



The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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

Lent 1 18 February 2024

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



Lent 2 25 February 2024

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking
 Flowers: Kerry Lawson
 Coffee/Tea: Cynthia Falconer & Jan Robinson
 Reader: Jaren Picking
 Kids Church: Kerry Lawson
 Church Rep: TBA
 Worship Leader: Cynthia Clive
 Speaker: Rev. Mike Fawcett



Readings from the Lectionary

Gn 9:8-17
 Ps 25:1-10
 1 Pt 3:8-11
 Mk 1:9-15

Gn 17:1-7, 15-16
 Ps22:23-31
 Rom 4:13-25
 Mk 8:31-38 or Mk 9:2-9



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

The Road to Holiness Mk 1:9-15



Recently I was looking at some of my many files under the "quotes" folder. One such quote is called, "The Road to Holiness."

A seeker after truth came to a saint for guidance. "Tell me, wise one, how did you become holy?"

"Two words."

"And what are they, please?"

"Right choices."

The seeker was fascinated. "How does one learn to choose rightly?"

"One word."

"One word! May I have it, please?" the seeker asked.

"Growth."

The seeker was thrilled. "How does one grow?"

"Two words."

"What are they, pray tell?"

"Wrong choices."

I believe that this is God's purpose in times of testing, to help us grow and to show us that we have the faith and ability to stand up to the testing so that we will trust God in difficult times -- to strengthen our faith and Christian character. At the same time, Satan has his own purpose -- to turn those being tested away from God -- to "tempt" them to sin.

Brian Stoffregen, Exegetical Notes

Welcome



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





Chaplains' Dedication Service

South Mandurah Uniting Church is hosting this year's annual Chaplains' Dedication Service. The service will be led by Ps Yoy Alberastine and will be held on **Sunday 25th February 2024, starting at 2.00 pm.**

The YouthCARE Council invites everyone to attend and hopes for a good turn out. There will be opportunity to meet and chat with the chaplains at afternoon tea time after the service.

If you are interested in learning more about the YouthCARE program, their most recent newsletter will be emailed with the Messenger.

We Haven't Batted Yet

Temptation tries to blind us to other possibilities. A business man driving home from work one day, saw a junior cricket game in progress. He decided to stop and watch. He sat down on the bench and asked one of the youngsters what the score was. "We're behind 103 to nothing," he answered with a smile. "Really!" the businessmen responded in astonishment. "I have to say you don't look very discouraged."

"Discouraged?" the boy asked with a puzzled look on his face. "Why should we be discouraged? We haven't been up to bat yet."



Brett Blair, www.Sermons.com (Edited)

Rubbish Tip Passes

Every year the City Council attaches rubbish tip passes to your rates notice. Our church maintenance team would be very grateful if you would donate the rubbish tip passes to our church if you are not using them. This will allow the Corrective Services group, who help us with routine gardening and yard maintenance around the church building, to dispose of the rubbish free of charge rather than having to pay \$50 per trailer load.

Please speak to Keith Johnston 0419 641 055 or Andrew Gibson 0407 985 056 if you can help.



Thank you

Thank you to everyone who helped contribute to our very successful pancake breakfast last Sunday, whether you were working in the kitchen, helping set up and clean up, or simply enjoying the delicious pancakes. Special thanks to Kerry Lawson, Sue Lawrence, Pauline Terblanche and Raelyn for all your efforts.



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.



Coffee, Cake & Fellowship

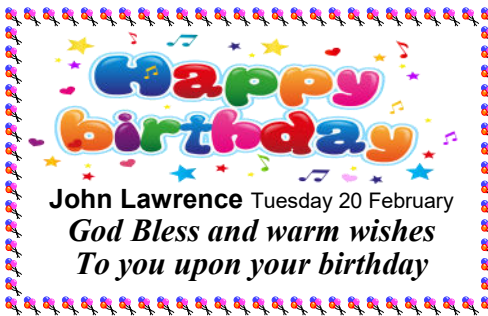
You are invited to join the ladies or gentlemen respectively for coffee, delicious pastries and scintillating conversation:

For Ladies: She Brews - 9-30am every Wednesday
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE: Café Coast, 45 Rees Pl, Port Bouvard Marina, Wannanup

For Gentlemen: Espresso - 9-30am Tuesday 20th February 2024

As the gentlemen's favourite cafe has reopened, they will meet 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



Happy birthday

John Lawrence Tuesday 20 February
*God Bless and warm wishes
To you upon your birthday*



**Blessings & Congratulations To
Andrew & Jan Gibson**
**Celebrating their 52nd Anniversary
On Monday 19th February**

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)



Saturdays 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. You're invited to share a prayer or a chat with Yoy over a cup of coffee.

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