

JONAH 3:1-5,10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

MARK 1:14-20

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." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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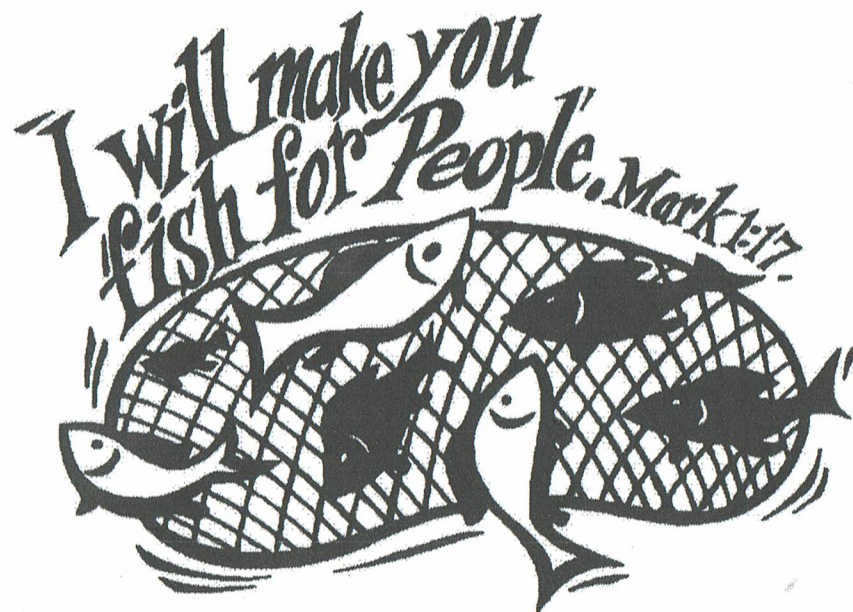
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Morning Worship: Roster

	24 th January 2021	31 st January 2021
Leader	Rev Jean Shannon	Rev Jean Shannon
Music	Rosemary Akesson	Corinne Nicolson
Duty Elder	Jeanette Osborne	Stuart Edwards
Stewards	Colin & Margaret Manley	Janet & Cecil Smith
Reader	Ursula Dew	Shirley McLennan
Pastoral Prayer	Iris Ballard	Stuart Edwards
Morning Tea	No Morning Tea	No Morning Tea
Projection	Jeff Haynes	Tony Olinsky
Lectionary	Jonah 3: 1-5,10 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31 Mark 1: 14-20	Deuteronomy 18: 15-20 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13 Mark 1: 21-28

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 Imlay House. (not at present)

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

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

"Uniting Gardeners" - 1st & 3rd Friday, 3pm to 4pm at the church.

Uniting Church Tai Chi 108 Thursday 10-11am in the hall. Contact Shirley

Uniting Church Dance Group - Tuesday evenings & Friday mornings

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

Birthdays this week:



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



Hearing aid

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.



Tai Chi with Shirley McLennan restarts this coming Thursday 28th January in the church hall 10:00am to 11:00am. Cost \$10 per term

Blessing Workshop (How to get your fingers on their toes)

A workshop to learn to write blessings for people who think they can't write (and for those who can)

Ecumenical - all are welcome.

Presented by Marylyn Judd Smith and Jean Shannon - this workshop has been presented to the Pastoral Care Conference; the Uniting Women's Conference and Clearview Uniting Church

Saturday 6th February, 9:30am to 1:00pm

Merimbula Uniting Church, corner of Henwood and Lakeview Ave, Merimbula

To Register: Email jean@jeanshannon.com with heading BLESSING WORKSHOP with contact details.

or phone 6495 0509 and leave a message with contact details.

Cost: Gold Coin to cover costs

DISCIPLESHIP THOUGHT

The story of Jesus calling the disciples may make us uncomfortable, perhaps because of how frequently this story has been equated with evangelism. The idea of catching people, dragging them against their will, hoarding them together in nets, and depriving them of oxygen seems an awfully violent image that hopefully really doesn't equate much with any actual experience of church, God or evangelism.

But what if the act of fishing is the metaphor of this story not the fish? What if the act of fishing is equated with the call to life following Jesus not the fish with the people? Has our image of fishing become so sanitized and leisure focused that we have forgotten that fishing, especially at this time in history, was dangerous? Fishing required dedication, hard work, patience, struggle, pain, hope and fear. It was frustrating and rewarding. What if living with God was like the act fishing?