

Sunday Service	9.30am	every Sunday
Journey of Hope:	6.00pm	every 3rd Sunday
Belswan service	2.00pm	3 rd Wed of the month
RAAFA Service	10am	4 th Thurs of the month
(Meadow Springs)		
RAAFA Erskine Service	5.00pm	4 th Thurs of the month
Money Mentors Open	9am - 4pm	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri



4/6/2023

The Communicator

Mandurah Uniting Church

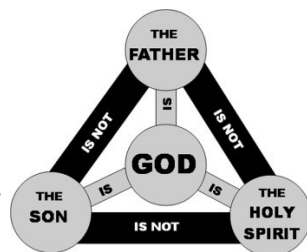
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Reflection – Pastor Seng Eng Low at Lindfield Uniting Church

The Trinity is unique to Christianity. My Muslim friend worships Allah, and in the Quran it is said of Allah: ‘Your God is One God, there is no God except Him, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate’. The Jewish faith, from which Christianity arose, saw God as One. Their daily prayer, the ‘shema’, which they recite each day, morning and evening is: ‘Sh’ma Yisra’eil Adonai Eloheinu Adonai echad. Hear, O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is One. This idea that there is only one God is fundamental to their faith. But in Christianity, we celebrate God as Trinity or the Three-in-One. Did you know that the word ‘Trinity’ does not appear in the Bible? The term ‘Trinity’ was first used by the Christian writer Tertullian (slide 2). He lived in Carthage, North Africa and was thought to be a Berber (sort of an Arab). He lived from 155AD-220 AD, so the word ‘Trinity’ was only used to describe the Christian God, about 200 years after Christ. But why did the doctrine of the Trinity come about at all? After all, the Jewish faith proclaims that God is One, so why complicate matters, why say that God is actually 3 in 1? Well, although the Bible doesn’t use the word ‘Trinity’, there are certain passages that seem to point to the Trinity. Perhaps the clearest expression to the Trinitarian nature of God is seen in Matthew 28:19. Before Jesus ascends to heaven, returning to the Father, he says this to the disciples: ‘Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,’ That’s pretty straightforward.

So we have the doctrine of the Trinity. Celebrated on Trinity Sunday. Besides this special Sunday, how often do you think about the Trinity? What difference does this doctrine make to our daily lives, our day-to-day journey of faith? What is the use of this doctrine?



Readings for the coming month June

June 4	Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8		2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
June 11	Genesis 12:1-9 Psalm 33:1-12	Hosea 5:15-6:6 Psalm 50:7-15	Romans 4:13-25	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
June 18	Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7) Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	Exodus 19:2-8a Psalm 100	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)
June 25	Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17	Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39

THE WORD OF GOD

PENTECOST is a time when we explore the presence of God’s Spirit on our lives. The Uniting Church affirms our many gifts are given to us by God for the building up of the people of God. There is no gift without its corresponding ministry. Some are called to preach, others have gifts of hospitality, and are good listeners and welcomers. Some of our key people are wizards with numbers and money, while others are called to be pastoral carers or teachers. So, having recognised we have these gifts, how do we turn a skill into a ministry? In the church we believe God is always nurturing, correcting, and guiding us through the presence of his Holy Spirit. How do you see yourself? Do you recognize the gifts God has given you, or do you think you are unworthy of God’s graces?

The Bible is essential for our instruction and guidance. It is the Instruction Manual for all Christians. But these days many people struggle to find time to read their Bibles, and some are unsure how to find what they need in the Scriptures. Last month we spoke of the **Lectioary**. This month I want to introduce us to the **Old Testament**. In Sunday School we were taught that there are 39 Books. Our Catholic and Orthodox friends have a bible with more books. It is wise to think of the OT not of Books but of Scrolls. Each of our Books was written and reproduced by Temple Scribes [writers]. Jesus stood in the Temple and read from one of the Scrolls of Isaiah.

