
 Mk 1:21-28



## South Mandurah Uniting Church

2-4 Rees Place Wannanup  
 PO Box 5290 FALCON WA 6210

Website: <https://southmandurah.ucwa.au>

For pastoral needs please contact Rev. Mike Fawcett M: 0412 243 677

E: [fawcettmichael176@gmail.com](mailto:fawcettmichael176@gmail.com)

Or any member of the Leadership Team

Pastor: Yoy Alberastine M: 0421 793 562 E: [yoyea1210@gmail.com](mailto:yoyea1210@gmail.com)

Leadership Team Chair: Raelyn Punch 0429 685 908 E: [prpunch@lasar.net.au](mailto:prpunch@lasar.net.au)  
 Editor of the Messenger: Peter Punch 0427 685 908 E: [prpunch@lasar.net.au](mailto:prpunch@lasar.net.au)  
 Prayer Circle Leader: Frances Davy 0488 906 280 E: [2davyfamily@gmail.com](mailto:2davyfamily@gmail.com)

Members of the Leadership Team: Raelyn Punch, Sherryl Smith & Andrew Telfer

Halls Head Bendigo Bank details for electronic transfers:

A/C Name: Uniting Church in Australia-South Mandurah Congregation  
 BSB: 633-000 A/C No: 117072207

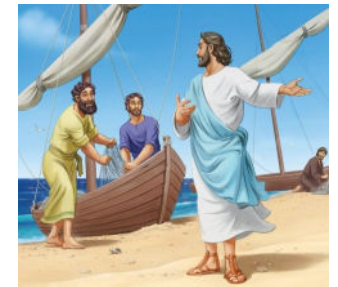
It is optional whether you include your name as a reference for the payment.



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

### Be a Team Member

What's your personality type? Today, we have lots of personality tests and guides to help you get to know yourself, your best and worst qualities, your weaknesses and strengths, your unique likes and dislikes, the key ways that you handle situations and relationships, the gifts you contribute to a team. Employers, psychologists, dating sites, and others often use these kinds of surveys to help them determine outstanding matches, people to hire, and dynamic innovators. Why? Because we know as human beings that the best, most creative solutions, teams, and inventions most often come from pairing together minds that are diverse, different, and that can see various angles of a situation, react differently, and sound off of each other to come up with unique and surprising thoughts and directions. The most creative ideas come from bringing together unexpected and unlikely pairings of disciplines, directions, ideas, and minds.



Musical scholars believe, for example, that one of the reasons the Beatles still remain the most unique, talented, and amazing musical group in history comes from the pairing of 4 truly gifted, different, and unique minds. Lennon and McCartney in particular together created a style of music and creative excellence that neither could match on their own. The best scientific discoveries come from putting together teams that all work on finding unique solutions. Medical professionals team together to diagnose unusual illnesses that require specialization from sometimes a multitude of areas. The best CEOs surround themselves with an inner posse of people gifted in areas that the CEO is not. Even ancient kings surrounded themselves with "magi" who could advise them on any number of matters, not to mention prophets, who served as truth tellers and readers of culture and spirituality for those they served.

It's no wonder then that Jesus would choose his disciples carefully, according to the gifts he saw in them, but they all shared in common their willingness to accept Jesus as their leader and their commitment to God. Jesus' disciples were doers, not just talkers, and they continued to preach the Gospel long after Christ's ascension, sometimes to their own detriment.

Continued overleaf

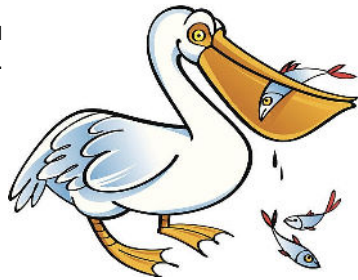
## Be a Team Member (continued)

Our church URGENTLY needs additional members on its Leadership Team. People who are committed, willing to share ideas and to work as a team for the betterment of our community, and to proclaim the word of our Lord. Stop and think for a minute; not "What has the church done for me?" but "What can I do for our church?" Whether you are young or old doesn't matter; what does matter is your love of God and your passion to help others. For our church to continue to thrive, we need people from different backgrounds and with different ideas to step up and lead the way forward. Have you filled out a nomination form for the Leadership Team yet, or alternatively, can you think of someone to nominate? **DON'T PROCRASTINATE** (according to Mark's Gospel, the disciples didn't hesitate), **ACT NOW!**



## Pelicans Caught Unprepared

Years ago I read an article about some pelicans in Mandurah. If you've ever seen pelicans in action, you know they're great fishermen, or fisher-birds, I guess. These pelicans were hanging out near a fleet of fishing boats. The fishermen on the boats would pull into the estuary, and clean the fish right on the spot, throwing the heads and the rest into the water. The pelicans quickly learnt about this, and began eating the leftovers without having to go out fishing, and if you're a pelican, that's good eating. So for months they just sat near the fishing boat wharves and waited for the fishing boats to come in.



Some time later the fishermen found out they could sell the fish waste, and so they stopped throwing it into the water. The pelicans were caught unprepared. They continued to sit and wait for the fishing boats to come in and throw free food in the water. They grew thinner and thinner, and seemed unable to do anything about their situation.

Wildlife officers came to find out what was going on, and concluded that the pelicans had forgotten how to fish. Their solution was to bring pelicans in from another Bunbury to join the flock and teach the starving birds how to fish again.

Gary Nicolosi (Edited)

## On Line Giving

Please consider using on line giving via our church's bank account rather than the open plate on Sundays. Our church's banking details are listed below:

**Bank:** Halls Head Bendigo Bank  
**A/C Name:** Uniting Church in Australia - South Mandurah Congregation  
**BSB:** 633-000      **Account Number:** 117072207



## URGENT: Nominate for Election to the Leadership Team

If you missed the last service, Raelyn announced that due to receiving a promotion and transfer to work in Midland, she will not be renominating for the Leadership Team (LT) at the AGM. (Rae has served on the LT for 10 years). This will leave the LT critically short of members and they need your help.

**Now is the time to step up** and nominate for election to the Leadership Team. A copy of the nomination form is attached to the emailed newsletter or ask any member of the leadership team for a form.

**For more information or to nominate please contact:**

**Raelyn Punch** E: [prpunch@lasar.net.au](mailto:prpunch@lasar.net.au)  
M: 0429 685 908

Please nominate **ASAP** for the Leadership Team elections. The closing time for nominations is **5pm Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024**



## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE.** Due to the Taste of Italy Café closing, as an interim measure, the gentlemen's fortnightly coffee morning will be held at the **Lazy Janes Café, Miami Plaza**

**For more information** please contact Peter M: 0427 685 908 or Raelyn Punch M: 0429 685 908, E: [prpunch@lasar.net.au](mailto:prpunch@lasar.net.au)



## Pastoral Care

For pastoral care or spiritual guidance please contact:

**Rev. Mike Fawcett**  
M: 0412 243 677  
E: [fawcettmichael176@gmail.com](mailto:fawcettmichael176@gmail.com)



**OR** Any member of the leadership team (their names are overleaf)

**Happy birthday**

**Piet Speyers** Tuesday 23 January  
*God Bless and warm wishes  
To you upon your birthday*

## 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.*

