

Pentecost 9
21 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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Flowers: Cynthia Falconer
Morning Tea: Sherryl Smith
& Rosie Sharp
Reader: Piet Speyers
Kids Church: Anita Alberastine
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Worship Leader: Cynthia Clive
Speaker: Yoy Alberastine

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The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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

Readings from the Lectionary...



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

2 Sm 11: 26 - 12: 13a
Ps 51: 1—12
Eph 4: 1 - 16
Jn 6: 24— 35

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

Giving up Control ?

There are two stories in John 6:1-21 -- the feeding of the 5000 and Jesus walking on water during a storm on the Sea of Galilee.

When does $5 + 2 \times 1 = 12$? Mathematically, never. But in the story of the feeding of the 5000, the multiplication formula works just like that: five loaves of barley bread, plus two small fish, times Jesus, the one man who is in control, equals twelve baskets of leftover bread. The key ingredient in that multiplication formula is Jesus, who when we give up control to him, works multiplications, wonders, and even miracles. Give Jesus what you have and he can miraculously make much more than you can imagine out of it. How does this miracle of multiplication happen? It can happen if and when we remember Jesus is in control.

How can we be saved from those things in life which overtake us, overwhelm us, or otherwise threaten to undo us? When the storms of life threaten us, we can turn to the one who is stronger than we are and stronger than the storms themselves. We can't avoid the storms. They come to the good, the bad, and the indifferent. Just like God doesn't promise to keep us from the valley of the shadow of death, God doesn't promise to eliminate storms from our lives. On the other hand, God does promise that we can get through life's valleys and storms if we trust that Jesus is in control.

That's the message of both stories. In the feeding of the 5000, Phillip was faced with what appears to be an unsolvable problem. Seeing the large crowd, Jesus asks him, "Where do we buy bread for these people to eat?" Jesus, the apostles and at least 5000 people were out in the hill country just north of the Sea of Galilee with no towns nearby. They had not eaten for a long time. The question before Phillip seemingly has no answer. Then another one of the apostles, Andrew, made a statement that sounds like a totally inadequate solution. "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish." Then he said what everyone nearby must have been thinking: "But what are they among so many?" Control -- who is in control here? Not Phillip, not Andrew, not the hungry people, not the little boy with the lunch his mother packed up for him before he left home. Control -- who is in control?...



from sermon.com (edited)

News Flash

A local high school maths teacher was arrested today at the Perth International Airport, as he attempted to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a set square, and a graphing calculator. At last night's press conference, the Attorney General said he believes the man is a member of the notorious Al-gebra movement. He did not identify the man, who has been charged by the AFP with carrying weapons of math instruction.



On the Lord's Prayer



If you are interested enough to have read thus far you are probably interested enough to make a shot at saying your prayers: and, whatever else you say, you will probably say the Lord's Prayer. Its very first words are Our Father. Do you now see what those words mean? They mean quite frankly, that you are putting yourself in the place of a son of God. To put it bluntly, you are dressing up as Christ. If you like, you are pretending. Because, of course, the moment you realise what the words mean, you realise that you are not a son of God. You are not being like The Son of God, whose will and interests are at one with those of the Father: you are a bundle of self-centred fears, hopes, greed, jealousies, and self-conceit, all doomed to death. So that, in a way, this dressing up as Christ is a piece of outrageous cheek. But the odd thing is that He has ordered us to do it.

From *Mere Christianity*

Compiled in *Words to Live 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



Robin Goulder Wednesday 31 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.

Changes to Defibrillator Demonstration

Unfortunately the St John Instructor can't be there On Monday so the demonstration is now; **On Tuesday 30th July commencing at 11.30 am** This will be followed by a light lunch. All are most welcome to come along on. There is no cost to attend and the demonstration will last one hour.

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. The next one will be **Tuesday 6 August** at the **New Taste of Italy** in the **Halls Head Shopping Centre**

Green Passes

This is a request for Green Passes. If any one has spare Green passes for moving our green rubbish could they please pass them onto Keith Johnson or leave them on the desk in the Church Office. Thank you.

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