



## **Merimbula Uniting Church**

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*'Creating a caring, nurturing community'*



I have  
seen the  
Lord John 20:18

SUNDAY APRIL 17, 2022



# Morning Worship: Roster

	17 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 Easter Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
Leader	Rev. Jean Shannon	Rev. Jean Shannon
Music	Corinne Nicolson	Elizabeth Prosser
Entry of Bible	Iris Ballard	Jeanette Osborne
Acknowledgement of Country	Beryl McGrath	Robyn Herdegen
Stewards	Colin & Margaret Manley	Jeff Haynes
Reader	Shirley Bazley	Colin Manley
Pastoral Prayer	Iris Ballard	Ros Williams
Morning Tea	Joan & Royce Lovett	Iris Ballard Meryll Davey
Projection	Geoff Burton	Geoff Burton
Lectionary	Acts 10:34-43 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 John 20:1-18	Acts 5:27-32 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31

## Regular Activities

- Morning Worship:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday/month: - 10am
- Holy Communion:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday/month - 10am and 2:30pm at Wyndham
- 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 John Tanner: 0428 957 165 for details.
- Church Bring-and-Share Brunch** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday/month (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec.)

Birthdays this week:  
21<sup>st</sup> - Anita Austen-Rau



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Note: Masks are no longer compulsory, but remain advisable.



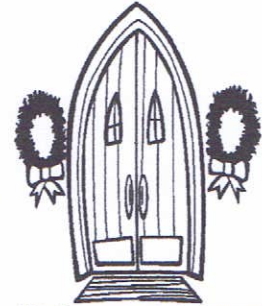


A hearing induction loop is installed in the church. It will connect automatically to newer hearing aids, but those with older aids may need to manually switch to the 'T' telecoil setting.

John & Becky Blair send "Easter blessings to our church community in Merimbula". They are settling back into their home in New Hampshire and looking forward to seeing their family at Easter.

#### Hall

Please remember that the hall floor is currently 'off limits' to allow curing of the new surface. We will return furniture to the hall in the afternoon of Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>, ready for the first users to return that evening.



**Welcome, Visitors!**

#### DISCIPLESHIP THOUGHT

The close circle of disciples drew together, grieving as they made sense of what had happened. The wider circle of women who had followed Jesus remained present as Joseph of Arimathea placed Jesus' wrapped body in the tomb, prepared spices and perfumes to respectfully tend his body, as they would a beloved brother, and observed the Sabbath before making their way back to the tomb. In their grief, they acted with grace. Significantly, they 'and the other women with them' understood and remembered Jesus' words. The apostles, the long-time followers, not only disbelieved them, but they also 'thought that it was nonsense' or 'an idle tale'. So often, what is familiar blinds our inner sight, inhibiting our response.

God is ever present, revealing new beginnings and truth through the eyes or vivid conversations of new witnesses and unexpected 'angels'. Do we, too, dismiss it as 'nonsense' as long-term believers? To whom does God refer to 'tell all these things'? Who is sharing the Good News? Easter is a time to revive our faith, find grace and listen to new voices who 'tell all these things' in unexpected ways.



**Jesus is Risen!**

**ACTS 10:34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26**

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**JOHN 20:1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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