

1 SAMUEL 8:4-11(12-15)16-20, (11:14-15)

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only--you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them." So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughter to be a perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day." But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles." Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship." So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:13-5: 1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture--"I believed, and so I spoke" --we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

MARK 3:20-35

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"--for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."



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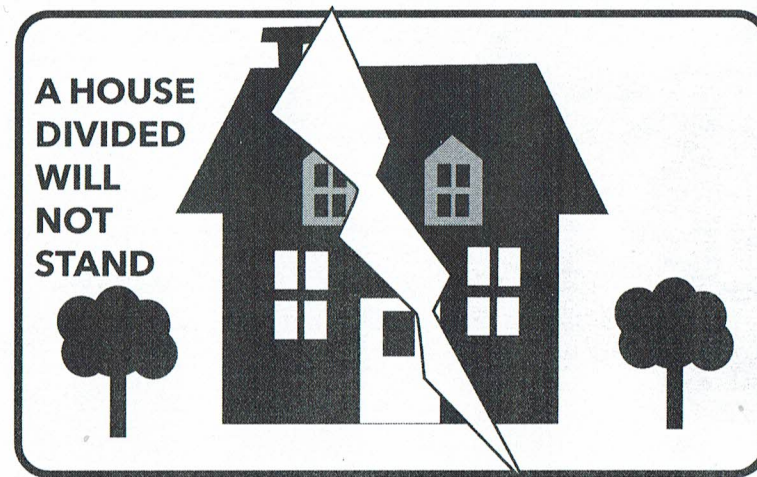
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Morning Worship: Roster

	9 th June 2024	16 th June 2024
Leader	Corinne Nicolson	Rev Nigel Hawkin
Music	Jazzman Pete & Janine	Rosemary Akesson
Entry of Bible	Iris Ballard	Ailsa Liffman
Acknowledgement of Country	Joan Lovett	Julie Russell
Stewards	Julie Russell & Beryl McGrath	Anne Olinsky & Jeff Haynes
Reader	Ailsa Liffman	Iris Ballard
Pastoral Prayer	Iris Ballard	Ailsa Liffman
Morning Tea	Robin & Bob Unger	Iris Ballard & Meryll Davey
Projection	Tony Olinsky	Tony Olinsky
Flowers	Robyn Herdegen	Shirley McLennan
Lectionary	1 Samuel 8: 4-11 ---- 2 Corinthians 4: 13-5:1 Mark 3: 20-35	1 Samuel 15: 34-16:13 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 Mark 4: 26-34

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.)

Colin Manley - 9th

Fred Stove - 12th

Iris Ballard - 15th



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As part of the Jazz Festival, there will be an ecumenical service at St Joseph's Catholic Church, at 11.30am today (Sunday 9th). You'll have time to get there after a quick cuppa with us!

We are planning a church community lunch at Oaklands, Pambula, after our church service on Sunday 30th June. This will just be a social occasion as we come to the end of our 3 months of Rev Jean's leave. If you would like to join us, please add your name to the list on the noticeboard.



DISCIPLESHIP THOUGHT

'But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' (Mark 3:29). If we think of forgiveness as something of limited supply that is doled out to the deserving, like water in a drought, then it makes sense that there would be something that is unforgivable. If, instead, we think of forgiveness as something infinite, as Paul did when he said that nothing can separate us from the love of God (Romans 8:37-39), then forgiveness is like the rain that never fails. Forgiveness is the way the world is oriented, the way it was created. We don't receive forgiveness we live in it. The only one who 'can never have forgiveness' is the one who relentlessly and continually refuses to open their mouth in a rain shower.

Two secrets to keep your marriage brimming:

1. Whenever you're wrong, admit it,
2. Whenever you're right, shut up.

Patrick Murra