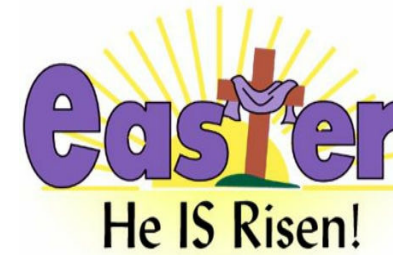




# The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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



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He is  
Risen

## Easter Day 31 March 2024

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking  
Flowers: Judy Law  
Coffee/Tea: Brian & Barbara Smith  
Reader: Keith Picking  
Kids Church: Kerry Lawson  
Church Rep: Raelyn Punch  
Worship Leader: Piet Speyers  
Speaker: Yoy Alberastine

## Easter 2 7 April 2024

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking  
Flowers: Kerry Lawson  
Coffee/Tea: Peter & Cath Salisbury  
Reader: John Lawrence  
Kids Church: Anita Alberastine  
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### Readings from the Lectionary

#### Good Friday

Is 52:13-53:12  
Ps 22  
Heb 10:16-25  
or Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9  
Jn 18:1-19:42

#### Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 or  
Is 25:6-9  
Ps 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Cor 15:1-11  
or Acts 10:34-43  
Jn 20:1-18 or Mk 16:1-8

#### Easter 2

Acts 4:32-35  
Ps 133  
1 Jn 1:1-2:2  
Jn 20:19-31

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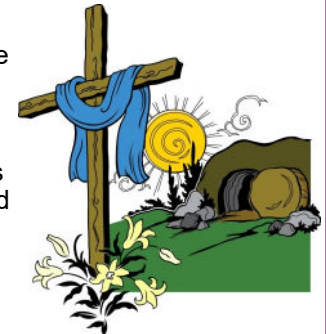
### This Is Easter

You probably do not remember the name Nikolai Ivanovich Bukharin. During his day he was as powerful a man as there was on earth. A Russian Communist leader he took part in the Bolshevik Revolution 1917, was editor of the Soviet newspaper Pravda (the name of which means truth), and was a full member of the Politburo. His works on economics and political science are still read today. There is a story told about a journey he took from Moscow to Kiev in 1930 to address a huge assembly on the subject of atheism. Addressing the crowd he aimed his heavy artillery at Christianity hurling insult, argument, and proof against it.

An hour later he was finished. He looked out at what seemed to be the smouldering ashes of men's faith. "Are there any questions?" Bukharin demanded. Deafening silence filled the auditorium but then one man approached the platform and mounted the lectern standing near the communist leader. He surveyed the crowd first to the left then to the right. Finally he shouted the ancient greeting known well in the Russian Orthodox Church: "CHRIST IS RISEN!" En masse the crowd arose as one man and the response came crashing like the sound of thunder: "HE IS RISEN INDEED!"

I say to you this morning: CHRIST IS RISEN! I am convinced! I have faith that Christ was dead and he was buried. That I believe. But, this too I accept as true: He rose from the dead and will come again in all His glory. This is Easter.

[Sermons.com](https://www.sermons.com) (Edited)



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

## ***“Yes! There is Hope!”***

During World War II, an Australian Navy submarine was stuck in the mud on the bottom of the harbour in Sydney. It seemed that all was lost. There was no electricity and the oxygen was quickly running out. In one last attempt to rescue the sailors from the steel coffin, the navy had a ship equipped with divers anchor directly above the damaged submarine. A navy diver went over the side of the ship in one last desperate rescue attempt. The Trapped sailors heard the metal boots of the diver land on the exterior surface, and they moved to where they thought the rescuer would be. In the darkness they tapped in Morse code, "Is there any hope?" The diver on the outside, recognizing the message, signalled by tapping on the exterior of the sub, "Yes, there is hope."



This is the picture of our dilemma as we worship this glad Easter Day. Humankind is trapped in a dreadful situation. All around us are people who are running low on hope, and they look for a word from beyond offering it to us. This world in which we live is plagued with war, famine, disease and destruction from manmade and natural disasters. The more we try to rescue ourselves the more we seem to fall behind. Many wonder; is there any hope? But there are those who know where to find the answers. All they have to do is read the Gospels—the answers are there for those who seek them.

Bill Self, *Is There Any Hope?* (Edited)

## **Church Admin Stuff!**

Thank you to everyone for replying to my emails regarding the annual contact list and to our wonderful Enablers for volunteering for another quarter. Both lists are now finalised and will be circulated by email to our members.

A copy of the Enablers List is also on our church's website. To find the Enablers' List go to <https://southmandurah.ucwa.au> Under the tab "get involved" select "Newsletter & Library". Towards the top of the page is a line that says "Newsletters/ Roster/ Flyer/ Annual Report/ Forms." The Enablers' List is under the heading "Roster". We recognise this may appear challenging, but once you've done it once or twice the newsletters and the Enablers' list are easy to find.

Please contact Peter E: [prpunch@lasar.net.au](mailto:prpunch@lasar.net.au) or M: 0427 685 908 if you are experiencing any difficulty navigating the site or if you haven't received these documents. If you would like to volunteer to help run the SMUC website or SMUC's Facebook page please speak to Peter or any member of the Leadership Team.



*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.*



## **“100 of the Best”**

Do you enjoy listening to Hymns, Choruses and Songs of Praise at home? John Lawrence has compiled a collection of YouTube videos that he has called "100 of the Best". Most have display the lyrics on-screen inviting the viewer to join in and sing-a-long!!

This collection can be played on any PC, laptop and most modern televisions. If you would like a free copy, simply give John a thumb drive and he will transfer the videos onto it. For more information call John on M: 0427 029 584 or E: [jslaw1@bigpond.com](mailto:jslaw1@bigpond.com)



## **A Prayer for Easter Morning**

Lord we lift our hearts to you. As the dawn breaks, may we carry the unity we share into every moment knowing that we are one with the risen Christ.

Lord, we lift our eyes to you. As the sunrises, may this moment stay with us, reminding us to look for the beautiful colours of promise in your word.

Lord, we lift our prayers to you. As the dew air falls, may we breathe this morning in and know that like the earth, you sustain us, keep us and work within us always.

And so, we lift our voices to you. We celebrate the greatest day in history, when Jesus rose from death, defeated darkness and bathed the world in stunning resurrection light. May we ever live to praise you! **Amen.**

[https://www.lords-prayer-words.com/times/easter\\_prayers.html](https://www.lords-prayer-words.com/times/easter_prayers.html) (Edited)



## **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**

Café Coast, 45 Rees Pl, Port Bouvard Marina, Wannanup

**For Gentlemen: Espresso - 9-30am Tuesday 2nd April 2024**

Fortnightly 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](mailto:prpunch@lasar.net.au)



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