



Morning Worship: Roster

	23 rd June 2019	30 th June 2019
Leader	Peter & Pam Skelton	Rev Ian Diamond
Music	Peter Ayling	Peter Ayling
Duty Elder	Jeanette Osborne	Shirley McLennan
Stewards	Colin & Margaret Manley	Iris Ballard & Meryll Davey
Reader	Iris Ballard	Shirley Bazley
Pastoral Prayer	Wendy Ross	Iris Ballard
Morning Tea	Jeff & Cathie Haynes	Jeanette Osborne & Corinne Nicolson
Projection	Tony Olinsky	Jeff Haynes
Lectionary	1 Kings 19: 1-4, 5-7,8-15a Galatians 3: 23-29 Like 8: 26-39	2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14 Galatians 5: 1, 13-25 Luke 9: 51-62

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.

Tura Beach Op Shop - open Monday to Friday 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 Thursdays 10-11am in the hall. Contact Shirley

Uniting Church Dance Group - Tuesdays 7:00pm; Fridays 9:00am - in the hall

Church Bring-and-Share Brunch - 2nd Sunday/month (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)

Birthdays this week:





Welcome to worship, especially those who are visiting with us. Please join us for a cuppa and a chat after the service. A hearing loop is available for your benefit.

Note from Pambula Baptist Church:

Pambula Baptist is hosting a 'Creating Safe Spaces Workshop' on Aug 17th, 9:30am-12:30. Also contact and booking details to follow, this is an FYI. <https://creatingsafespaces.org.au/>

This only applies to you if your church is associated with National Council of Church in Australia Safe Church Training Agreement. and you have people who need to do safe church training. Cost is \$35 per person. \$10 for the on-line module before Aug 17, and \$25 on the day.

If you want to follow Corinne's trip to central Australia here is a link that will take you there: This is on the Church's web site:

<http://www.merimbulaunitingchurch.com.au>

<https://www.facebook.com/Outback-Adventure-with-Corinne-Nicolson-of-Church-Op-Shop-222381088645173/>

It also lists all the things they are taking - all donated by Tura Beach Op Shop and introduces Brian and Ann Lamont to everyone and the years of work they've done for the outback community.

Listening to the Silence

The reading (1 Kings 19:1-15) tells the story of Elijah hearing God's voice in a "still, small voice" or "the sound of sheer silence". What an amazing image!

A quick recap of the life of Elijah: he was feeling threatened, and fled for his life. As he found himself hungry he prayed for God to take him, but this did not happen. Finally, he hid in a cave. He did not stay there long — a voice called him outside.

A great wind came, and Elijah looked for God in the wind, but God was not there. This was followed by an earthquake, but still Elijah could not find God. Last came a great fire — and again, no God.

Elijah paused probably with a very puzzled look on his face and listened. It was only then that he heard the "sound of sheer silence" and in that moment he heard the voice of God.

Can we do that? Can we pause long enough in our busy lives to leap into the great silence? Can we let the wind, earthquake, and fire of our business lapse away, that we might spend at least a few moments in the silent presence of God?