



Pentecost 18

22 September 2024



Welcome: Rosie Sharp & Judy Law
 Flowers: Flowers Kindly Donated
 Coffee/Tea: Ken & Julie Lehmann
 Reader: Alyana Roberts
 Kids Church: TBA
 Church Rep: Andrew Telfer
 Worship Leader: Rev. Mike Fawcett
 Speaker: Rudolf van Noppen (Barnabus Fund)

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29 September 2024

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 Flowers: Judy Law
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Readings from the Lectionary

Prv 31:10-31
 Ps 1
 Jas 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
 Mk 9:30-37

Est 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
 Ps 124
 Jas 5:13-20
 Mk 9:38-50



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The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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

Carry Someone With You

Mk 9:30-37

Early in the twentieth century there were a number of families trying to establish farms in a so called group settlement near modern day Margaret River. The river they lived next to was swift and dangerous. The current was so strong that if somebody happened to fall in or stumbled into it they could be swept away downstream.

One day, after a severe thunderstorm a bushfire ignited and, due to a strong easterly wind, it tore through the forest towards the settlers' farms. They found themselves with their backs against the river. Their only chance for escape was to cross the rushing river but many couldn't swim and the women, in their long heavy dresses, had little hope of surviving in the strong current. They huddled together and finally, in desperation, those who were strong enough picked up the weak and put them on their shoulders; the little children, the sick, the elderly and those who were ill or had been injured fighting the fire were carried on the backs of those who were strongest. They waded out into the river, and to their surprise they discovered that the weight on their shoulders carrying the less able helped them to keep their footing and to make it safely across the river.

Jesus is trying to teach the disciples an object lesson about greatness, about servanthood, about leadership. He is saying to them and to us, "Have you lost the childlike joy and love and faith that once were yours?" He is also saying to them and to us, "If you want to walk on secure ground in this world it helps to carry someone with you."

King Duncan, Collected Sermons, www.Sermons.com (Edited)



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

Congregational General Meeting

Everyone is invited to attend a Congregational Meeting which will be held after the service on **September 29th**. The Leadership Team will provide an update to the congregation and address any matters the congregation wishes to raise. If you have something to be put on the agenda please contact Mike Fawcett.



Join the leadership Team?

Expressions of interest are being sought from the congregation for the 2 vacant positions on our Leadership Team. For more information please speak to Mike Fawcett or any of the members of the Leadership Team. Formal expressions of interest must be emailed to Mike Fawcett E: fawcettmichael176@gmail.com

The Process: The Leadership Team will discuss whether applicants are best suited to contribute to the congregation via a role on the Leadership Team or perhaps in some other capacity. Successful applicants will then be co-opted to the team for a specified period or until the next AGM, at which time they will be eligible to seek election to the Leadership Team.



The Innocence of Children

"If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into Heaven?" I asked the children in my Sunday School class.

"NO!" the children all answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?"

Again, the answer was, "NO!"

"Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children and loved my wife, would that get me into Heaven?" I asked them again.

Again, they all answered, "NO!"

"Well," I continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?" A five-year-old boy shouted out from the back of the room, "YOU GOTTA BE DEAD."



Traditional (Sermons.com) - Edited



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



The Enablers List & Sunday School

Thank you to everyone who provided the dates they're available for the Enablers' List. Your willingness to volunteer helps make our church a wonderful friendly place of worship. Hopefully the next roster will be published in the coming week.



Unfortunately there are not enough volunteers to fill the Sunday School roster as a number of people are either away or not available for some other reason. Please contact Peter Punch urgently if you are willing to join the Sunday School roster E: prpunch@lasar.net.au

If you would like more information about our Sunday School please speak to Anita Alberastine or any of the Leadership Team.

SMUC Phone Number: 0428 439 756

South Mandurah Uniting Church now has a dedicated phone number. For all routine matters please call M:0428 439 756.

For urgent matters or pastoral care please call Rev. Mike Fawcett direct (M: 0412 243 677).



A Prayer For God's Will To Be Done Today

Hallowed by Your name Father God, and may You be glorified in all that happens today. Father, as I face another busy day I thank You that You have promised to be with me always, to lead and guide to comfort and sustain, to uphold and strengthen. Lord, I pray that although my life is one of much activity that You would take first place and that in all that I do and may I willingly submit to Your gracious leading and guidance. Help me to live today in all its fullness, and enable me to take every opportunity to live and walk as You would have me do. Teach me Lord, to be a servant today and develop in me that gracious spirit of humility that was so evident in the Lord Jesus. Create in me a clean heart oh Lord, and develop in me a generous and giving spirit that is pleasing to Your heart. Lord, in everything today may I be ready and willing to say, not my will but Thine be done. In Jesus' name I pray. **Amen.**

<https://prayer.knowing-jesus.com/> (Edited)

Pastoral Care

For pastoral care or spiritual guidance please contact:

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OR Any member of the leadership team (their names are overleaf)



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 or prayer requests for the Messenger should be emailed to Peter no later than **5pm Wednesdays**

Thank you

