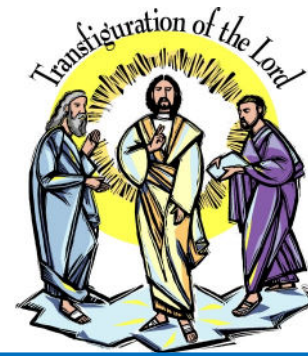




The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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



Jesus Transfigured

Dr. Jaroslav Pelikan of Yale University wrote a remarkable study of the significance of the person and work of Jesus Christ titled "Jesus Through the Centuries". Dr. Pelikan demonstrates how Jesus has been the dominant figure in the history of western culture. Each age has made Jesus relevant to its own needs. Jesus has furnished each new age with answers to fundamental questions as every generation has had to address new social problems that tested the more fundamental questions of human existence. The world had to take note of Jesus as a rabbi, as the Cosmic Christ, the Ruler of the World, the King of Kings, the Prince of Peace, the Son of Man, the True Image of Man, the Great Liberator. In many other ways Jesus furnished the answers and the images that affected society in positive ways.



Dr. Pelikan's thesis is that Jesus did not and does not belong to the churches and the theologians alone, but that he belongs to the world. None of this is to say that we can make Jesus what we want Jesus to be. Quite the opposite. It is to say that the Christ is adequate for all our needs and that Jesus transcends culture in such a way that he is able to belong to each age and to address the issues of all time. To understand that, we can do no better than to look to the Holy Gospel for today, which celebrates the transfiguration of our Lord. In that momentous event we learn how and why Jesus belongs to the centuries.

For 2000 years Jesus has been the symbol of love to those who believe. As the son of God He should have been a source of unity, peace on earth and the betterment of mankind, but sadly the avarice, politics and ambition of men have not seen that come to fruition. The transfiguration of our Lord was one of many events recorded in the Gospels proving that Jesus was the son of God, and demonstrating the power and glory of God. We can only pray that future generations will come to that realisation; that they ban war and weapons of mass destruction, poverty and starvation and live as He intended.

www.sermons.com (Edited)

Welcome



A very warm welcome is extended to any visitors. We trust that you will be blessed during this time of worship and invite



Transfiguration of Jesus

11 February 2024



Lent 1

18 February 2024

Welcome: Judy Law & Rosie Sharp
 Flowers: Judy Law
 Coffee/Tea: Raelyn Punch & Pauline Terblanche
 Reader: Barbara Smith
 Kids Church: Raelyn Punch
 Church Rep: Andrew Telfer
 Worship Leader: Andrew Telfer
 Speaker: Rev. Mike Fawcett (Communion)

Welcome: Peter & Raelyn Punch
 Flowers: Peter Punch
 Coffee/Tea: Peter & Cath Salisbury
 Reader: Cynthia Falconer
 Kids Church: Judy Smith
 Church Rep: Raelyn Punch
 Worship Leader: Piet Speyers
 Speaker: Frances Davy

Readings from the Lectionary

2Kgs 2:1-12
 Ps 50:1-6
 2 Cor 4:3-6
 Mk 9:2-9

Gn 9:8-17
 Ps 25:1-10
 1 Pt 3:18-22
 Mk 1:9-15



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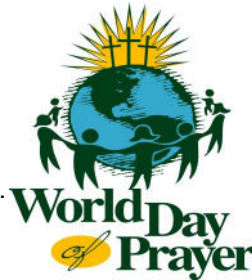


Our Vision: "United in Christ we reach out to build loving relationships that deepen faith and enrich lives."

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "**informed prayer and prayerful action**" and is celebrated in over 170 countries. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common day of prayer. This year the host country is Palestine.

Our local service will be held at the Salvation Army Church, 45 Lakes Road, Greenfields on Friday 1st March starting at 2pm. All are welcome.



Community Coffee Mornings

You would like to start a community outreach program by holding a coffee morning at the church. Initially it will be once a month, but depending on the response this may be increased. While SMUC members will be very welcome, the "target audience" will be pre-believer friends and the local neighbourhood.



Does anyone have a coffee machine (preferably a commercial one) which they are willing to donate? Equally important, do you have training as a barista and are you willing to volunteer to help?

You can be contacted at M: 0421 793 562 or E: yoyea1210@gmail.com

South Mandurah UC's Website

Last yearUCAWA offered to provide all congregations a new standardised website at no cost. The more visits to our website the closer to the top of any search pages, so if you haven't checked our website please visit us at least once weekly to check up on any coming events, read the Messenger and catch up the recorded messages from the Sunday services. Our website address is:

<https://southmandurah.ucawa.au>

Attached to the website is a new email address for our church:

sthmandurahuniting@gmail.com

The church email address will be checked every few days. In the short term if you need to contact the Leadership Team urgently, please contact Raelyn and Peter via our personal email account prpunch@lasar.net.au

Once a new chair is appointed after the AGM the plan is for the new email account to become the major account for the church, and for the incoming chair's email will be reserved for urgent matters.

A volunteer is needed to oversee the church's website and act as facilitator for our Facebook page. If you are interested please speak to any member of the Leadership Team



Final REMINDER: AGM

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held after the service on **Sunday 18th February 2024**. Please support your wonderful Leadership Team by attending the meeting for the delivery of the annual report, presentation of the 2024 budget, election of Leadership Team members and general business. The nominees for the Leadership Team Ballot are Rev. Mike Fawcett and Kerry Lawson.



A copy of the Annual Report will be emailed to the members of SMUC this Sunday 11th February and limited printed copies will be available at the church.

Following the meeting you are invited to the Port Bouvard Marina for a light lunch of fish and chips, to farewell and thank the outgoing Leadership Team members and welcome the new Team. The Marina is located at the end of Rees Place and everyone is invited, but please note you are to pay for your own lunch. We hope you will join us enjoy the fellowship over a tasty meal.

For more information please contact Raelyn E: prpunch@lasar.net.au or phone 0429 685 908.

Ladies coffee mornings

Please note: The Ladies "She Brews" fellowship coffee mornings has changed venues to the **Café Coast, 45 Rees PI Port Bouvard Marina, Wannanup**. The ladies meet every Wednesday from 9-30am for a chat over a cuppa and a delicious pastry. Ladies, bring your friends and neighbours—they are all welcome. For more information please contact Sue Lawrence M: 0438 029 530 E: jslaw1@bigpond.com



Tuesday Craft Group

Now that school has started, the ladies' craft are meeting every Tuesday from 9am to midday in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome. For more information contact Sue Lawrence M: 0438 029 530 E: jslaw1@bigpond.com



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)



Happy birthday

Andrew Gibson Tuesday 13 February

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