

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 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

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Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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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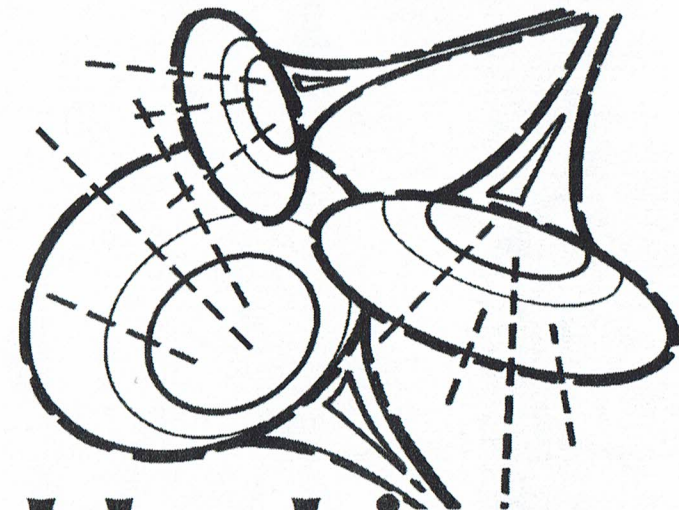
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Morning Worship: Roster

	31 st March 2024	7 th April 2024
Leader	Rev Jean Shannon	Robyn Herdegen
Music	Rosemary Akesson	Elizabeth Prosser
Entry of Bible	Tony Olinsky	Shirley McLennan
Acknowledgement of Country	Iris Ballard	Beryl McGrath
Stewards	Julie Russell & Beryl McGrath	Colin & Margaret Manley
Reader	Colin Manley	Ailsa Liffman
Pastoral Prayer	Tony Olinsky	Shirley McLennan
Morning Tea	Iris Ballard & Meryll Davey	Robin & Bob Unger
Projection	Jeff Haynes	Tony Olinsky
Flowers		Ailsa Liffman
Lectionary	Acts 10: 34-43 1 Corinthians 15 1-11 John 20: 1-18	Acts 4: 32-35 1 John 1: 1-2:2 John 20: 19-31

Regular Activities

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

Holy Communion: 3rd Sunday/month - 10am and 2:30pm at Wyndham

Imlay House Service: 2:00pm, 3rd Thursday of the month - helpers would be appreciated - see Rev Jean.

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 Pam Jordan 0475 191 923 for details.

'Blokes United' Coffee Morning - 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday each month - 10am at MorMors

Church Bring-and-Share Brunch - 1st Sunday/month (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec.)



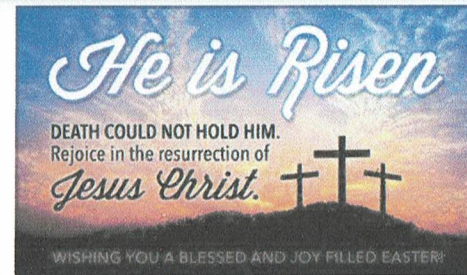
Cathie Haynes - 3rd

Ros Williams - 4th

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'Blokes United' Coffee Morning - Wednesday 3rd - 10am at MorMors



May God fill your Easter basket with peace, prosperity, and good health this Easter. Have a blessed and Holy Easter!

DISCIPLESHIP THOUGHT

In the details of Jesus' burial, we learn that there was a garden in the place where he was crucified. This place of violence and devastation includes a place from which life springs forth. Within this garden, there was also a new tomb that had never been used. This place of desolation consists of a place where love and life could be honoured. The details seem like impossible combinations: Jesus laid to rest in a place of devastation and desolation that also includes a seedbed for new life and a place for honouring the sacredness of love. Our lives include these impossible combinations in many ways - both terribly hard things and hopeful things brimming with life-giving potential. Gardens and tombs. But not just these things. There is also a gardener who calls us by name, who is God with us, Immanuel, Jesus, the resurrection and the life. He is the one who brings forth beautiful and life-giving things from the gardens of our lives, even when things are still so dark and the new week has only just begun. God writes an Easter story into each of our lives.

Once the game is over, the king and the pawn go back in the same box.
- Italian proverb