

2 KINGS 2:1-12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

MARK 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.



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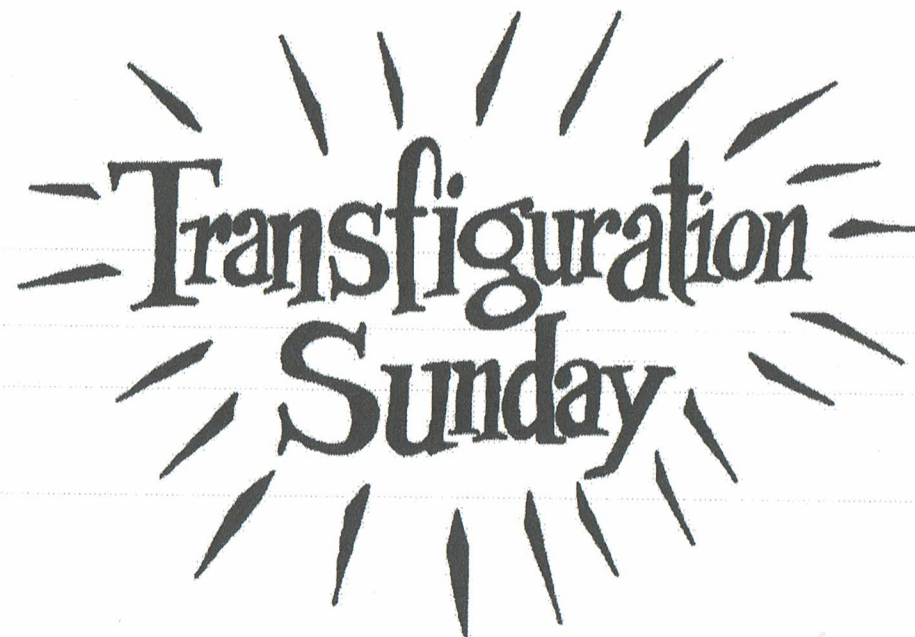
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Morning Worship: Roster

	14 th February 2021	21 st February 2021
Leader	Rev Jean Shannon	Rev Jean Shannon
Music	Rosemary Akesson	Corinne Nicolson
Duty Elder	Corinne Nicolson	Ursula Dew & Jeanette Osborne
Stewards	Anna Topic & Anita Austen-Rau	Janet & Cecil Smith
Reader	Ailsa Liffman	Rev. John Blair
Pastoral Prayer	Corinne Nicolson	Ursula Dew
Morning Tea	No Morning Tea	No Morning Tea
Projection	Tony Olinsky	Jeff Haynes
Lectionary	2 Kings 2: 1-12 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 Mark 9: 2-9	Genesis 9: 8-17 1 Peter 3: 18-22 Mark 1: 9-15

Regular Activities

Morning Worship - 1st, 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday/month: - 10am

Holy Communion - 3rd Sunday/month - 10am and at Wyndham - 2:30pm & 3rd Wednesday/month - 2:00pm at Imley House. (not at present)

Tura Beach Op Shop - Open Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 9:00am to 4:00pm

Fellowship Group - 1st Monday/month at 1.30pm - contact Joan or Corinne

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 John Tanner: 0428 957 165 for details.

Church Bring-and-Share Brunch - T.B.A.

Birthdays this week: **Barbara Brown** - 15th

Meryll Davey - 17th

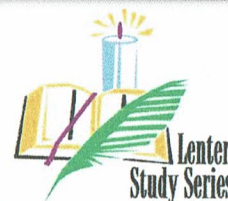


For those who would like to make their **Offering** via regular direct bank transfer, our banking details for **Giving Direct** are: Acc Name: *Sapphire Coast Uniting Church* BSB: 634-634 Acc Number: *100037934*



Induction Loop

An induction loop is installed in the church. It connects automatically to newer hearing aids. For older aids you need to switch to "T" telecoil setting.



Lenten Studies commencing Friday 19th

February:

Time: 3:30pm to 4:40pm

Place: Manse, 3 Burtonia Court, Tura Beach

Duty Roster - Final Call

The roster for **March, April & May** will soon be prepared. New volunteers are very welcome. Please note any planned absences you may have during this period on the sheets provided on the notice board, to avoid changes to the roster after publication.

DISCIPLESHP THOUGHT

There are hinge points in our lives; moments when we know life will never be the same again. Sometimes we know it at the time - weddings, the birth of a child, graduation. Then there are others that only become clearer as a hinge point in hindsight - the decision-making moment that made for a new life direction. Meeting someone for the first time who turned out to be a significant person in the future.

The story of the transfiguration is a hinge point in the church year. It is the moment where the humanity and divinity of Christ collide, where the mystery and reality of life are held in tension, where the story changes as we move out of Epiphany and into the Lenten journey towards Jerusalem. It is the moment of going up the mountain to places of divine, ethereal encounter and down the mountain to places of reality, suffering and service.

We are more like Peter than we care to admit. Peter offers to make dwellings, seeking to make permanent the experience. We, however, wanting to capture the moment, are more likely to reach for a camera for a selfie or photograph to remember the occasion, all the while missing out on the sacredness of the moment.



There are many stories about **St. Valentine**. A commonly accepted story, however, concerns a Christian from North Africa. Put in prison for his faith in Jesus Christ, Valentine was sentenced to die. While in jail he cured the jailer's daughter of blindness. On the day Valentine was to die, he sent a note to the young girl and signed it "from your Valentine" and from there the custom grew.