

PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

P.O. BOX 152, WALKERSTON 4751

'THE WINDOW'

11th August, 2019

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Worship Times:



8.00am Every Sunday

8.20am Kids Time

St Andrew's UCA

Bold Street

WALKERSTON



10.00am Every Sunday

10.20am Kid's Time

The Valley UCA

Victoria St

MIRANI

EUNGELLA



No August Service

3.00pm

Holy Communion

ECDA Hall

EUNGELLA

Mission Statement: *Sharing Christ in Walkerston, Mirani, Eungella*

Worship Leaders

11th August, 2019 – Walkerston – Rick Thomson – Mirani – Noela Thomson

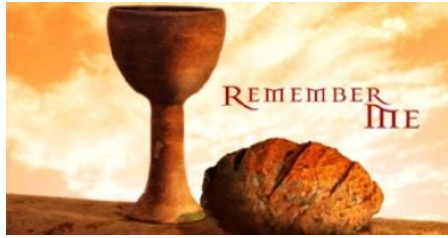
18th August, 2019 - Walkerston – Rick Thomson – Mirani - Noela Thomson

25th August, 2019 – Walkerston – Rick Thomson – Mirani – Noela Thomson

1st September, 2019 – Walkerston (HC) – Mirani (HC) – Pastor Allen Soxsmith



Welcome, we are glad you have joined us in Worship this morning. Please join us for morning tea after the service.



Pastor Allen Soxsmith sends his greetings. Please note he is on Annual Leave until the end of August. Below are the changes during these weeks. Worship Services will still be conducted by Rick and Noela, however there will be:

NO Wednesday Holy Communion Service
St Andrew's UCA, Walkerston
Wednesday 21st August, 2019

NO Sunday Holy Communion during Worship
St Andrew's UCA, Walkerston or The Valley UCA, Mirani Sunday
4th August, 2019
18th August, 2019

NO Eungella Service on the Third Sunday

Baby Bundle for the Newborn Coxwell Baby - It is a bit hard to send a bundle to these folks, however, if you would like to make a small donation towards a gift which Morelle & David will purchase while visiting the New arrival, please let Kerith know today. I apologise for the short notice so if you aren't in a position to contribute today but would like to, just let me know and we will sort something out. Thank you



Luke 12:32-40 - ³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

³³Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning,

³⁶like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him.

³⁷It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them.

³⁸It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak.

³⁹But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.

⁴⁰You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

Discipleship Thought: *Are you aware of Marie Condo? Marie is a diminutive Japanese woman who has written a book and developed a TV series that enables people who have too much stuff to tidy up.*

She does this by asking people to place all their possessions in a pile, then pick each item up, hold it in their hands and see if it 'sparks joy'. If it does, it's kept, if not, it's thanked and put aside to give or throw away. Watching the television series, it's interesting to see how often what was once treasured is seen in a new light and given up.

Today's readings in Isaiah and Luke ask us to participate in a similar process – to understand that 'where your treasure is, there your heart will also be'.

Does your faith still hold treasurers that reflect the heart of God and spark joy?

Prayer: Eternal God, we give thanks for all you have given to us.

We remember the faithfulness you have shown to your people from the moment you created us from dust.

We recall you sustaining presence through flood and desert dust storms.

We remember in times of exile your steadfast loving concern.

We give thanks for all that you have been to your people and all that you mean to us this day.

We delight in these memories and carry them as we travel into the future and your ways of compassion.

In gratitude and with adoration we offer these our prayers. Amen

(Words for Worship 11th August, 2019)



Each week during Worship we pray for 1 or 2 families from our congregations. Remember to uphold one another in prayer.

Pray for....Janet, Aaron, Sinead, Oscar, Finn and Emlyn, Bruce, Pian, Brooklyn and Bayla, Peter & Margaret, Vicki.

....those receiving or recovering from medical treatment – Carl, Len, Richard, Rev Gerhardt, Rev Nathan.

....Ian and Lynn.

....Rick & Noela Thomson as they conduct the Parish Worship Services this month.

....Janet Kennedy as she continues her Study in Theology and begins her Period of Discernment.

....the **Hamill Family** as they prepare for the Baptism of their third daughter, Georgia in early October.

....**Bruce Kerr** as he prepares to be Commissioned as an Elder.

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

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

....**our Parish as it continues to struggle financially.**

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

....**Friends, Family and Members of the Parish** who are travelling – Allen Soxsmith.

....the safety in the workplace, especially for people involved in the sugar crushing season.

....**all Teachers, Students, RE Instructors, School Chaplains** as they continue to educate our young people.

