

Pentecost 13
18 August 2024



Pentecost 14
25 August 2024

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking
Flowers: Debby Hardy
Morning Tea: Judy Law and
Jan Robinson
Reader: Cynthia Falconer
Kids Church: Kerry Lawson
Church Rep: Kerry Lawson
Worship Leader: Piet Speyers
Speaker: Linda Liddelov

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking
Flowers: Flowers kindly donated
Morning Tea: Barbara and Brian
Smith
Reader: Andrew Telfer
Kids Church: Julie Lehmann
Church Rep: Andrew Telfer
Worship Leader: Andrew Telfer
Speaker: Evelyn Ashley

Readings from the Lectionary...



1 Kgs 2: 10 - 12 & 3: 3 -14
Ps 111
Eph 5: 15 - 20
Jn 6: 51 - 58

1 Kgs 8: 1,6, 10-11,22-30,41-43
Ps 84
Eph 6: 10 - 20
Jn 6: 56 - 69

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relationships that deepen faith and enrich lives."*

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The Messenger

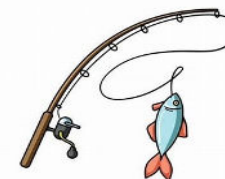
South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter



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

Jesus and the Mud Puddle

Farmer Joe Marr got a disturbing call one Saturday afternoon. His 6-year-old grandson, Matthew, had been hit by a car while going fishing near Kalgan with His dad. The father and son were near a bridge crossing the Kalgan River when a woman lost control of her car, slid off the bridge and hit Matthew at a rate of about 70 kph. Farmer Joe had seen the results of accidents like this and feared the worst. When he got to the local Hospital, he rushed through the emergency room to find Matty conscious and in fairly good spirits. 'Matty, what happened?' His grandfather asked. Matty replied, 'Well, Poppy Joe, I was going fishing with Dad, and some lady runned me over. I flew into a mud puddle, and broke my fishing pole and we didn't get to catch no fish!'



As it turned out, the impact propelled Matty about 25 metres, over a few shrubs and an embankment and in to the middle of a mud puddle. His only injuries were to his right femur, which had broken in two places. Matty had surgery to place pins in his leg. Otherwise the boy is fine. Since all the boy could talk about was that his fishing pole was broken, Joe went out to K-Mart and bought him a new one while he was in surgery so he could have it when he came out. The next day the granddad sat with Matty to keep him company in the hospital. Matty was enjoying his new fishing pole and talked about when he could go fishing again. When they were alone Matty, just as matter-of-fact, said, 'Poppy Joe, did you know Jesus is real?' 'Well,' his grandfather replied, a little startled, 'Yes, Jesus is real to all who believe in him and love him in their hearts.' 'No,' said Matty. 'I mean Jesus is REALLY real.' 'What do you mean?' asked his granddad. 'I know he's real 'cause I saw him,' said Matty. 'You did?' said the Joe. 'Yes,' said Matty. 'When that lady runned me over and broke my fishing pole, Jesus caught me in his arms and laid me down in the mud puddle'.

From <https://truthbook.com/stories> (edited)

And they lived happily forever after.



If the old fairy-tale ending 'They lived happily ever after' is taken to mean 'They felt for the next fifty years exactly as they felt the day before they were married', then it says what probably never was nor ever would be true, and would be highly undesirable if it were. Who could bear to live in that excitement for even five years? What would become of your work, your appetite, your sleep, your friendships? But, of course, ceasing to be 'in love' need not mean

ceasing to love. Love in this second sense—love as distinct from 'being in love'—is not merely a feeling. It is a deep unity, maintained by the will and deliberately strengthened by habit; reinforced by (in Christian marriages) the grace which both partners ask, and receive, from God. They can have this love for each other even at those moments when they do not like each other; as you love yourself even when you do not like yourself. They can retain this love even when each would easily, if they allowed themselves, be 'in love' with someone else. 'Being in love' first moved them to promise fidelity: this quieter love enables them to keep the promise. It is on this love that the engine of marriage is run: being in love was the explosion that started it.

From *Mere Christianity* Compiled in *A Year with C.S. Lewis*



Jill McIlwaine & Ken Lehmann
Thursday 22 August
God bless and enjoy

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 than 5pm Wednesdays



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.



Reminder
You are invited to help celebrate the
Mandurah Uniting Church
on 50 years of Serving the Community
On Friday 20th September at 2 pm at the church

or

To attend CampFire 2024
from Friday 20th September at Lake Yealering.

There are flyers for both in the foyer



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 20th August** at the **New Taste of Italy** in the **Halls Head Shopping Centre**

Easily Provoked - by Scott De Vries

Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools. Ecclesiastes 7:9

God leads us into good times and bad times. Both can serve God's purpose in helping us grow. This does not mean God causes our suffering, nor that something good will always come from every bad situation. But sometimes our bad times can be used by God for our greater good, if only we'll pay attention. If we get annoyed or angry too quickly, we're not likely to consider that what seems like a bad time to us might just be a hard but important lesson for our personal growth.

What provokes you? Home-work? Rules? Traffic jams? Having to wait in line? Having to work hard? Not getting a promotion? Not winning a game? It's easy to get annoyed when things don't go our way or we don't get what we want. But how often do we see these kinds of things as learning opportunities?

Working on being less easily annoyed by a learning opportunity can give us a great start on this virtue. It can help to apply problem-solving skills as well, preparing us to move on to harder situations. And in cases where someone is actually at fault for a problem in our lives, this can help us handle the problem in a constructive way—even if it's necessary to apply consequences.

Anger is a powerful tool. When it's used too quickly, it tends to cause more harm than good. God is slow to anger, and we do well to follow his example..