

GENESIS 17:1-7,15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

ROMANS 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants

be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

MARK 8:31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."



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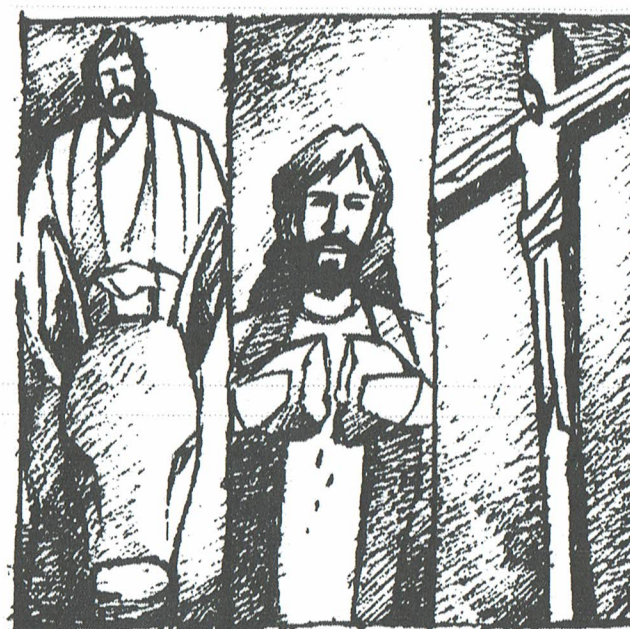
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Morning Worship: Roster

	28 th February 2021	7 th March 2021
Leader	Rev Jean Shannon	Rev John Blair Rev Jean Shannon
Music	Elizabeth Prosser	Corinne Nicolson
Duty Elder	Ros Williams	Iris Ballard
Stewards	Iris Ballard & Meryll Davey	Colin & Margaret Manley
Reader	Jeanette Osborne	Elizabeth Prosser
Pastoral Prayer	Ros Williams	Iris Ballard
Morning Tea	No Morning Tea	Joan & Royce Lovett
Projection	Tony Olinsky	Ailsa Liffman
Lectionary	Genesis 17: 1-7,15-16 Romans 4: 13-25 Mark 8: 31-38	Exodus 20: 1-17 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 John 2: 13-22

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, 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: **Colleen Keit** - 28th

Ailsa Liffman - 5th



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



good hearing

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.

Fellowship Meeting:

Fellowship will meet tomorrow 1st March at 1:30pm at the church.

World day of Prayer

When: Friday 5th March

Venue: St Joseph's Catholic Church, Merimbula

Time: 11:00am

Theme: "Build on a Strong Foundation"

Country: Vanuata

Could you let Shirley McLennan know if you are planning to attend.



Lenten Studies:

Time: 3:30pm to 4:40pm

Place: Manse. 3 Burtonia Court, Tura Beach

"A small team of workers were able to pack 50 bags of surplus clothing from the Op Shop storage last Thursday, ready to be shipped to Sydney and on to Africa. This is our third such shipment and is a wonderful way of reusing items that might otherwise end up as waste. Many thanks to Merryll & Frank, John & Beckie, Robyn, Iris, Joan, Corinne and Jeff."

DISCIPLESHIP THOUGHT

Peter, the rock, gets it all wrong again - at least in part. Peter hears Jesus' teaching about what is to come, and it appears he believes Jesus is telling the truth, it's just that he doesn't want that to be the way things turn out. He has set his mind on the safety and security of his friendship; he has set his mind on having a 'victory' in the way he imagined it. In Jesus, Peter has met the Messiah, he knows this. The trouble is his definition of what the Messiah is supposed to do. Perhaps he wants a triumphant and powerful Christ, not one who is humble and chooses love over violence. There are times in the life of the church when we fail to recognise the Messiah we have and join with Peter in the one we might have hoped for. At those times, we too stand with Peter in setting our minds on the wrong things.