

# PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

Mission Statement: *Sharing Christ throughout the Pioneer Valley and in Worship Services at Walkerston, Mirani, Eungella*



**10<sup>th</sup> August, 2025**

**Contact Details: P.O. BOX 152, WALKERSTON 4751**

**Website: [www.pioneervalleyunitingchurch.org.au](http://www.pioneervalleyunitingchurch.org.au)**

**Email: [wallies3113@bigpond.com](mailto:wallies3113@bigpond.com) or [dmcoxwell@bigpond.com](mailto:dmcoxwell@bigpond.com)**

**If you have an enquiry, please phone one of the Elders**

**Elders:** Morelle Coxwell 0448 111 265: Beth Higham 0428 583 158: Bruce Kerr 4966 6924: Lynette Gargano 0408 775 632: Colleen Brown 4954 5470

**Church Council:** Morelle Coxwell (Chairperson): Lynette Gargano (Vice-Chairperson); Michelle Wallin (Secretary): Kerith Noy (Treasurer).



**8.00am Every Sunday**

St Andrew's UCA

Bold Street

**WALKERSTON**



**10.00am Every Sunday**

The Valley UCA

Victoria St

**MIRANI**

**EUNGELLA**

*No Services at present*

**EUNGELLA**

*Welcome, we are glad you have joined us in Worship. You are invited to join us for morning tea following the Service.*

**MISSION DONATION FOR AUGUST – MISSIONARIES - IAN & LYNN**

**Selected Reading: Luke 12:32–40 - A call to live watchfully and ready**

**Discipleship Thought:** What is your treasure? The 'right' answer to this, especially in a church setting, is likely to be God or Jesus. However, oftentimes the way we live our lives shows a different answer. The reading from Luke 12:32–40 tells us that our heart will be where our treasure is. To find out what we treasure, we need to look inside our hearts. When we stop to listen, what we find there might surprise us.

The second part of the reading encourages us to be ready. Ready to serve, ready to respond, ready to spend time with God. Perhaps if we practice being ready, then our treasure will be easy to see.

**Prayer:** Creator God, you have made all things good.

You have made the waters flow, shaped the mountains and the plains, created all the creatures of the earth, sea, and sky.

You have made each and every one of us in your image.

Help us to value every aspect of your creation, in your goodness and grace.  
Amen.

Words for Worship CCLi 386034

Each week during Worship we pray for families from our congregations.  
Remember to uphold one another in prayer.



**Pray for....**Rick & Noela, Alun & Lesley, Colleen W, Thelma & Alan, Bruce, Pian, Brooklyn and Bayla, the Kennedy Family.

....those we know who are unwell, awaiting diagnosis, surgery, treatment and test results. We pray that God's Healing Hands continue to enfold Lesley, Manda, Lyn, Frank, the two Margarets, Rick, Glen, Madison, Lisa, Maree, Gwen, Grant, Paul and the two John's.

**....individuals and families** who are feeling sad and lonely, the homeless and for those who have lost their employment and income.

....all who have lost loved ones.

**....Ian and Lynns'** Missionary Work and missionaries all over the world.

**....safe travel** for those who are travelling.

**....new families** to join our Congregations.

....members of our **Church Council and Property Committee**.

....the Congregations and Ministry Teams of our local Uniting Churches - **St Paul's, Armitage, Calen, Iona West, Northside, Proserpine and Sarina**.

**....Teachers, Teacher's Aides, Students, RI Teachers, School Chaplains and Students** during Term 3 of the School Year.

**....for the soldiers at war, aid workers, their families, and all who are affected by the devastation of war.**

**....those who are being affected by the ever-increasing violence in our community, in our nation and in other countries.**

**....protection and blessings for those who are persecuted for their faith.**

....the members of **Local, State and Federal Governments**.

**....Scripture Union Queensland and Mackay Street Chaplaincy.**

**....medical practitioners, nursing staff, emergency service members, first responders at accidents, counsellors and all who care for the people in our community and beyond in times of bereavement and crisis situations.**



for....CQ Presbytery Minister - Rev Scott Ballment, Qld  
Moderator - Rev Bruce Moore.

....our families and friends and for the freedom we take for granted in our Country.

....all **Lay Preachers, Retired Ministers** and **friends of the Parish** who give of their time and talents conducting Worship Services and Funerals across the Mackay District.

....the members of our congregations who are helping to ensure our Worship Services continue to be provided in our Churches.

....**Alun and Lesley** and their commitment to St Andrew's and Calen Congregations.

....the many blessings we receive in our daily lives.

....the friendship our congregations share over morning tea each Sunday.

....the joy children and grandchildren bring to our families.

....the volunteers who give of their time and energy to work with the people in need.

....for the freedom we take for granted in our Country.

**A Little Humour:** The church is struck by lightning. The insurance company refuses to pay out for damages incurred, as there is a specific disclaimer clause for "An Act of God", which, amongst others, lightning is classified as.

The priest goes to every household and asks for a donation to rebuild the church. One Christian farmer protested, "I'm sorry, Pastor, but I can't give money to somebody who set His own house alight!"

