

**EXODUS 20:1-17**

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

**1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25**

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will

thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

**JOHN 2:13-22**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.



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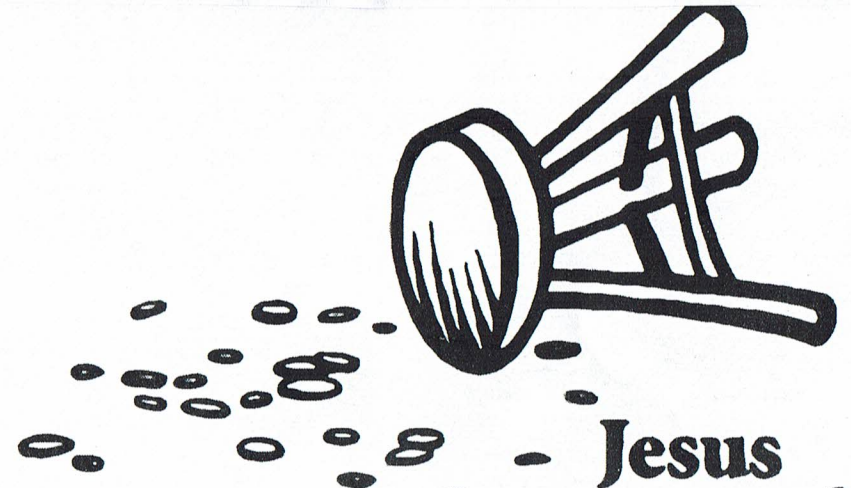
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**Jesus  
Overturned  
their tables. John 2:15**

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# Morning Worship: Roster

	3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2024	10 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Leader	Rev Jean Shannon	Rev Jean Shannon
Music	Elizabeth Prosser	Rosemary Akesson
Entry of Bible	Shirley McLennan	Ailsa Liffman
Acknowledgement of Country	Joan Winwood	Joan Lovett
Stewards	Colin & Margaret Manley	Joan & Royce Lovett
Reader	Julie Russell	Iris ballard
Pastoral Prayer	Shrley McLennan	Ailsa Liffmna
Morning Tea	Joan & Royce Lovett	Robin & Bob Unger
Projection	Ailsa Liffman	Jeff Haynes
Flowers		
Lectionary	Exodus 20: 1-17 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 John 2: 13-22	Numbers 21: 4-9 Ephesians 2: 1-10 John 3: 14-21

## 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
- Imlay House Service:** 2:00pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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** - 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month - 10am at MorMors
- Church Bring-and-Share Brunch** - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday/month (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec.)

Ailsa Liffman - 5th



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**Church Bring-and-Share Brunch:** after the church service today.

The Duty Roster for March has been prepared. April and May will be prepared soon. Please indicate any absences on the sheets on the noticeboard. We are seeking new volunteers. Please speak to Ailsa if you are prepared to assist.

The next Presbytery Meeting will be held on Saturday, 9th March 2024 at Tathra Uniting Church; 4-6 Beach St, Tathra NSW 2550 We will gather at 9:30am for a 10am start. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. All are welcome.

**DISCIPLESHIP THOUGHT**  
God's people had long been waiting for God to return to the temple - to rest and rule in their midst. The temple was supposed to be the place where heaven and earth interconnected and overlapped - the ultimate source of healing, forgiveness, and renewal for all of creation. This scene is the explosive picture of what happens when God returns to the temple. The verdict is fierce - the temple is corrupt and will be torn down. That's not the end of the story though: Jesus will rebuild the temple, but mysteriously, this new temple is tied up in his own presence and fate. Jesus' own story of death and resurrection is about the temple being broken apart and put together again. Jesus is the temple-in-person! Where Jesus goes, healing, forgiveness, and renewal happen; God dwells amongst the people in Christ.

It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it.  
*Eleanor Roosevelt*  
Peace starts with a smile. -  
*Anonymous*