....**Reach Out Activities.**

....**those who are being affected by the ever-increasing violence in our community, in our nation and all over the World.**

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

....for the **emergency services members** and for the **counsellors** who care for the communities in crisis situations.

....all who experience the fury of natural disasters.

....**Scripture Union Queensland, Bible Society, Frontier Services** and **School Chaplaincy.**



Give Thanks for....Pastor Allen Soxsmith, CQ Presbytery Minister - Rev Dr Kerry Pierce, Moderator - Rev David Baker, our families and friends and for the **freedom** we take for granted in our Country.

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

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

Mottos for Success: You can learn something from *anyone*, no matter who they are. *Everyone* has something to offer.

A Little Humour: A parishioner was perusing the congregation one Sunday morning to see if there were some little people who might be able to take up the offering. She spotted a little girl so approached her and asked if she would like to do this important task. She was thrilled. Her younger brother wanted to help too so off they went with a bit of guidance from the parishioner. They did very well and stood nicely while the Offering Prayer was said. As they turned to go back to their seats the little boy said to his sister, "Can we do it again??!!"

Monday Morning Prayer with Moderator Rev David Baker: Lord, thank you for the 3,500 volunteers who share the Christian Faith during RI in Queensland State Schools. Give them Wisdom and Grace as they go about their work.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN STATE SCHOOLS – Wednesday 4th September, 9:30am-11:30am, at St Joseph's Catholic Church Hall. Sponsored by the Mackay and District Religious Education Reference Group and informed by the Department of Education, Queensland, Karen Grenning, Queensland Christian RI Network (QCRIN), will outline changing requirements and provide specific information about ministers' responsibilities for RI in state schools. Contact mdrerg@gmail.com or Heather Fischle, Chairperson, 0477 462 783, Alison Cliffe 4956 1596 or Melita Parchert 0422 343 663.



Sunday, 8th September, 2019
11.30am

The Valley UCA, Victoria Street, Mirani

If you would like to hear **Rev David Ellis**, from the **Frontier Services - McKay Patrol and Townsville Disaster Recovery Ministry** speak, he will be at the following services on Sunday, 25th August, 2019: 7.45am Armitage: 9.15am St Paul's service and morning tea and 6pm St Paul's BBQ and service.



In relation to the PIONEER VALLEY PARISH - Plans are in the making for a BBQ after Worship on Sunday, 15th September, 2019 at The Valley UCA Church at which time you will be given the opportunity to contribute financially to the work of the Frontier Services – McKay Patrol. There will be more information as times goes by.

Paul Rogers (14th)

Denise Haidle (14th)

Scott Morgan (15th)

Connie Morrow (16th)

Tom McFarlane (16th)

Emily Wilks (17th)

Happy Birthday





Alyson & Simon Turner (12th)

Glen & Kerith Noy (12th)

Brian & Margaret Gilbert (12th)

Duncan & Stephanie Coxwell (13th)



The Parish is now registered with Containers for Change to receive funds via cans, tetra pack containers and bottles. Anything that has 10c written on the side or back of a container can be presented for cash. Remove any lids and make sure the containers are empty, bag them and take them to:

ANYTHING ENVIRONMENTAL
19 INTERLINK COURT,
PAGET



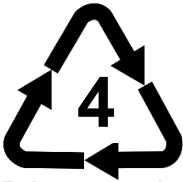
Quote the Parish's Registered Number **C10195946** and ask for the cash to be assigned to that number and banked. Alternatively, bring your bagged containers to Church and I will be happy to take them in. Thank you.



Pastor Allen is catching up with overseas relatives while on holidays. Pictured are sisters Emilia and London. London is 2 years old and is visiting Australia with her Dad, Denny and Grandmother, Tracey and Tracey's neighbour, Kristen. Five week old Emilia didn't come for a visit.



LIBRARIES TO COLLECT LIDS FOR KIDS – WASH AND SAVE your recycled **Code 2 & 4** small plastic lids including milk bottle lids, soft drink lids and water bottle lids (no pop up lids or metal please) to any of the Council Library Branches in Mackay, Mirani, Walkerston and Sarina.



They will send them on to Anything Environmental who have stepped up and nominated themselves as a local collection point AND regional storage facility. All lids will be recycled by Envision who train disadvantaged people to use 3D printers to make mobility aids for child amputees.

Bring your bags of lids to Church if you can't get to a Library, Lyn Gargano has volunteered to drop them off.

Bible Verse: This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:3-4



The time has come for **Andrea Payne and Andrew Nicholson's Wedding**. Their Ceremony is next Saturday afternoon, 17th August, 2019. As they finalise the preparations, please pray for them and their families. I'm sure it will be a very joyous occasion.

