

NEWSLETTER



SOUTH PERTH UNITING CHURCH

Sandgate and Angelo Street

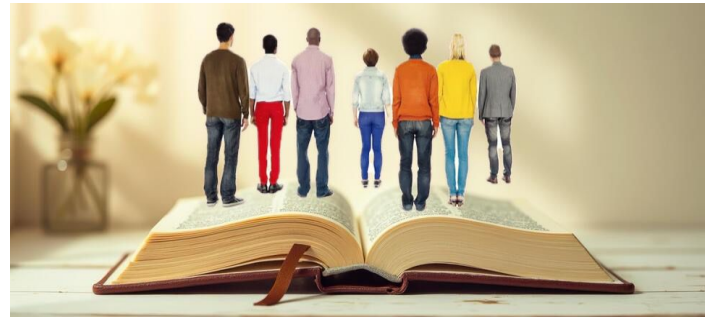
Sunday Worship 9:30am

19 OCTOBER 2025

Bible Readings: Hebrew 12:1, Jude:1-4

When sources of anxiety are many and various, and reliable information is hard to come by, where should we look for guidance and consolation in our times?

If you're a Christian, then the Scriptures may come to mind. We are taught that they are our ultimate guide for how to live and what to believe. But the Bible isn't always an easy book to understand. It contains many confusing passages, makes extraordinary claims, and sets a seemingly impossible standard for us to follow. Sometimes, it might be easier to lay the Bible aside and reach for a self-help book, call up a friend, or consult the internet for advice.



How can we get more out of the Bible and gain a better understanding of its relevance for our life today?

This isn't an easy question to answer. However, since the earliest days of our faith, there have been men and women who grappled with the same questions that confound us today. This "great cloud of witnesses" passed Jesus' message down from generation to generation, preserving the "faith entrusted to God's holy people," and offering their own meditations and insights along the way. **If you're looking for guidance in your life and faith, these historical Christians have much to offer.**



Unfortunately, many Christians alive today have never heard about these fathers and mothers of the church, or the labours they endured for the sake of the Gospel. However, in their writings and biographies we find examples of faith in action – including innumerable stories of God's servants, inspired by the Scriptures, displaying great courage, godly wisdom, and sincere devotion. These writings also contain the reflections of great exegetes and theologians, whose interpretations of the Bible can help us as we wrestle with our faith and address life's most difficult questions.

But perhaps the greatest help that these witnesses offer is to remind ourselves that **we are not alone in our faith – that in every age and at all times** since Jesus' day, there have been men and women who stand beside us and proclaim boldly that Jesus Christ is Lord!

Conrad Dixon

Mission statement - We are a people of God whose mission is to love and serve our congregation, our community and the World

Vision statement - We will show God's love, follow the teachings of Jesus and extend our faith journey. We will actively care for our community and world, and work to bring others into a relationship with God

Lord, we entrust to you all of our thoughts, hopes and aspirations.

We thank you for Your Love. For You are *infinitely* Merciful, Gracious, Slow to Anger and Abounding in Steadfast Love and Faithfulness.

Your Merciful Hands are here to heal and restore those who are hurting and unwell. **Your Protection and Grace** continue to sustain and comfort those who mourn and those who are affected by natural disasters, by wars and the many conflicts & political instabilities around the world. **Your Strength, Guidance, Provisions & Patience** during these challenging times show us times and again Your Deep Love and Faithfulness.

Thank you, Lord, for listening to our prayers.

We lift to You everyone who seek You and Your Presence.

May each one of us be wrapped in Your Amazing Grace and be filled with Your Love.

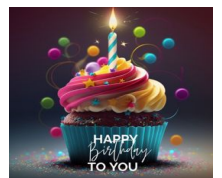
In Jesus' name. Amen



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- **Times of Prayer** (Wednesday 7.30-8.30am and Sunday 9-9:20am) Do you have a need? Or would like to pray for someone close to you? Come and join us for an informal time to pray for our community, friends, family, the world.

If you would like South Perth Uniting Church to join you in prayer for a situation that is on your heart, let us know sperthuc@gmail.com.