**A Quick Prayer:** Remind me, Lord, that my task is to spread the joyful gospel to all, to believe You will make my efforts fruitful, and to never stand in the way of another's salvation. Open my heart and show me where I am needed, and I will trust the rest to You. Amen

## *What's Happening Locally!?*



MEETING

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**11.45am**  
**SUNDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2025**  
**ST ANDREW'S UCA**





Paul Rogers (14<sup>th</sup>)  
Scott Morgan (15<sup>th</sup>)

**Happy Anniversary**

Glen & Kerith Noy 47yrs (12<sup>th</sup>)  
 Duncan & Stephanie Coxwell 9<sup>th</sup> (13<sup>th</sup>)  
 Chappy Rex & Niki Frazer 4yrs (14<sup>th</sup>)  
 Tom & Amy McFarlane 2yrs (15<sup>th</sup>)


Walkerston State School presents

**Where:**  
Walkerston State School Hall

**When:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August  
and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August  
7.00 pm

**Dinner available from 6pm  
from the P and C**



**Cost**  
\$10.00 per adult;  
\$5.00 per student or  
\$25 family (2 Adults, 2 Children)

**Tickets available at  
the door or presale at  
the school office  
during August**

To secure a ticket, contact  
 Jay-ellen Wright - Regional  
 Development Officer Central  
 Queensland  
 M: 0438 797 743  
 E: [jay-ellen.wright@christianri.org.au](mailto:jay-ellen.wright@christianri.org.au)  
 W: [christianri.org.au](http://christianri.org.au)

YOU ARE INVITED TO

**ACRE**


*Fundraising Dinner*

SEPTEMBER

MONDAY 1 AT 6 PM

Doors open 6:00 pm for a 6:30 pm start  
 Ocean International  
 1 Bridge Road, Illawong Beach, East Mackay.  
 Attire: Business

Tickets available here  
RSVP August 24<sup>th</sup> 2025

 Alliance of Christian  
Religious Education



Senior Students from St Patrick's College attended their Formal last Saturday afternoon/evening. Amongst those celebrating were Gabrielle North and Shaylee Noy.

Gabrielle is pictured at left with her parents, Louie and Inga and siblings Jonny, Hannah and Josh.

Where have the years gone!! It seems like only yesterday that Inga led the Playgroup our Parish ran from 2011 to 2016 which Louie and Ingas' older children attended.

Gabrielle is a close friend of our granddaughter, Shaylee. I hope to have a photo of Shaylee and the family to publish in next week's newsletter.

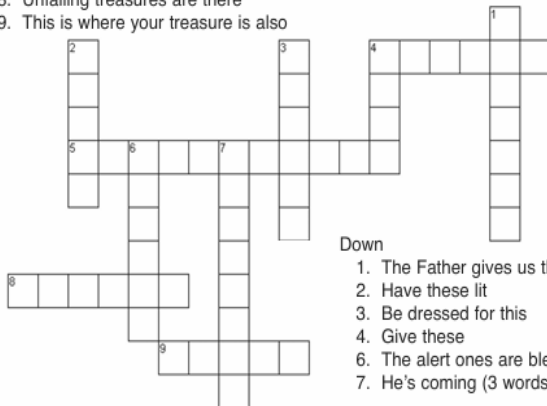


Look at the concentration on Andrea's face!! It shows her commitment and determination as she competes. Andrea was placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the Over 40's Ladies and has been selected in the Qld over 30s B Team and is Captain to play Nationals in mid-October for 9 days. Nine men and women travelled from Mackay to these Championships. Kath Wick's cousin, Graham Walker was also in the team. One of Andrea's teammates, Anne Sheridan, was named President's Shield Women's Player of the Tournament and she finished third in the Order of Merit. Well done all.

Across

4. Do not be \_\_\_\_
5. Sell these
8. Unfailing treasures are there
9. This is where your treasure is also

Complete this crossword puzzle using the clues from today's Gospel Story, Luke 12:32-40.



Down

1. The Father gives us this
2. Have these lit
3. Be dressed for this
4. Give these
6. The alert ones are blessed
7. He's coming (3 words)

	WALKERSTON			MIRANI			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Bible Reader</i>	<i>Prayers</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Bible Reader</i>	<i>Prayers</i>	<i>Laptop/ Music</i>
10/08	Congregation	Michelle	Kerith	Manda	Dianne	Bruce	Au
17/08	Alun & Lesley	Kathryn	Gwen	Noela H/C	Thelma	Beth	Bruce
24/08	Congregation	Nikhil	Lyn or Kerith	Au	Elspeth	Manda	Gerry
31/08	Phil	Colleen	Michelle	Beth	Dianne	Marion	Stephanie
Please pray 'The Lord's Prayer' at the end of the Prayer for Others except on Holy Communion Sundays							

**Electronic Banking Details – UCA Pioneer Valley – ANZ Bank –  
BSB: 014-010: Account No: 2115 57247**

**Containers for Change – Parish Registered Number C10195946.**

Alternatively, collect the cash and drop it into the offering plate.

**Newsletter: Kerith Noy: Mobile:** 0400 799 731

**email:** [glen.kerithnoy78@gmail.com](mailto:glen.kerithnoy78@gmail.com) or P O Box 346, Walkerston Q 4751

**Prayer Warrior: Vicki Kiem: Mob:** 0408 767 331

**email:** [vakmoss@gmail.com](mailto:vakmoss@gmail.com)

**KYB (Know Your Bible) – Every Thursday 1.30pm, The Valley UCA, Mirani**

**Lectionary Readings:**

10<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 - Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23:

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

17<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 - Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2;

Luke 12:49-56

24<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 - Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29;

Luke 13:10-17

31<sup>st</sup> August, 2025 - Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

7<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 - Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1-21  
Luke 14:25-33

14<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 - Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14;

1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

21<sup>st</sup> September, 2025 – Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7;  
Luke 16:1-13

