

**2 SAMUEL 1:1,17-27**

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag. David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said: Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen! Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult. You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more. From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty. Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions. O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel. How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places. I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women. How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

**2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-15**

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

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**MARK 5:21-43**

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.” While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.



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# Little Girl, Get Up!

Mark 5:41







## Morning Worship: Roster

	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	7 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
<b>Leader</b>	Dr John Williams	Rev Jean Shannon
<b>Music</b>	Rosemary Akesson	Elizabeth Prosser
<b>Entry of Bible</b>	Ailsa Liffman	Shirley McLennan
<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b>	Iris Ballard	Joan Lovett
<b>Stewards</b>	Colin & Margaret Manley	Colin & Margaret Manley
<b>Reader</b>	Shirley Bazley	Colin Manley
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	Ailsa Liffman	Shirley McLennan
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Anne Olinsky & Ana Topic	Joan & Royce Lovett
<b>Projection</b>	Jeff Haynes	Tony Olinsky
<b>Flowers</b>	Ailsa Liffman	Shirley McLennan
<b>Lectionary</b>	2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15 Mark 5: 21-43	2 Samuel 5: 1-5,9-10 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10 Mark 6: 1-13

## 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.)

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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**Reminder of our church community lunch at Oaklands, Pambula, after the church service today.** This will just be a social occasion as we come to the end of the 3 months of Rev Jean's leave

**Blokes United' Coffee Morning** - This coming Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - 10am at MorMors

A reminder that the **Preaching Roster Committee** will be meeting in the hall at 9.30 am on Tuesday 2nd July.

**Pyramid Power** will be undertaking necessary service and repairs to our solar panel system this coming Tuesday. The power in the church may be offline for a short period. It is likely that a new inverter will be required, at some cost to the church.

**Take Your Brain Dancing** New Vogue dance group will be starting a new group of learners, at the end of July. If you know of anyone who would like to join this social activity, please invite them to give Wendy a call on 0412997769

## DISCIPLESHIP THOUGHT

Life never has one single thread to follow. It is a tightly spun yarn of many threads, twirled and woven together, seemingly inseparable. It gives, on one hand, a sense of strength. And yet, creates a complex web of fabric in our everyday life that stops us reaching out to the fine thread of healing in our day.

Amid the busy crowd, in the bigger pictures of a wandering, charismatic preacher, a group of blessed disciples, and an important official seeking healing of a beloved daughter, there extends the small hand that with great hope, reaches to God's love. Touched by even the passing threads of the hem, she is brought into the warmth of love and generosity. She is freed from her suffering, gains a new sense of self, enough to express her faith honestly, her hope and her thanks, even if she is ridiculed by others. She is welcomed, recognised, uplifted, a small thread of life in the great ball of community.

Jesus shines the full light of God's warmth on her, drawing her from the shadows, even as the complexity of the demanding crowd sweeps him forward. She is changed forever by the thread of recognition.