

ACTS 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptising these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

1 JOHN 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

JOHN 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.



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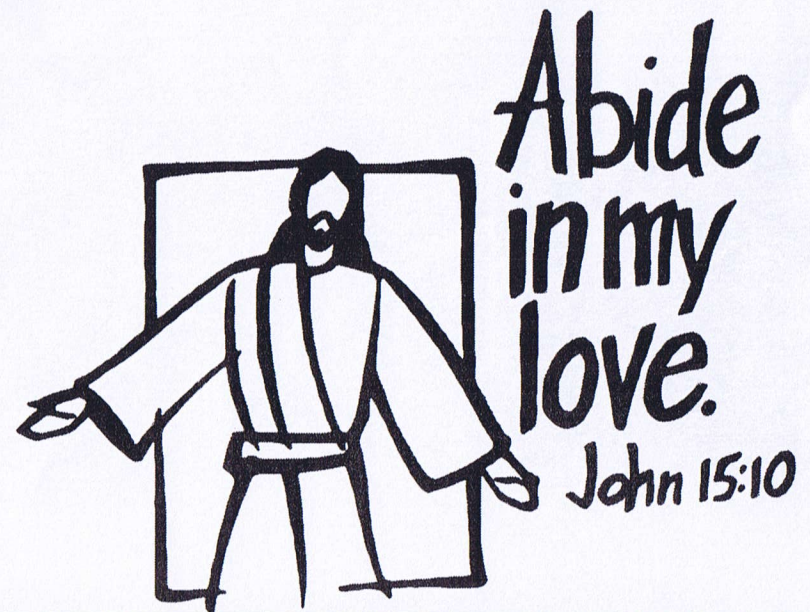
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Morning Worship: Roster

	5 th May 2024	12 th May 2024
Leader	Colin Manley	Dr John Williams
Music	Rosemary Akesson	Rosemary Akesson
Entry of Bible	Shirley McLennan	Iris Ballard
Acknowledgement of Country	Joan Lovett	Robyn Herdegen
Stewards	Iris Ballard & Meryll Davey	Joan & Royce Lovett
Reader	Iris Ballard	Beryl McGrath
Pastoral Prayer	Shirley McLennan	Iris Ballard
Morning Tea	Robyn Herdegen & Ailsa Liffman	Robin & Bob Unger
Projection	Ailsa Liffman	Jeff Haynes
Flowers	Shirley McLennan	Robyn Herdegen
Lectionary	Acts 10: 44-48 1 John 5: 1-6 John 15: 9-17	Acts 10: 44-48 1 John 5: 1-6 John 15: 9-17

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.)

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Ros Williams is back in Bega Hospital and is quite ill. Visiting may be difficult, but Ros does have her mobile phone with her. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ros and Bob at this time.



The roster for the June, July, August period will be prepared in the next few weeks. Please indicate on the sheets on the noticeboard any known absences, to assist with planning.

UnitingCare meeting - Thursday 9th May - 2pm in the church



As part of our series of guest service leaders over the next couple of months, we are please to welcome Dr John Williams who will lead our service over the next two weeks. John has been with us on previous occasions and many will have seen an item in the current *Insights* magazine, recognising John for 60 years service as an accredited Lay Preacher.

DISCIPLESHIP THOUGHT

Jesus calls his disciples to abide in his love. While in other places in the gospels, disciples are called to go, here they - and we - are called to stay, to remain, to wait, to abide. With the pace of modern life, with the constant drive in industry and politics for productivity growth, with our anxieties about the shrinking size of our church congregations, the call to be more committed, to work harder, to devise better strategies and plans makes sense to us: The call to abide seems counter-intuitive. How are things supposed to change if we don't work for change? What could Jesus mean when he calls us to abide? One of the things it might mean is for us to rest in the truth that, like Jesus, we are loved. That we are, as Jesus heard at his baptism: 'the Beloved; with you I am well pleased' (Mark 1:11).