

**ACTS 1:15-17, 21-26**

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

**1 JOHN 5:9-13**

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

**JOHN 17:6-19**

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.



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I have sent them into  
the world.  
John 17:18

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## Morning Worship: Roster

	12 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	19 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
<b>Leader</b>	Dr John Williams	Dr John Williams
<b>Music</b>	Rosemary Akesson	Elizabeth Prosser
<b>Entry of Bible</b>	Iris Ballard	Robyn Herdegen
<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b>	Robyn Herdegen	Julie Russell
<b>Stewards</b>	Joan & Royce Lovett	Colin & Margaret Manley
<b>Reader</b>	Beryl McGrath	Julie Russell
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	Iris Ballard	Shirley McLennan
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Robin & Bob Unger	Joan & Royce Lovett
<b>Projection</b>	Jeff Haynes	Jeff Haynes
<b>Flowers</b>	Robyn Herdegen	Ailsa Liffman
<b>Lectionary</b>	Acts 10: 44-48 1 John 5: 1-6 John 15: 9-17	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19

### 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

**Wyndham Service:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday/month - 2:30pm

**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.)

For those who would like to make their offering anonymously via regular direct bank transfer, our banking details for Giving Direct are: **Acc Name** Sapphire Coast Uniting Church **BSB** 634-634 **Acc No** 100037934

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The roster for June, July and August will be prepared in the next few weeks. To assist with preparation, please mark any known absences on the sheet on the noticeboard.

### Mothers Day

Happy Mothers Day to all the mothers in our congregation today - and to all those who have had a mother in their lives! *A mother is a mother from the moment her baby is first placed in her arms, until eternity!*



### The week ahead:

**Men's Coffee Morning** - this Wednesday - 10am at MorMors

**Imlay Service** - Pastor Bronson Symes will lead the service on Thursday at 2pm, in Rev Jean's absence. As usual, helpers on the day would be greatly appreciated.

**Saturday 18th - Presbytery Meeting @ Yarralumla Uniting Church**



A special welcome today to Dr John Williams who will be leading our service over the next two weeks. It is great to have John back with us again, and we congratulate him on the recent recognition of his 60 years service as an accredited Lay Preacher.

### Discipleship Thought

Jesus prays, 'Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.' He prays that we might be set apart, treated as special, be treated as holy. Paul says that we are holy because we are a part of the same tree as Jesus (Romans 11:16-20). We are even the sanctified homes of God (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)! What would it look like in our communities if we treated each other like we would a precious artifact? What if we approached each other as we would a sacred space? What if we told each other, over and over, you are holy, this is the truth? Whatever else seems to be true, whatever else you tell yourself, this is true. You are holy.