

## Easter 7 12 May 2024



Welcome: Brian & Barbara Smith  
Flowers: Judy Law  
Coffee/Tea: Alison Yule & Pauline Terblanche  
Reader: Barbara Smith  
Kids Church: Anita Alberastine  
Church Rep: Yoy Alberastine  
Worship Leader: Yoy Alberastine  
Speaker: Rev. Mike Fawcett  
(Communion)

## Pentecost 19 May 2024

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking  
Flowers: Kerry Lawson  
Coffee/Tea: Brian & Barbara Smith  
Reader: Cynthia Falconer  
Kids Church: Kerry Lawson  
Church Rep: Andrew Telfer  
Worship Leader: Andrew Telfer  
Speaker: Piet Speyers



### Readings from the Lectionary

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Ps 1  
1 Jn 5:9-13  
Jn 17:6-19

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezek 37:1-14  
Ps 104:24-34, 35b  
Rom 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21  
Jn 15:26-27; 16:4b-15



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

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# The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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



## The Truest Friend

A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials, heavy and sudden, fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends who rejoice with us in our sunshine, desert us when troubles thicken around us, still will she cling to us, and endeavour by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts.



Washington Irving (1783-1859) (Edited)

## Mothers Are Clever (Humour)



Former United States president Jimmy Carter spoke at Southern Methodist University and related an incident that occurred after he left the White House. A woman reporter came to Plains, Georgia, to interview his mother in relation to an article about Mr. Carter and his family. His mother really didn't want to be interviewed, but was being gracious. So when the reporter knocked at her door, Mrs. Carter invited her in. The reporter asked some hard questions and was rather aggressive and rude.

"I want to ask you a question," she said. "Your son ran for the presidency on the premise that he would always tell the truth. Has he ever lied?"

Mrs. Carter said, "I think he's truthful; I think you can depend on his word."

The reporter again asked if he had ever lied in his entire life.

His mother said, "Well, I guess maybe he's told a little white lie."

"Ah, see there!" the reporter exclaimed. "He's lied! If he told a white lie, he has lied."

The reporter was still not satisfied and asked, "What is a white lie?" And then Lillian Carter said, "It's like a moment ago when you knocked on the door and I went to the door and said I was glad to see you."

Brett Blair, [www.eSermons.com](http://www.eSermons.com). Adapted from an unknown source (Edited).

## A Mother's Day Prayer to Honour and Bless Mums

Heavenly Father, I speak this prayer to you now in gratitude and praise for the gift of mothers. My mother, those of my friends, relatives, those I'll never know, all mothers. Thank you for the role they play in the family unit. Thank you for their teachings, wisdom, patience, and understanding. Thank you for the physical, emotional, and spiritual gifts they possess.



I pray that you help mothers all across the world to be a blessing to their children. Whether delivering affirmation or discipline, I pray that you help every word and action to be done in love. And I pray that children worldwide will take time to honour their mothers and that you will show them how to do so uniquely.

I pray that these mothers also act as a blessing beyond their households, reaching into their extended families, communities, churches, and schools. I pray that the impact of motherhood is revered throughout society and that these women are acknowledged for their everyday impact on the world. May you guide each of them into fulfilling their purpose here on Earth. **Amen.**

## A Prayer for Those Without Mums on Mother's Day

Our Father in Heaven, I know our particular situations are not lost on you. God, you are aware of every minute detail in our lives. You know every single person who is without a mother, either by choice or some other misfortune. This Mother's Day, I pray that you can bring comfort to those individuals, the ones who may have had a mother and lost her, and the ones who never had someone to call "mother." We are affected by every parental relationship that we do and don't have. Yet God, I know that in spite of the hurt we may feel, you love us. You love every single one of us. I pray that we would remind them of that truth this Mother's Day, that you would let us know your love is ever-present and ever-comforting. Help us acknowledge that if our mother abandoned us, or if we never had a mother that you still love us so dearly (Psalm 27:10).

Mothers are not to be taken for granted, and one day each of us may be without a mother. I pray that in that time we find comfort in you, that we can find someone else in our life to represent that maternal figure and that they would bless us with godly wisdom. Thank you, Lord. **Amen.**

Both prayers by Aaron D. Brown <https://www.christianity.com/wiki/prayer/> (Edited)



**Blessings & Congratulations To:**  
**Ken & Julie Lehmann**  
Celebrating their 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May



*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*



## "THY KINGDOM COME" PRAYER ROOM



Following the success of the last two years, we are excited that our Prayer Room is happening again this year. We will join with many other churches around Australia and the world in the Global Prayer Movement called "Thy Kingdom Come." More information can be found at [https:// www.thykingdomcome.global](https://www.thykingdomcome.global)

The Prayer Room will held every morning **9am to midday Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 10am -1pm** for people to come either individually or in a group to spend a quiet time with God and pray. There will be ideas for prayer as well as written prayers at the church. When you are not at the Church we hope you will put some additional time aside to pray at home. Please indicate which day you will come, so we have people praying at church each day. An invitation to join us has been extended to other churches in our area.

On **19 May Pentecost Sunday** after morning tea we will gather in the Church for a short time of prayer. The focus will be praying for the prayer requests from the prayer room. A light lunch will follow. Please bring finger food to share.

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and transformation of communities." (Archbishop Justin Welby)

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## 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 Fortnightly on Tuesdays - 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024**  
**PLEASE NOTE:** the Taste of Italy Café has closed and the **NEW VENUE** is **Lazy Jane's Café**, Shop 12, Miami Plaza, Falcon

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Cynthia Clive** Monday 13 May  
**May Bubb** Wednesday 15 May  
**Sue Lawrence** Wednesday 15 May  
**God Bless and warm wishes**  
**To you all upon your birthdays**