

2 SAMUEL 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

EPHESIANS 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

JOHN 6:1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realised that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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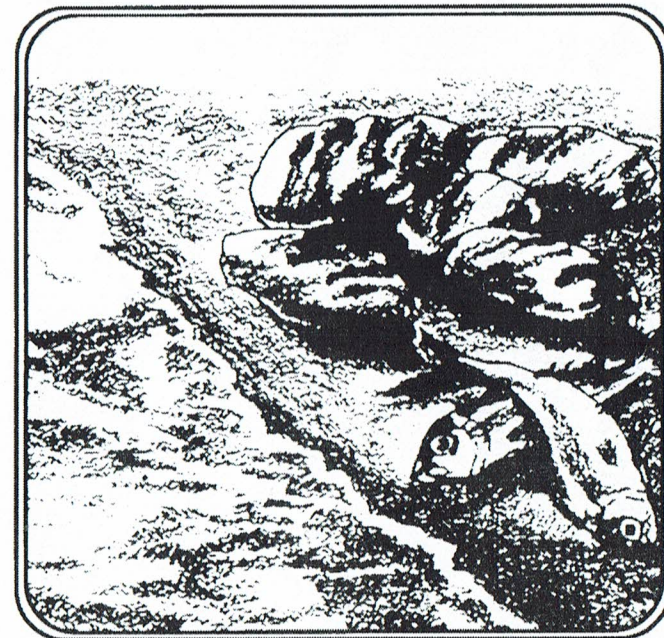
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SUNDAY JULY 28, 2024



Morning Worship: Roster

	28 th July 2024	4 th August 2024
Leader	Tony Olinsky	Rev Jean Shannon
Music	Elizabeth Prosser	Corinne Nicolson
Entry of Bible	Ailsa Liffman	Shirley McLennan
Acknowledgement of Country	Tony Olinsky	Geoff Burton
Stewards	Meryll Davey & Iris Ballard	Ailsa Liffman & Ana Topic
Reader	Joan Lovett	Iris Ballard
Pastoral Prayer	Ailsa Liffman	Shirley McLennan
Morning Tea	Anne Olinsky & Ana Topic	Anne Olinsky & Ana Topic
Projection	Jeff Haynes	Tony Olinsky
Flowers	Robyn Herdegen	Ailsa Liffman
Lectionary	2 Samuel 11: 1-15 Ephesians 3: 14-21 John 6: 1-21	2 Samuel 11: 26-12:13a Ephesians 4: 1-16 John 6: 24-35

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.
- 'Blokcs United' Coffee Morning** - 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday each month - 10am at MorMors
- Church Bring-and-Share Brunch** - 1st Sunday/month (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec.)



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Duty Roster
To help Ailsa prepare the duty roster for September, October & November a list is on the notice board where you can note any absences during that period. This information is very helpful when it comes to preparing the roster.

Joan & Royce head off to Melbourne this coming week. We would like to express our thanks and gratitude for all their contributions they have made to our church over many years and wish them well for their future back in Melbourne.

'Blokcs United' Coffee Morning will meet this coming Wednesday 31st as it is the 5th Wednesday of the month. 10:00am at MorsMors.

DISCIPLESHIP THOUGHT
Five loaves and two fish. Five thousand people. You do the maths. Yet what seems impossible is not a challenge for God. The people of the exodus discovered that. Water from the rock. Manna from the sky. Was not God's providence always enough? In the case of the miraculous feeding of the five thousand, it might well have been a miracle of the heart as much as a multiplication of food items by Jesus. Was the food already present, hoarded and hidden by selfish listeners? That possibility fits our secular minds, but it misses the point. This miracle is a sign. It declares what John had already proposed in his prologue, that Jesus was the Word, and the Word was there at creation. Is it more impossible to believe that the crowd was fed or that the creator was there in the person of Jesus?

Hearing is one of the body's five senses, but listening is an art.
- Frank Tyger