- **Happy Birthday** to **Mark Illingworth** (22nd), **Betty Carter** (23rd), **Jessie Xu** (24th) and to all others who celebrate their birthday this week. Enjoy a great day ahead. The Blessings of Lord be with you.
- **English Conversation Classes** continue this Monday 20th October (10 am to noon). If you are interested in helping out as a tutor, or know someone who would like to join us (conversation only) please speak to Swee Lee or Lindsay Yeomans.
- **Bible Studies** continue this week on **Tuesday 21st Oct** (7 – 8.30pm) & **Thursday 23rd Oct** (1 – 2.30pm). Come join us for more lively discussions and warm fellowship.
- **Joy Belles Choir** will have their usual practice on **Wed 22nd October, 7 pm**. Contact person: Kerry Wishart / Grae Garl.
- **Craft & Board Games** group will be meeting for another fun-filled afternoon **Saturday 25th** (from 1 – 4 pm). This will be our last meeting for the year.
- **Young Adults Gathering (Saturday Oct 25, 5.30 to 7.30pm)**. Young working adults, tertiary students, and Yr 12s welcome!



Mark Illingworth will talk about **Managing Life** - and share some tips on managing our relationships with God and others, finances, health, as well as work/studies. We'll also have a special **prayer session for those having exams** in the following weeks, followed by **PIZZA!**

- **Hey heyHalloween Light Party coming up!** Between zombies in October, Santa Claus in December, and the Easter Bunny in spring, our modern holidays involve an incredible amount of marketing and lollies—but are they secular or sacred? How do we sort out what to take and what to leave?

This year at SPUC we are holding a **Light Party!** Come along and enjoy celebrating **Jesus is the Light!** **Friday 31st October!** Actually, we need some champions to make this an **awesome event!** If you're interested, please tell Mark!



- **Christmas Care** packs: A HUGE thank you to everyone who has contributed to the "soup kitchen" care packs/clothes/shoes/toiletries.. it is greatly appreciated by all. Also, I would like to thank Fiona and Ronnie for all their support and help in this past year. We have two more dates for our team and I would like to make up care packs for Christmas. It would be wonderful to get something for everyone: items such as socks, T-shirts, toiletries etc. Thank you again.. *Chris Kortas for St Albans Soup Kitchen.*



Operation Christmas Child 2025



More than just a box, these boxes bring hope, joy and salvation to children living in difficult conditions.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. It's a hands-on way for you to bless children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts. We collect the boxes and distribute them in the name of Jesus Christ to children living in vulnerable situations.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to provide God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. *For further information, talk to Gill Amos*



Keep this date FREE: Our Christmas Lunch will be on **Saturday 29th November**



Celebrate with us!

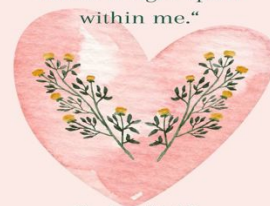
Join us for our annual
Family Christmas Lunch
Saturday 29th November
12 noon in our Church

\$10 per adult
\$5 per kid
Under 5s free

Registration & payment by Sunday 15 November

Position	Sunday 19 October	Sunday 26 October
Speaker	Conrad Dixon	Mark Illingworth
Welcomer	Gill Amos	Gill Amos
Bible Reading	Grae Garl	Sarah Shipman
Flowers	Ronnie Naughton	Grae Garl
Pre-Sunday Tea Set up	Bev Hill	Young Adults
Sunday Tea Serving	Matt, Jenny & John Bullock	Fiona Paice & Peter Cornish
Sunday Club	Emily & Sunhee (E) Deb (M)	Emily & Carolyn (E) Grae (M)

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."



Psalm 51:10

Weekly Diary

Prayer & Worship Service	Sun 9am & 9:30am	Mark Illingworth
Bible Study	Tues 7-8:30pm	Mark Illingworth
	Thurs 1-2:30pm	Mark Illingworth
Midweek Renewal Prayer	Wed 7:30am (Room 1)	Judy Siddins
Music Practice	Usually 4:30pm Saturday	Ron Craig
SPUC Joy Belles	Wed 7.00pm (Church)	Kerry Wishart
English Conversation Classes	Mon 10am (Angelo St Hall)	In recess

Monthly Diary

Church Council 7pm	1 st Wed of the Month	5 th Nov 2025
Family Christmas Lunch	12noon 4 th Sat of Nov	29 th Nov 2025
Friday Night Worship 7:00pm	2 nd Friday of the Month	14 th Nov 2025
Worship on Wednesday! WOW! 10am	3 rd Wed of the Month	19 th Nov 2025
Craft & Boardgames(1-4pm)	4 th Sat of the Month (Hall)	25 th Oct 2025

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are invited to give
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Direct Debit giving
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"Dear Lord, grant me a kind heart today, one that sees the needs of others and responds with love and patience. Help me speak words of kindness and act with grace." – Unknown

Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less.

C.S. Lewis



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