



# The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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



## 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: Rev. Mike Fawcett  
Worship Leader: Cynthia Clive  
Speaker: Rev. Mike Fawcett



## Lent 3

3 March 2024

Welcome: Brian & Barbara Smith  
Flowers: Barbara Smith  
Coffee/Tea: Lynsay & Jenny Dunning & Cliff & Averil Clark  
Reader: Pauline Terblanche  
Kids Church: TBA  
Church Rep: Yoy Alberastine  
Worship Leader: Yoy Alberastine  
Speaker: Yoy Alberastine



### Readings from the Lectionary

Gn 17:1-7, 15-16

Ps 22:23-31

Rom 4:13-25

Mk 8:31-38 or Mk 9:2-9

Ex 20:1-17

Ps 19

1 Cor 1:18-25

Jn 2:13-22



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

## Humble Acts of Service

During the dark days of World War II, England had a great deal of difficulty keeping men in the coal mines. It was a thankless kind of job, totally lacking in any glory. Most chose to join the various military services. They desired something that could give them more social acceptance and recognition. Something was needed to motivate these men in the work that they were doing so that they would remain in the mines.

With this in mind the British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, delivered a speech one day to thousands of coal miners, stressing to them the importance of their role in the war effort. He did this by painting for them a mental picture. He told them to picture the grand parade that would take place when VE Day came. First, he said, would come the sailors of the British Navy, the ones who had upheld the grand tradition of Trafalgar and the defeat of the Armada. Next in the parade, he said, would come the pilots of the Royal Air Force. They were the ones who, more than any other, had saved England from the dreaded German Luftwaffe. Next in the parade would come the Army, the ones that had stood tall at the crises of Dunkirk.

Last of all, he said, would come a long line of sweat-stained, soot-streaked men in minor's caps. And someone, he said, would cry from the crowd, "And where were you during the critical days of the struggle?" And then from ten thousand throats would come, "We were deep in the earth with our faces to the coal." We are told that there were tears in the eyes of many of those soot laden and weathered faced coal miners. They had been given a sense of their own self worth by the man at the top.

Service does not always come with big fancy ribbons. And I think it is forever true, that humble acts of service provide us with the deepest sense of joy and the most fulfilling satisfaction.

Brett Blair, [www.eSermons.com](http://www.eSermons.com) (Edited)



## AGM

There was an excellent turnout at the AGM. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the meeting. Thank you also to all those who joined Raelyn and Yoy for fish and chips after the meeting.



An election was held for 2 positions on the Leadership Team (LT) with both Kerry Lawson and Rev. Mike Fawcett being elected and welcomed onto the LT. To general acclamation, Ps Yoy announced during the meeting that Raelyn Punch will be seconded back onto the LT.

The names of the chair and secretary will be announced once the new LT have met and made the appointments.

## Living Life From The Outside In

Were I to create a short list of people who live from the outside in, it would include people who don't know what their political beliefs are until they've read their favourite political columnist; don't know what books they want to read until Oprah tells them; don't know how to decorate for Christmas until Martha Stewart directs them; don't know what to believe until their denomination tells them; don't know what to wear until they have consulted a Fashion guru; don't know how to respond to the controversial issues of the day until they check their windsocks to see which way the breeze is blowing.



People with this pattern are like submarines cruising through life at periscope depth and they will not come to the surface until they have surveyed the surrounding territory, making sure that their emergence will occur within optimal conditions for safety from others they perceive to be potentially menacing critics.

We have all been there at one point or another in our journeys, living life from the outside in. When we act in that fashion and someone calls us for that behaviour; we are the same people Jesus had in mind when he talked about those who have gained the whole world, but forfeited their lives.

We've gotten it backwards, Jesus says. Instead, turn matters inside out and live from the inside out.

Robert Noblett, *Sermons for Sunday in Lent and Easter*, CSS Publishing Company, Inc. (Edited)

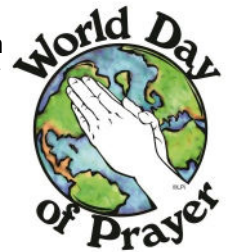
## A Prayer to Know God More

Oh Lord,  
Please help me this day. Give me eyes to see how you are at work in every one of my circumstances. Lord, give me perseverance to increase my understanding of you. Give me a hunger to read your Word and to seek to know you more each day. Just as the dawn comes with its exact precision, help me to trust that You will also move in my life, in your perfect timing and in your beautiful way. In your name I pray, amen.

Tiffany Thibault ([www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/a-prayer-for-lent.html](http://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/a-prayer-for-lent.html))

## 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.

## 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 the Church having to pay \$50 per trailer load.



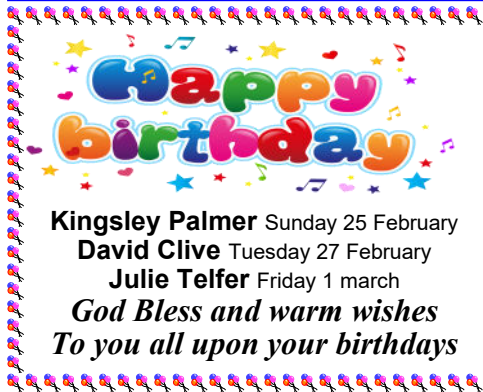
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**Kingsley Palmer** Sunday 25 February

**David Clive** Tuesday 27 February

**Julie Telfer** Friday 1 March

*God Bless and warm wishes  
To you all upon your birthdays*



**Blessings & Congratulations To:  
Ron & Kerry Lawson**

**Celebrating their 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

**& David & Rhonda Jessup  
Celebrating their 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

## 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.*

