

2 SAMUEL 5:1-5, 9-10

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago I was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for

power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

MARK 6:1-13

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.



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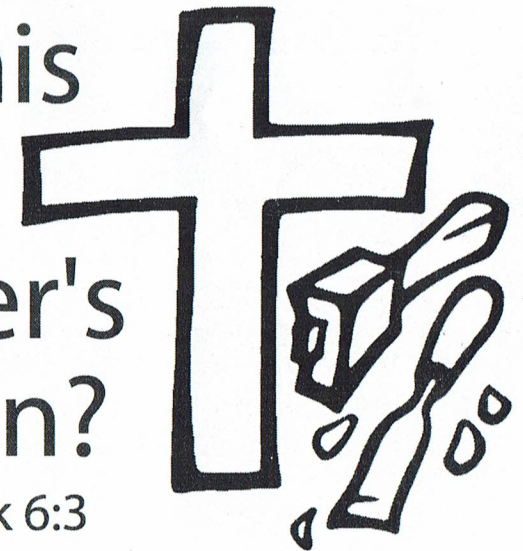
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Isn't this
the
carpenter's
son?
— Mark 6:3



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Morning Worship: Roster

	7 th July 2024	14 th July 2024
Leader	Rev Jean Shannon	Rev Jean Shannon
Music	Elizabeth Prosser	Corinne Nicolson
Entry of Bible	Shirley McLennan	Robyn Herdegen
Acknowledgement of Country	Joan Lovett	Ailsa Liffman
Stewards	Colin & Margaret Manley	Joan & Royce Lovett
Reader	Colin Manley	Ailsa Liffman
Pastoral Prayer	Shirley McLennan	Ailsa Liffman
Morning Tea	Joan & Royce Lovett	Iris Ballard & Meryll Davey
Projection	Tony Olinsky	Jeff Haynes
Flowers	Shirley McLennan	Robyn Herdegen
Lectionary	2 Samuel 5: 1-5,9-10 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10 Mark 6: 1-13	2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19 Ephesians 1: 3-14 Mark 6: 14-29

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.

'Blokes United' Coffee Morning - 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday each month - 10am at MorMors

Church Bring-and-Share Brunch - 1st Sunday/month (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec.)

Keith Akesson - 7th
Alf Smith - 13th



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Welcome back Jean, albeit for a relatively short period

Thank you to all who helped with the funeral arrangements for Ros Williams which took place last Thursday afternoon.

Congratulations to the Pastoral Care Team for Bega and Pambula which includes Shirley McLennan and Theresa Griffiths, on receiving an Excellence Award, from Southern Health NSW, for this year.

Congratulations to Jean on receiving a Life Membership Award from Spiritual Care Australia

DISCIPLESHIP THOUGHT

Sometimes, the words of Jesus can seem harsh or even impossible. How are the twelve sent out in mission supposed to survive without even the most basic resources for survival? Even more, if there is any sense in which the apostles are a model for our own discipleship, how will we emulate them? We can always resort to considerations like 'it was a different time' or 'community expectations were so different back then', but they only blind us to the insights of the passage. The mission of God is always and will always be greater than our capacity. Jesus wants his followers to understand that, through him, they will have greater capacity than they can imagine - if they will only trust.

Humility, a letting go of our compulsion to prove we know more than we do.

Theologian: Matthew Fox