

Pentecost 9
21 July 2024

Welcome: John & Sue Lawrence
Flowers: Sue Lawrence
Morning Tea: Cynthia Falconer
& Pauline Terblance
Reader: Sherryl Smith
Kids Church: Kerry Lawson
Church Rep: Sherryl Smith
Worship Leader: Andrew Telfer
Speaker: Piet Speyers



Pentecost 7
28 July 2024

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking
Flowers: Flowers kindly donated
Morning Tea: Alison Yule
& Kerry Lawson
Reader: Jaren Picking
Kids Church: Kerry Lawson
Church Rep: Kerry Lawson
Worship Leader: Frances Davy
Speaker: Evelyn Ashley

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The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

**Welcome to our Service of Worship
held every Sunday from 9.30 am**

Readings from the Lectionary...



2 Sm 7: 1—14a
Ps 89: 20—37
Eph 2: 11 - 22
Mk 6: 30—34, 53—56

2 Sm 11: 1 - 15
Ps 14
Eph 3: 14 - 21
Jn 6: 1 - 21

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

The Carpenter

Two brothers who lived on adjoining farms fell into conflict. It was the first serious rift in 40 years of farming side-by-side, sharing machinery and trading labour and goods. Then the long collaboration fell apart. It began with a small misunderstanding and it grew into a major difference and finally, it exploded into an exchange of bitter words followed by weeks of silence.

One morning there was a knock on the older brother's door.

He opened it to find a man with a carpenter's toolbox. "I'm looking for a few days' work," he said. "Perhaps you would have a few small jobs here that I could help with? Could I help you?" "Yes," said the older brother. "I do have a job for you. Look across the creek at that farm. That's my neighbour. In fact, it's my younger brother! Last week there was a meadow between us. He recently took his bulldozer to the river levee and now there is a creek between us. Well, he may have done this to spite me, but I'll do him one better. See that pile of lumber by the barn? I want you to build me a fence, a 2 metre fence, so I won't need to see his place or his face anymore."

The carpenter said, "I think I understand the situation. Show me the nails and the post-hole digger and I'll be able to do a job that pleases you." The older brother had to go to town, so he helped the carpenter get the materials ready and then he was off for the day. The carpenter worked hard all that day, measuring, sawing and nailing. About sunset when the farmer returned, the carpenter had just finished his job.

The farmer's eyes opened wide, his jaw dropped. There was no fence there at all. It was a bridge, a bridge that stretched from one side of the creek to the other! A fine piece of work, handrails and all! And the neighbour, his younger brother, was coming toward them, his hand outstretched. He said to the older brother: "You are quite a fellow to build this bridge after all I've said and done." The two brothers stood at each end of the bridge, and then they met in middle, taking each other's hand. They turned to see the carpenter hoist his toolbox onto his shoulder.

"No, wait! Stay a few days. I've a lot of other projects for you," said the older brother.

"I'd love to stay on," the carpenter said, "but I have many more bridges to build."

From truthbook.com/stories edited



Exercise for Seniors

Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things thus doing more walking.

And God looked down and saw that it was good

Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom He coordination so they would drop things requiring them to bend, reach & stretch.

And God looked down and saw that it was good.

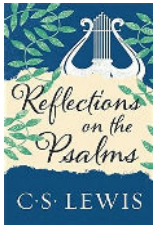
Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise.

God looked down and saw that it was good.

So if you find as you age that you are getting up and down more, remember it's Gods will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath.



The Psalms



The most valuable thing the Psalms do for me is to express that same delight in God which made David dance. I am not saying that this is so pure or profound a thing as the love of God reached by the greatest Christian saints and mystics. But I am not comparing it with that, I am comparing it with the merely dutiful 'church-going' and laborious 'saying our prayers' to which most of us are, thank God not always, but often, reduced. Against that it stands out as something astonishingly robust, virile, and spontaneous; something we may regard with an innocent envy and may hope to be infected by as we read.

From *Reflections on the Psalms*

Reflections on the Psalms. 1958 by C. S. Lewis

Your Messenger

If you are not receiving this Newsletter by Email and wish to do so, please contact. Peter at prpunch@lasar.net.au
Any articles, notices and any prayer requests, or changes to the Enablers list to emailed To Peter no later that 5pm Wednesdays



Sherryl Smith Sunday 28 July
God bless and enjoy your special day!



Welcome Visitors!

A very warm welcome is extended to any visitors who are with us today. We trust that you will be blessed during this time of worship and invite you to stay and fellowship with us after the service.

OUR DEFIBRILLATOR

The defibrillator can be operated by anyone that follows the directions on the cabinet to use it. It then helps the operator through the stages of use. For safety and security, the white cabinet that contains the defibrillator cannot be opened until 000 has been phoned for the code to open it up attained from St John Safe.

Anyone who would like to attend a one hour demonstration of the operation of the defibrillator, is most welcome to come along on **Monday 29th July, commencing at 1pm**. There is no cost to attend. An instructor from St John Safe, will be conducting the free demonstration which is a one hour session, commencing at 1.00pm. Afternoon Tea will be available afterwards. Please let **Sherryl Smith**, know if you are attending.

This is an opportunity to learn how to use the defibrillator to help someone who has had a heart attack and/or guide another helper through the stages of resuscitation, until the ambulance arrives.



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 23 July
At the **New Taste of Italy** in the **Halls Head Shopping Centre**

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.



Ps Yoy and Rev Mike are also conducting pastoral visits every second Thursday. If you would like a visit please contact Ps Yoy (details above) or Rev. Mike M: 0412 243 677 E: fawcettmichael176@gmail.com