

Pentecost 22
20 October 2024



Welcome: Rosie Sharp & Judy Law
Flowers: Flowers kindly donated
Coffee/Tea: Peter & Cath Salisbury
Reader: Andrew Telfer
Kids Church: Judy Smith
Music: Jim McWhinnie
Church Rep: Andrew Telfer
Worship Leader: Andrew Telfer
Speaker: Frances Davy

Pentecost 23
27 October 2024

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking
Flowers: Sue Lawrence
Coffee/Tea: Keith & Jaren Picking
Reader: Racquel Gunter
Kids Church: TBA
Music: Jan Gibson
Church Rep: Rev. Mike Fawcett
Worship Leader: John Lawrence
Speaker: Rev. Mike Fawcett (Communion)

WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN



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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



Readings from the Lectionary

Jb 38:1-7, (34-41)
Ps 104:1-9, 24, 35C
Heb 5:1-10
Mk 10:35-45

Jb 42:1-6, 10-17
Ps 34:1-8, (19-22)
Heb 7:23-28
Mk 10:46-52



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3 Poison Pills of Position, Prestige and Power

A man strode into a timber mill at Manjimup and watched a group of timber workers struggling to roll a huge log onto the cradle at the sawmill so that it could be fed through the huge steam driven saws and cut into planks. The man in charge was shouting instructions, but making no attempt to help them. Asked why he didn't help by the visitor, he retorted with great dignity, "Sir, I am the foreman!" The stranger apologised, rolled up his sleeves and proceeded to help the exhausted workmen. The job done, he turned to the foreman and said, "mister, the next time you have a job like this and not enough men to do it, go and find the mill owner, and I will come and help you again." With that he walked off.



Where did he learn such leadership skills? I have no doubt he learned them from Mark 10:35-45. In these words of Jesus: "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant." The foreman had those words modelled to him from the man at the top. The disciples, likewise, receive from their leader a picture of servant hood, and it is high time they start imitating their leader. It is now five days before Jesus' crucifixion. Four days before his betrayal and trial. One day before the clearing of the temple. A few hours before the Triumphal Entry. If the Disciples are going to start appropriating Jesus' teachings in their life it ought to be now. But it doesn't happen. Moments before the most crucial events in their life they are a bickering, petty, bad-tempered quarrelsome lot. We need to learn from this not-so-flattering moment in the life of the disciples.

Sometimes it seems that everybody wants the easy way to the front of the line, a quick way to glory and fast track to success. Including James and John, the brothers Zebedee, who want front-row seats numbering two and three. Put yourself in their shoes for a moment and see if you can identify with their self-centeredness. These guys gave up everything to follow Jesus. They followed Jesus when nobody knew him. They followed Jesus before his miracles. Now that he was popular, James and John were feeling the swell of fame and had swallowed the three dangerous pills of position, prestige and power. After all, they were Jesus' best friends, his disciples! So it's understandable why the two of them came to Jesus with their request. How often have we been guilty of falling for these sins? It's time to prayer for forgiveness.

From sermons.com and David Beckett, EZ-Pass (Edited)



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

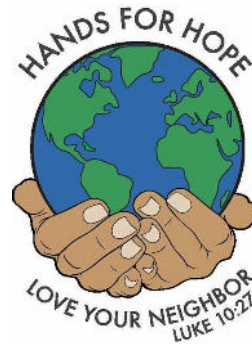
Thank you

Thank you Keith Johnston, Andrew Gibson, Ken & Julie Lehmann, John & Sue Lawrence, Brian Smith, David Clive, Catherin Salisbury and Kingsley Palmer for helping with our church's busy bee last Saturday. You all did a wonderful job and the yard now looks much tidier.



Morning Prayers

Heavenly Father,
I thank you for all the blessings that you have give me, Lord God.
I thank you for having poured your unconditional love deep into my human soul.
Thank you for your amazing power and for being the strong tower as you stand strong for my fragile earthly life.
I thank you for the gifts of wisdom and courage, Lord, for these two enable me to have power against all the problems that I face today and to give glory to your mighty name and kingdom.



Lord in my prayer for today, I ask for your forgiveness for the sins that I have committed in the past and ask that you help me not to sin again.
O Lord, guide me so that I may traverse the path that points only your way.
Let me hear the same sweet whisper as before, and grant me a cheerful spirit when situations don't go my way.
I ask this is Jesus's name.
Amen.

God, our Father,
As this new morning begins, I pray that your words will give me a fresh start with your spirit, peace and joy.
Blessed are you who take away all the sins in this world.
Grant my prayer for today and stand with me as I embark on my journey to your kingdom, where death takes no hold of anyone.
I offer this daily prayer in Jesus's name.
Amen.

<https://www.biblekeeper.com/prayers-for-today/>



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



Christmas Appeal—Toys for Prison

We are once again collecting toys for children whose fathers are in the Bunbury Prison. This year we are targeting younger children, so the toys need to be suitable for children who are no more than 10 years old. The toys need to be in extremely good condition or preferably new. As previously, a box will be placed in the church forum where you can place the presents. For more information please contact Peter or Raelyn Punch E: prpunch@lasar.net.au



Pink Ribbon Morning Tea

Tuesday 22nd October

at the Church from 9.30am

ALL WELCOME

Entry: \$15.00

Raffles, auctions etc.

All funds raised going to Cancer Council WA

Please join in the fun by wearing something pink

For more information please contact Sue Lawrence

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Special prayer requests this week,..



This week we continue to offer prayers for Yoy and Anita Alberastine, Grace Richards, and for their respective families. We pray that they continue to recover from their illnesses and that in the not to distant future they're well enough to join us in praise of our Lord at South Mandurah. We offer prayers too for the medical staff caring for all those who are injured or unwell, asking that you bless them and guide them as they care for their patients.

Lord, we ask for your hand of healing, love, and support, to be upon these your children, as they seek You in their time of need. We lift each and every one of them up to you, through Christ our risen Saviour. Amen



Peter Hyde Tuesday 22 October
God Bless and warm wishes
To you upon your birthday

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