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| Sunday Service | 9.30am | every Sunday |
| RAAFA Service (Meadow Springs) | 10am | 4 th Thurs of the month |
| Brightwater, The Cove | 10.30am | 3rd Mon of the Month |
| RAAFA Erskine Service | 5.00pm | 4 th Thurs of the month |
| Money Mentors Open | 9am - 4pm | Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri |



5 minutes with...Julie Ridden

Julie is working for the Uniting Church Presbytery of WA as the Children, Families, Youth and Young Adult Co-ordinator. This role involves co-ordinating the Uniting Generations Network, sourcing information for congregations, visiting congregations, preaching, talking with church leaders about ministry to the younger generations, being an advocate for young people and the intergenerational church .

What led you to your current role in the Uniting Church?
 I have a long history in children's ministry, beginning at the age of fifteen which ultimately led to becoming the Children and Families Pastor at Nedlands. I have been involved in the Uniting Generations Network since its inception because I believe it is very important that we help each other to grow in our ministry to young people. It became important as a Candidate that I experience the diversity of the Uniting Church. Being in this role enables me to use the skill sets I have to help congregations while I learn more about the Uniting Church here in WA. What is something you would like the church to know about ministry with children, youth and young adults?
 Please, please, please talk to the children and young people we have. Ask them how they would like to serve, how do they learn best and what would help them to feel comfortable in inviting others to church. The Health Department said it best – Act Belong Commit. If we want younger generations to commit to Christ and the body of Christ (the church), they need to feel that they belong and have an active role in the church, which includes being heard. Also, the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. We need more people willing to be a part of children, youth and young adult ministry. Too often it gets left to a few in the church, which can lead to burnout of those volunteers, and our young people become connected to a few individuals not the church.

| Readings for March 2025 | | | | Speaker |
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| March 2 | Exodus 34:29-35 | Psalms 99 | 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 | Rev David Oxley |
| Mar 09 | Deuteronomy 26:1-11 | Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16 | Romans 10:8b-13 | Coral Richards |
| Mar 16 | Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 | Psalms 27 | Philippians 3:17-4:1 | Rev Sylvia Thompson |
| Mar 23 | Isaiah 55:1-9 | Psalms 63:1-8 | 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 | Matt Lowery |
| Mar 30 | Joshua 5:9-12 | Psalms 32 | 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 | Peter Marshall |



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 156 Pinjarra Road, Mandurah, WA



Easter

What Is Ash Wednesday? What Is Lent?
 Ash Wednesday 5th March 2025 begins the Lenten season. Lent is the time before Easter when Christians prepare to commemorate Jesus's Resurrection through prayer, penance and fasting. During Lent, there are many special days and phrases. These include Mardi Gras, Shrove Tuesday, Maundy Thursday, Holy Week, Palm Sunday, Passion Sunday, dust to dust, and more. If you're looking for answers about ashes on the forehead or Jesus Christ Pilgrimage come to the **Lenten Studies on a Thursday at 10am during LENT. These studies will be a time to connect with each other about our Christian journey and will allow us to get to know each other in more depth.**

Some people don't give up things on Sundays during Lent, and that's okay because our sacrifices are voluntary. But fasting on Ash Wednesday and not eating meat on Fridays during Lent can be part of your journey.
What's the Deal with Ashes on Ash Wednesday?
 On Ash Wednesday, wearing ashes on your forehead can feel like a bold proclamation of Faith, drawing curious or puzzled glances from others. Remember, this visible sign of repentance and humility is an opportunity to witness to Christ with quiet confidence and a joyful heart.

Purpose of Lenten Season
 Lent is a time of spiritual preparation, self-examination, and penance leading up to the celebration of Easter Day. This can be a time to imitate Jesus' forty days of fasting in the desert. It is an opportunity for us to deepen our relationship with God, seek forgiveness for sins, and grow in spiritual discipline. Some Christians focus on self-denial, prayerful reflection, and charitable acts as a means of drawing closer to God.

**Easter can be a time of new beginnings.
 Repairing relationships.
 Easter is a time to move forward with a positive heart.**

Family Friendly Worship Service every Sunday at 9.30am
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 UCA Mandurah and UOM have facebook pages

"The Way Forward"

**Radical
Passionate
Intentional
Risk Taking
Extravagant**

**Hospitality
Worship
Faith Development
Mission & Service
Generosity**

**Belonging, Believing,
Behaving, Becoming**

Church Council

1. Baptism of Merve and Dhaly Darcy's Grand daughter – Ylizabeth Jane Darcy - Parents Yldelene Sileh Busa and James Darcy will be conducted by Rev. John Marshall on March 9th.
2. Marilyn Price who serves our church as a Pastor in Association has had her term extended for another year
3. Annual reports need to be submitted by 14th March to the office - admin@mandurah.unitingchurch.org.au.
4. Congregation Meeting is after church on 30th March when we will review the reports and budget.
5. We are still trying to build the numbers on our facebook pages for UOM and Church, so if you are on facebook, please like and share our posts.
6. Lenten studies begin on Thursday 6th March at the church at 10am - Pilgrimage is the theme.
7. David and Bob will be running a Lenten study at the RAAFA during Lent.
8. AGM of the Church Council will be on the 19th March for the election of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

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



**Pastoral Carers
Meeting
20th March 2025
3pm
at the Church**
Jenny Johnson
David & Eileen Oxley
Peter & Maggie Marshall
Gwen Hodda
Judith Warner
Keith & Marilyn Stockins
Wilma Davis
Mavis Freeman

Well - Being Lunch 11.30am Wednesday



Catch up with
friends
over lunch in a
safe place.

Fellowship time
12th & 26th March
2025



March Birthdays

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| Coral | Richards | March | 1 |
| Phil | Marshall | March | 3 |
| Richard | Caddy | March | 5 |
| Mary | Armstrong | March | 13 |
| Andrew | Homewood | March | 21 |
| Matt | Lowery | March | 28 |
| Mary | Homewood | April | 2 |
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**Do you enjoy a
coffee or tea
plus a cake or
biscuit?**

**Join us
Have fun
Do stuff
at Mug Mates**

Music Group
Sing and help choose the Music
for Worship during the year.
**All are welcome! Especially New
Musicians & Singers!! 9.30am on
Wednesday 19th March 2025**



Mug Mates



**Wednesday 11am
Fortnightly Here
Time: 10am
5th & 19th March**

Notes from UOM

2025 - Supporting the Local Community 51 years

- Michele Woods, one of our volunteers on a Tuesday at Emergency Relief and for Well-Being lunches has agreed to join the board of UOM. Welcome Michele.
- UOM is auspicing a grant from Bendigo Bank supporting Elsie Ugle prepare for her art exhibition at CASM in July.
- UOM determined that we will open the Op Shop on Saturdays commencing the 1st March.

