

**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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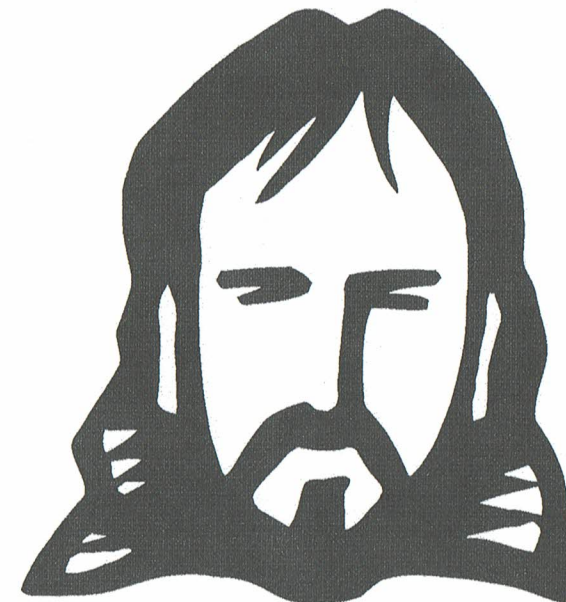
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## Morning Worship: Roster

	21 <sup>st</sup> February 2021	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
<b>Leader</b>	Rev Jean Shannon	Rev Jean Shannon
<b>Music</b>	Corinne Nicolson	Elizabeth Prosser
<b>Duty Elder</b>	Shirley McLennan & Jeanette Osborne	Stuart Edwards
<b>Stewards</b>	Janet & Cecil Smith	Iris Ballard & Meryll Davey
<b>Reader</b>	Rev. John Blair	Jeanette Osborne
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	Shirley McLennan	Stuart Edwards
<b>Morning Tea</b>	No Morning Tea	No Morning Tea
<b>Projection</b>	Jeff Haynes	Tony Olinsky
<b>Lectionary</b>	Genesis 9: 8-17 1 Peter 3: 18-22 Mark 1: 9-15	Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 Romans 4: 13-25 Mark 8: 31-38

## 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 at Wyndham - 2:30pm & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday/month - 2:00pm at Imlay House. (not at present)

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

**Fellowship Group** - 1<sup>st</sup> 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: **Joan Lovett** - 25th  
**Libby Roberts** - 26th



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



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.

The **DUTY ROSTER** for March, April and May has been emailed. There are also hard copies available at the front desk.



## Lenten Studies:

Time: 3:30pm to 4:40pm

Place: Manse. 3 Burtonia Court, Tura Beach



## Church Council Meeting

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 2:00pm at the church.  
All welcome

## Presbytery Notice

Zoom gatherings for Lay Leaders across the Presbytery:  
Contact Rev Andrew Smith at [ministerc@cruc.org.au](mailto:ministerc@cruc.org.au)  
See notice board for details

## DISCIPLESHIP THOUGHT

In the Bible, the wilderness is often the place of danger, uncertainty, and loneliness. A journey through the wilderness can leave us feeling adrift and unsure, but we can also find strength in places of isolation. This past year has been a wilderness experience for many people in our communities. We have been cut off from one another in so many ways, yet there have also been bright moments of connection and a clarity of what is truly important. Perhaps this is also the journey Jesus takes in the wilderness. Mark describes the movement from baptism, to wilderness, to ministry in a deliberately quick paced fashion. He doesn't dwell on these scenes, but they certainly inform one another. As Jesus emerges from the wilderness, he appears to have a clarity about what his baptism will mean and he declares the Good News of the Kingdom of God.