

Pentecost 14
25 August 2024



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1 September 2024

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

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Readings from the Lectionary...



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

Song 2: 8-13,
Ps 45: 1-2, 6-9
Jas 1: 17 - 27
Mk 7: 1 - 8, 14 - 15, 21- 23

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The Messenger



South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter



Pentecost 14

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

Jesus the Problem Solver

I remember a huge challenge I was faced with during the preparation of the 2009 Mighty Men Conference. Only a couple of days before the conference was due to start Jill and I went for a run in the morning. The weather had turned and it had started raining. It became so cold that the rain turned to sleet, and we thought it might snow.



Now these men who were about to arrive were going to camp out in the open, many thousands of them; some for a week, others for three or four days. They were arriving from all over South Africa and other parts of the world. We were worried about the massive sound system, as it could not take moisture in the speakers. As the two of us ran side by side, the weather seemed to become worse.

I could hear the devil whispering, "The big coaches are going to get stuck in the mud; the men will all leave as it will be far too cold; the hay bales (seating) will be wet..." My spirits was starting to become fearful! I couldn't wait to get back home with Jill, into a hot shower, and run for The Secret Place, reminding myself of the promise God gave me about my role in mentoring young people. He promised. He would do it, and He did.

What an incredible Holy Spirit happening that conference turned out to be. And of course the weather turned around the day before the conference started. It was beautiful and temperate. The men came in their droves, more than I dreamt of, and we had an enormous harvest. Yes, God is very good.

From "The Secret Place" by Angus Buchan

A New Time for Daily Prayer

Prayer is the art of seeing reality from God's point of view.

By Philip Yancy (edited)



In Thessalonians 3:10 Paul says he is praying most earnestly day and night. How is it possible for Paul to work so hard in ministry while also praying constantly? This seems like an even greater challenge today with ever busier schedules and the constant access of email and mobile phones. We can pray this way only if we recognise the unlimited opportunities we have. Every interruption is actually an opportunity to pray. An email can prompt you to pray for a friend. A phone call means you can ask a question and listen to see if there is a need in the person calling. Sometimes we find ourselves unable to say anything, yet we pray as Paul said in Romans: "The Spirit helps us in our weakness . . . the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that word cannot express" (Romans 8:26). In this way we identify with God and his creation that longs for wrong to be made right.

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 3rd September** at the **New Taste of Italy** in the **Halls Head Shopping Centre**

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



Keith Picking
Sunday 25 August
God bless and enjoy



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 Sept at Lake Yealering.

There are flyers for both in the foyer



From Reader's Digest Pocket Treasury of

Wit & Wisdom



The proper time to influence the character of a child is a hundred years before he is born
Dean Inge (*News paper report*)
Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6
In America there are two classes of travel – first class and with children
Robert Benchley
Young men think old men are fool; but old men know that young men are fools.
George Chapman *All Fools*
Anybody who hates children and dogs can't be all bad.
W.C. Fields (*News paper report*)

Lift up your eyes

During World War II a delightful Christian English lady kept a personal diary. It tells of her husband's death in the war effort. It tells of food rationing and the horrible bombing of London. It tells of her children's evacuation to the country side.

One night during the bombings the woman confessed that she woke up and could not get back to sleep. She kept thinking of Hitler, invasion, and the S.S. troops. She trembled until she suddenly thought, "Where is Alexander the Great who gobbled up the world? Where is Caesar's dogmatic rule upheld on the tips of spears? Where is Napoleon? They are all in their graves and come to naught," she wrote. "And that is where Hitler will be, too.

The same God reigns!" And she rolled over, laughed, and went back to sleep!

The Mid-East, terrorism, crime, abortion -- is this what your eyes are upon? Are you gazing at the world, and glancing at Christ? Rise above it! Lift up your eyes and see! The same God still reigns. Be assured

Stephen M. Crotts from Sermons.com