If you scan the OT, you will find different sections. The first Book Genesis: read the stories of the beginnings of the People of Israel from the story of Adam and Eve, then Noah, and then Abraham and Sarah. This year we will visit Genesis several times. Why not have a go at reading Genesis? If you next go to the middle of the OT, you will find the Psalms. Every possible emotion is captured in the Psalms. Is there a favourite of yours? This month let us have fun reading the OT.

A final point: The Uniting Church believes that the Bible contains the Word of God, words inspired by God. But we also believe that in loving God with our Minds and Hearts, we are called to explore, question, and discuss what we read. Only then can we affirm for ourselves, what it is we can believe. Lord in your Mercy, teach us your Word. Amen. John M.

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Church Council

1. Thank you to our Gardening Bees who are busy 4 times a year.
2. The AGM of the Church Council will be held this month.
3. Contact Book will be published this month.

Pilgrims

Sat 10th June Turquoise Mandurah - next to Whatso Ormsby Tce - 10am for coffee

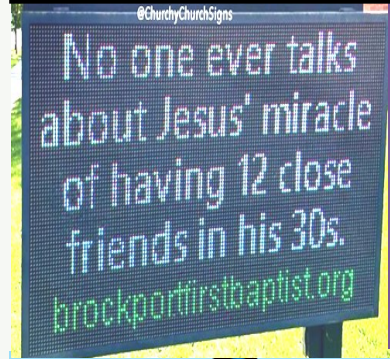
Fri 23rd June Saigon @ Silver Sands - dinner - 6pm

Please leave name on sheet in the foyer so bookings can be made



Music Group

Piano, guitar and organ - Sing and help choose the Music for Worship during the year.
All are welcome! Especially New Musicians & Singers!!



A very warm welcome to any visitors today! Please take with you the blessings of the Mandurah Congregation! Please stay and Fellowship with us after the service.

Well - Being Lunch



**14th & 28th June
11.30am
Wednesday**

Catch up with friends over lunch in a safe place. Mavis will greet you, Rod is serving, Corrie is helping and Pastor Marilyn & Rev John are talking. Matt & Lee are organising.



Formally Rainbow

Journey of Hope

This service will be a event at 6pm
Sunday 18th June 2023.
This is a short service followed by a fellowship meal. Bring your own food.
All are welcome!!

Coffee and Chat Group

Helen has a Coffee and Chat Group for people with mental health concerns, who meet every Saturday at Sharky's at 10.30am till Noon. 0438940525 Helen



June Birthdays

Marj	Counsel	June	6
Fungai	Chiganangar	June	13
Jenny		June	18
Derek	Hamblin	June	18
Keith	Stockins	June	30
Lola	Masters	July	4



Martin Olinga & Betty Faiza	18 June
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Peter is still collecting the recycled bottles and cans and this helps to fund our church.



Keep Up the Fundraising!!

10c Bottles & Cans



Christian Meditation

Join the Meditation Group on a journey of relaxation and spiritual silence. Each Thursday morning at 9.00am



Morning Tea

After meditation there is a time of fellowship over a cuppa.



All Are Welcome

Notes from UOM Volunteers are the Heart of this Community

The AGM was held and the public meeting - Chairperson Judith Warner, Treasurer Coral Richards Secretary Keith Stockins, Deputy Chair - this position was not filled this year. Rev John Marshall (ex-officio), Merv Darcy, Angela Marcella and David Campbell (Angela and David are community members).

Keith Stockins and Fungai Chiganangana to be reappointed as the bookkeepers.

The City of Mandurah year 2 grant is being acquitted and the final purchases for the PEACH equipment are being made. A new till, office desk and chair, op shop counter and display cupboard, phone system, fencing and shelving and a new notice for the end of the shed and a laptop for ER entries.

A risk assessment of our volunteers who are over 80 has been completed in accord with the direction of our Insurance providers.

The Well-Being lunch is gaining in popularity with more people attending in recent events.

