



# The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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



## Pentecost 5

23 June 2024

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking  
Flowers: Cynthia Falconer  
Coffee/Tea: John & Sue Lawrence  
Reader: Sue Lawrence  
Kids Church: Kerry Lawson  
Church Rep: Kerry Lawson  
Worship Leader: Ken Lehmann  
Speaker: Doug Burtenshaw

## Pentecost 6

30 June 2024

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking  
Flowers: Judy Law  
Coffee/Tea: Cliff & Averil Clark  
Reader: Keith Picking  
Kids Church: Raelyn Punch  
Church Rep: Raelyn Punch  
Worship Leader: Frances Davy  
Speaker: Yoy Alberastine



### Readings from the Lectionary

1 Sm 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49

**Or** 1 Sm 17:57-18:5, 10-16

Ps 9:9-20 **Or** Ps 133

2 Cor 6:1-13

Mk 4:35-41

2 Sm 1:1, 17-27

Ps 130

2 Cor 8:7-15

Mk 5:21-43



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



## Sucked In, Washed Up & Blown Over (Mk 4:35-41)

Chippie the budgerigar never saw it coming. One second he was peacefully chirping away while perched in his cage. The next he was sucked in, washed up, and blown over. The problems began when Chippie's owner decided to clean Chippie's cage with a vacuum cleaner. She removed the attachment from the end of the hose and stuck it in the cage. The phone rang, and she turned to pick it up. She'd barely said "hello" when "ssslurpp!" Chippie got sucked in.

The bird's owner gasped in horror, put down the phone, turned off the vacuum cleaner, and ripped open the dust bag. There was Chippie - still alive, but stunned.

Since the bird was covered with dust, hair and all the other stuff you find in a dust bag, she grabbed him and raced to the bathroom, turned on the tap, and held Chippie under the running water. Then, realizing that Chippie was soaked and shivering, she did what any compassionate bird owner would do . . . she reached for the hair dryer and blasted her pet budgie with hot air.

Poor Chippie never knew what hit him.

A few days after the trauma, a friend who had heard about Chippie's troubles contacted his owner to see how the bird was recovering. "Well," she replied, "Chippie doesn't sing much anymore - he just sits and stares."

Who can blame him? Sucked in, washed up, and blown over . . . That's enough to steal the song from the stoutest heart.

Things happen in our lives that come along unexpectedly and we end up feeling a bit like Chippie - sucked in, washed up, and blown over – the song stolen from the stoutest of hearts.

I reckon there are very few who are reading this and who couldn't stand up and give testimony to some aspect of their lives where they feel a bit like the disciples in that boat with Jesus - afraid, vulnerable, a decidedly sinking feeling! You know what it's like to feel as though you are in the middle of a storm, tossed this way and that, and you wonder how you're ever going to get to calmer waters. The answer is simple—through your faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Vince Gerhardy, *Calm in a Storm* (Edited)



## Fearful Times

When I was a little girl, I was terrified of spiders. Even Daddy Long Legs scared me to death. One day when one leapt out of bag of oranges we had just bought at a road side stall, I jumped out of the (fortunately) slowly moving car onto the road directly in front of oncoming traffic. Fear can do that.

My sisters and brother didn't help. They enjoyed picking Daddy Long Legs up and chasing me around the yard!

Since then, my fears have grown up a little. Now I fear things that really can hurt me like global warming and the threat of nuclear war.'

On top of these overwhelming world fears, each of us carries personal fears - an overdue electricity bill, a dentist's appointment or a vaccination. We all have spiders in one form or another – a fear that keeps awake at night.

Some people think these are particularly fearful times, but then – they always have been. You would think, if ever there was a time and a people who would be fearless it would be the disciples, walking and living in the very presence of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, Light of the World, 2000 years ago. But as Mark tells it, they could panic right along with the best of us.

Heather Entrekin, *When We Are Afraid* (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 Fortnightly on Tuesdays - 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024**  
**PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE OF VENUE** to the **NEW** Taste of Italy Café at the Halls Head Shopping Centre

**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)



## Containers For Change

Please put keeping putting your recyclable cans and bottles in the bin in the foyer. Your donations have helped raise hundreds of dollars, with the money going to local charities.

For more information please speak to Cliff or Averil Clark M: 0408 475 394 E: [ca.clark2@bigpond.com](mailto:ca.clark2@bigpond.com)



*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*



## Sunday School Teachers

We have been blessed during the past few months to have more young people attending our church, and they've really been enjoying "Kids church". Unfortunately in the next quarter (1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> September) some of our regular Sunday school teachers are not available. More Sunday School Teachers are needed urgently. If you can help out (even if only once a month or once every two months), or would like more information please speak to any of the Leadership Team, Anita Alberastine, Kerry Lawson or Peter Punch.



## Prayer Walk

Prayer Walking will take place on the first two Sundays of the month after church and on the third and fourth Thursdays afternoons of the month at a time to be arranged.

Please join Frances and Sherry in this new and exciting venture. For more information please contact :  
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## A New Bible Study Group

A new Fellowship/Bible study group is starting soon, possibly on a Friday afternoon or early evening on a weekday. If you are not already a member of a Small Group, you are welcome to join this one. This is a great opportunity to learn more about yourself and your faith, for fellowship and to forge closer bonds with members of our church.

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**Cailyn Pajic** Monday 24 June  
**God Bless and warm wishes**  
**To you upon your birthday**