

**Pentecost 24**
3 November 2024**Pentecost 25**
10 November 2024

Welcome: John & Sue Lawrence
 Flowers: Flowers Kindly Donated
 Coffee/Tea: John & Sue Lawrence
 Reader: Piet Speyers
 Kids Church: TBA
 Music: Jim McWhinnie
 Church Rep: TBA
 Worship Leader: Cynthia Clive
 Speaker: Piet Speyers

Welcome: Brian & Barbara Smith
 Flowers: Barbara Smith
 Coffee/Tea: Brian & Debby Hardy
 Reader: Chris Ashley
 Kids Church: TBA
 Music: Sherryl Smith
 Church Rep: Rev. Mike Fawcett
 Worship Leader: Rev. Mike Fawcett
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*Readings from the Lectionary*

Ru 1:1-18
 Ps 146
 Heb 9:11-14
 Mk 12:28-34

Ru 3:1-5, 4:13-17
 Ps 127
 Heb 9:24-28
 Mk 12:38-44

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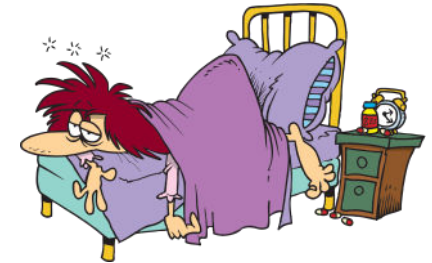
**JESUS
LOVES
YOU****The Messenger**

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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

What To Say When You Roll Out of Bed

Several years ago, our local radio station ran a contest. Disc jockeys invited their listeners to tune in their clock radios. "Just for fun," they said, "when you wake up to the sound of 97.3 Coast FM, call and tell us the first words you spoke when you rolled out of bed. If you're the third caller, you'll win \$100."



It didn't take long for the contest to grow in enthusiasm. The first morning, a buoyant disc jockey said, "Caller number three, what did you say when you rolled out of bed this morning?" A groggy voice said, "Do I smell coffee burning?" Another day, a sleepy office worker said, "Oh no, I'm late for work." Somebody else said her first words were, "Honey, did I put out the dog last night?" A muffled curse was immediately heard in the background, and then a man was heard to say, "No, you didn't." It was a funny contest and drew a considerable audience.

One morning, however, the third caller said something unusual. The station phone rang. "Good morning, this is 97.3 Coast FM. You're on the air. What did you say when you rolled out of bed this morning?"

A voice with a strong Irish accent replied, "You want to know my first words in the morning?"

The bubbly DJ said, "Yes, sir! Tell us what you said."

The Irishman replied, "Shema, Israel ... Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might." There was a moment of embarrassed silence. Then the radio announcer said, "Sorry, wrong number," and cut to a commercial.

Try to remember. What did you say when you rolled out of bed today? Chances are, those words set the tone for the rest of the day. Wake up cheerful, be grateful for another beautiful day, (every day is beautiful regardless of the weather), and praise our Lord. Wake up grumpy, muttering words which shouldn't be printed, and perhaps you're feeding a different deity's ego. How do you greet the day and your loved ones each morning?



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

Join A Homegroup?

Chris and Evelyn are hosting a get together 7pm Friday 15 November to discuss the possibility of starting a new homegroup. If you are interested in being part of the homegroup, please contact Evelyn. M: 0412 852 259 or evelyn.ashley@iinent.net.au



Annual Christmas Concert Saturday 30th November

We will be celebrating the start of Advent with our traditional annual Christmas Concert on Saturday evening 30th November. There will be food, music, singing and lots of fun.

Make sure you write the date in your diaries and tell all your friends and family to save the date. This is our most popular event of the year and we want even more people to come than last year. More information will be published in the Messenger as it becomes available.



Pink Ribbon Morning Tea

Thank you to everyone helped to organise or attended our recent Pink Ribbon Morning Tea, which was held on 22nd October. It was another very successful fundraiser for the Cancer Foundation, with a total of **\$3,038** raised on the day.



Prayer Walk

Weather permitting, there will be a prayer walk after church and morning tea. Please join Frances and Sherryl praying for our community.

For more information please contact:
Frances Davy M; 0488 906 280 E: 2davyfamily@gmail.com or
Sherryl Smith M: 0409 305 910 E: sherrylsa60@gmail.com



On Line Giving

Please consider using on line giving via our church's bank account rather than the open plate on Sundays. Our church's banking details are listed below:

Bank: Halls Head Bendigo Bank
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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



Pastoral Care

For pastoral care or spiritual guidance please contact:

Rev. Mike Fawcett
M: 0412 243 677
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OR Any member of the leadership team (their names are overleaf)



Christmas Appeal—Toys for Fathers in Prison

We are collecting toys for children whose fathers are in the Bunbury Prison. This year we are collecting toys for children who are no more than 10 years old. The toys need to be in extremely good condition or preferably new. Aa 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



A Prayer for Morning Devotion

Heavenly Father, as I awake to a new day, I pause to fill my heart with Your presence. Grant me the joy of a new beginning and the serenity to accept each moment as a gift from You.

Illuminate my mind with Your wisdom as I prepare for the day's tasks. Teach me to recognise Your hand in small details and big decisions alike. As the sun rises, let Your hope rise within me, dispelling any darkness that lingers in my thoughts. Encourage me to seek Your guidance in every interaction, and to offer kindness and support to those around me.

May this day be a reflection of Your love, a canvas where I can paint a beautiful testimony of faith and obedience. Keep me steadfast in my devotion and quick to return to Your side, should I stray. In Jesus' name, I pray, **Amen.**

<https://graceandprayers.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

