

GENESIS 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

1 PETER 3:18-22

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

MARK 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."



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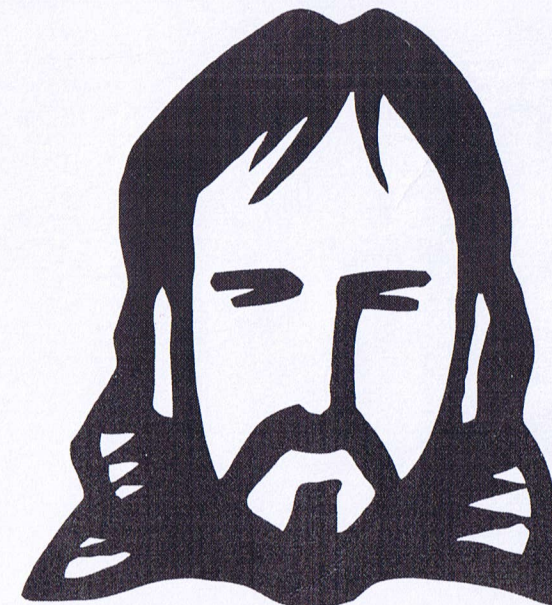
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Morning Worship: Roster

	18 th February 2024	25 th February 2024
Leader	Rev Jean Shannon	Shirley McLennan
Music	Corinne Nicolson	Rosemary Akesson
Entry of Bible	Iris Ballard	Iris Ballard
Acknowledgement of Country	Ailsa Liffman	Beryl McGrath
Stewards	Colin Manley	Meryll Davey & Iris Ballard
Reader	Joan Winwood	Ailsa Liffman
Pastoral Prayer	Iris Ballard	Corinne Nicolson
Morning Tea	Robyn Herdegen & Ailsa Liffman	Joan & Royce Lovett
Projection	Jeff Haynes	Tony Olinsky
Flowers		
Lectionary	Genesis 9: 8-17 1 Peter 3: 18-22 Mark 1: 9-15	Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 Romans 4: 31-38 Mark 8: 31-38

Regular Activities

- Morning Worship:** 1st, 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday/month: - 10am
- Holy Communion:** 3rd Sunday/month - 10am and 2:30pm at Wyndham
- Imlay House Service:** 2:00pm, 3rd Thursday of the month - helpers would be appreciated - see Rev Jean.
- Tura Beach Op Shop:** Open Monday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm.
- Uniting Church Tai Chi 108:** Thursday 10-11am in the hall. Contact Shirley
- Uniting Church Dance Group:** Tuesday evenings at 7 pm and Friday mornings at 9 am Contact Pam Jordan 0475 191 923 for details.
- 'Blokes United' Coffee Morning** - 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday each month - 10am at MorMors
- Church Bring-and-Share Brunch** - 1st Sunday/month (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec.)

For those who would like to make their offering anonymously via regular direct bank transfer, our banking details for Giving Direct are:
Account Name Sapphire Coast Uniting Church **BSB** 634-634
Account Number 100037934

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What's on this week:

- *Men's Coffee morning - Wednesday 21st 10am at MorMors
- *Church Council meeting on Thursday 22nd February at 2:00pm. All welcome.



The Duty Roster for April and May will be prepared soon. Please indicate any absences on the sheets on the noticeboard. We are seeking new volunteers. Please speak to Ailsa if you are prepared to assist in any role ie music, projection, service participation. There has been a small revision of the March roster, mainly due to Geoff's unplanned absence.

Don't miss the next Church Bring-and-Share Brunch: Sunday 3rd March after the church service. Bring a plate to share and enjoy some social interaction.

The World Day of Prayer will this year be held at Christ Church, Pambula on Friday 1st March at 11.00am. (Next year will be our turn to host!)



Need a light bulb changed? Need a cupboard door fixed? If you have small handyman tasks that are now a bit much for you, Bob Unger would be happy to give you a hand. Talk to Bob after the service!

DISCIPLESHIP THOUGHT

In the wilderness, it's the wild beasts that emerge before the angels come and attend to Jesus. Maybe this is one way of describing what happens in the desert experiences of our lives. The desert is a confronting place. The desert can be a place of testing. It can be a lonely place. The desert is a place of vulnerability. So, it makes sense that we might encounter some wild beasts - maybe parts within us that seem unruly or intimidating, parts we might be able to ignore at different times of our lives. Perhaps Lent is a time of becoming still enough to encounter the wild or uncomfortable things that accompany us in the desert of our lives. If, throughout Lent, you find yourself coming into contact with wild things, do not presume that healing, newness, and transformation are out of sight. The dream of God is close behind; angels will also come and attend to you. But sometimes, the wild beasts must come first.