



The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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

Easter 3 14 April 2024



Welcome: John & Sue Lawrence
 Flowers: Sue Lawrence
 Coffee/Tea: Cynthia & David Clive
 Reader: Cynthia Clive
 Kids Church: Anita Alberastine
 Church Rep: Rev. Mike Fawcett
 Worship Leader: Yoy Alberastine
 Speaker: Cheryl Lim (Tear Fund)
 (Rev. Mike Fawcett - communion)

Easter 4 21 April 2024

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking
 Flowers: Debby Hardy
 Coffee/Tea: Sherryl Smith,
 Cynthia Falconer &
 Jan Robinson
 Reader: Jaren Picking
 Kids Church: Julie Lehmann
 Church Rep: Kerry Lawson
 Worship Leader: Ken Lehmann
 Speaker: Piet Speyers



Readings from the Lectionary

Acts 3:12-19
 Ps 4
 1 Jn 3:1-7
 Lk 24:36b-48

Acts 4:5-12
 Ps 23
 1 Jn 3:16-24
 Jn 10:11-18



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



Taste and See

An elderly woman made her living selling artificial fruit. One day a customer complained the fruit she sold was not realistic enough. She pointed to an apple, saying it was too red, too round and too big to be a real apple. At that point the artificial fruit lady picked up the apple and proceeded to eat it.



The resurrection of Jesus, throughout the years has been critically examined, judged by authorities, and editorialized by writers, and the conclusion of most is that it is simply an event which cannot be proven and probably too good to be true. It may look like an apple but in actuality it is artificial fruit, they conclude. But if you will pick it up and take a bite you come to know that he really did rise from the grave. He is alive. He is listening to our prayers. He is ready to serve when that service deals with the human heart in need of a shepherd's guidance and love.

George Bernard Shaw, the famous playwright, was handed a newly written play by a fledgling playwright. Shaw was asked to give the young man a criticism of the work a few days later. "How did you like it?" asked the author. "I fell asleep reading it," said Shaw. "Sleep is my comment on your work."

My friend there is nothing boring about the resurrection. Easter dawns upon a world hidden in darkness. Easter awakens every sleeper with the news that preacher of peace, the Prince of Power and the Lord of Love has appeared. Christianity is real. Christianity is alive. Christianity is anything but boring. Let us all wake up and smell the roses. Let us resolve to live our lives as if Jesus were a guest in our homes, workplaces and businesses. The truth is that the Lord is here, there and everywhere. He is alive. He is our Risen Lord to whom we offer our discipleship with love.

The song goes, "They'll know we are Christians by our love." Let us be about our Father's business as we serve him with joy. Let us show and tell others the good news of the gospel.

Brett Blair, www.Sermons.com, adapted from Charles Michael Mills, To Dawn: Sermons For Lent And Easter Cycle B Gospel Texts, Lima: CSS Publishing Company, Inc.

The Living Christ

As a young man, Mahatma Gandhi studied in London. After learning about Christianity, and after reading the Sermon on the Mount, he decided that Christianity was the most complete religion in the world. It was only later, when he lived with a Christian family in East India, that he changed his mind. In that household he discovered that the word rarely became flesh -- that the teaching of Jesus rarely became the reality of Jesus.

How "fleshy" is Jesus in our congregations? How persuasive is our teaching? How passionate is our preaching? How much do our hearts burn within us when the scriptures are opened to us? And how often do we recognize the stranger as the living Christ in our midst?



Susan R. Andrews, "Holy Heartburn," article in the Christian Century, April 7, 1999; p. 385

An Easter Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude and joy. We rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. As we gather with loved ones and fellow believers, we are reminded of the glorious victory over sin and death that He accomplished on the cross.



Lord, we thank you for the promise of new life and the hope that Easter brings. Your mercy and grace shine brightly on this day, illuminating our lives with the warmth of your love. May we never forget the incredible sacrifice of Jesus and the profound significance of His triumph over the grave.

We ask you to fill our hearts with the joy of the resurrection. Help us to experience the transformative power of your love, renewing our spirits and strengthening our faith. As we celebrate together, may the message of Easter resonate deeply within us, inspiring us to live as reflections of your grace and compassion.

As we rejoice in the miracle of Easter, we lift our prayers for those who may be struggling, lonely, or in despair. May your comforting presence be with them, bringing healing and hope. Use us, Lord, as instruments of your peace and vessels of your love in the world.

Lord, we are grateful for the promise of redemption and the assurance of your unfailing love. May our lives be a testament to the power of your resurrection as we seek to follow you faithfully. In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/prayer/easter-prayers.html> (Edited)

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.



RIP Henry Bubb

This week Henry Bubb, a long term member of our congregation, passed away peacefully at Werne House. Rev. Mike Fawcett, John Lawrence and members of Henry's family were at his bedside. On behalf of the congregation, we extend our condolences to Henry's wife May, their family and their many friends. Rest in peace Henry.

Details of Henry's funeral will be circulated when they become available.



Pastoral Visits & Open House

Pastor Yoy is at our church the first and second Saturday of every month from 9am to midday or by appointment in the afternoons. He would welcome the opportunity to share a time of prayer or a chat over a cup of coffee with you. Yoy can be contacted via email: yoyea1210@gmail.com or M: 0421 793 562.



Additionally, Rev. Mike and Ps Yoy are working on a plan to organise pastoral visits on a fortnightly basis. The visits will be on the after-noon of the men's coffee mornings. If you would like to arrange for a pastoral visit please contact Ps Yoy (details above) or Rev. Mike M: 0412 243 677 E: fawcettmichael176@gmail.com

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 19th March 2024

The gentlemen meet fortnightly at the Taste of Italy Café, Peelwood Parade, Halls Head. (**Please note:** the Taste of Italy closes after 24 April. New venue to be advised.

For more information please contact Peter M: 0427 685 908 or Raelyn Punch M: 0429 685 908, E: prpunch@lasar.net.au

**Happy
birthday**

Frances Davy Monday 15 April
God Bless and warm wishes
To you upon your birthday

Pastoral Care

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