Christian movie – The Overcomer

When: daily screenings from Thursday

to Sunday, 25th August, 2019

Where: Mackay City Cinema

Gordon Street:



"Life changes overnight for coach John Harrison when his high school basketball team's state championship dreams are crushed under the weight of unexpected news. When the largest manufacturing plant in town suddenly shuts down and hundreds of families begin moving away, John must come to grips with the challenges facing his family and his team. Urged by the school's principal to fill-in and coach a sport he doesn't know or like, John is frustrated and questioning his worth...until he crosses paths with a student struggling with her own journey." 119 minutes.

S.H.I.N.E – (Seeking Him In Everything)

For the youth and young at heart

Children's Liturgy and Story

Read the Bible Reading on Page 2

Jesus calls us to be ready for him, for we shall encounter him at unexpected times and in unexpected ways. In our worship today, let us prepare to meet with Jesus.

Story: God is with us and around us the whole time, but we seldom spot God. This is a story about two strange little girls who see God in each other in unexpected ways and where nobody else has been able to see God.

Tarika and Amy - The new girl smiled shyly as she was introduced to the class. Everyone crowded round her at play time, for they wanted to see what she was like. She'd come from another country so didn't speak English very well, but she smiled a lot and quite a few children wanted to play with her.

But later that day in class, the new girl suddenly screamed. Then she seemed to explode with anger, kicking and shouting and shrieking and tearing round the classroom. Nobody knew why. The whole class went silent and watched with fear and horror. One of the classroom assistants took the new girl out and the teacher explained to the rest of the class that Tarika had special needs.

They had quite a discussion about special needs and the class agreed that children with special needs needed special attention and help. But at the next play time, most people kept well away from Tarika and some were nasty to her, calling her names and teasing her until she cried.

Amy hung about silently, staying quite near to Tarika but not saying anything. Amy had special needs too and knew what it felt like to be different from the rest of the class. Amy didn't have many friends because she found it difficult to keep up with the other children. She couldn't seem to think as quickly as they did and she was way behind in her work.

Over the next weeks and months, the class got used to Tarika and her tantrums. Nobody really liked her because it was difficult to understand what she said in her funny accent and it was kind of scary when she exploded with anger. But the children found that if they kept their distance, they were safe from Tarika's rages.

Amy didn't understand that she should keep away from Tarika if she wanted to be safe. It didn't occur to Amy that she might be in danger from Tarika's sudden violent outbursts. Besides, she liked Tarika. She liked her shy smile which lit up her face and she detected a warmth deep inside Tarika which she felt when she hovered near. Besides, Tarika tolerated Amy. Tarika didn't make Amy feel stupid and somehow or other, although they hardly ever spoke, Amy knew that Tarika accepted her.

So Amy and Tarika were often seen together. They made an odd pair and most other children ignored both of them or occasionally teased them, but somehow, neither of them minded too much. They just stared at those who teased them until they went away and neither Tarika nor Amy discussed the teasing with each other.

One day, when Amy was away from school because she was ill, Tarika came round after school. She had never been to Amy's home before and Amy was surprised that Tarika knew where she lived. Tarika just said, "Hello," then she handed Amy a chocolate bar, turned on her heel and went away.

Amy was thrilled. She knew she had a true friend at last. She knew too that she didn't have to think of anything to say, she simply had to be herself. And she accepted Tarika just as Tarika accepted her. When Tarika flew into her

rages, Amy waited quietly by her side until Tarika was spent. Then they picked up where they had been before and went on.

A deep friendship developed between the two girls and lasted for the whole of their lives. Even when they were both grown up and living lives of their own, they would often find each other and spend a few quiet hours in each other's company.

Everybody else thought it was a very odd friendship. But both Tarika and Amy knew that they had seen God in each other and that made their friendship more special than anything else in the whole world.

Blessing: *May you be filled with God's spirit so that love shines from you like a beacon drawing others to God.*

And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you, be in your homes and in your families, with those whom you love and with those for whom you pray, both now and always. Amen.

	WALKERSTON			MIRANI	
Date	Bible Reader	Prayers	Morning Tea	Bible Reader	Prayers
11 th Aug	Michelle	Lyn	Colleen B	Beth	Margaret
18 th Aug	Neil	Lyn	Sam	Kerr Family	Bruce
25 th Aug	Kathryn	Lyn	Kerith	Thelma	Beth
1 st Sept	Sam	Lyn	Lyn	Margaret	Morelle

Mark your Calendars

Until 31st August, 2019 - Pastor Allen is on holidays

8th September, 2019 – Church Council meeting

15th September, 2019 – Proposed date for Elder's Commissioning Service and Fundraiser BBQ for Frontier Services – McKay Patrol

6th October, 2019 – Baptism St Andrew's

8th–10th November, 2019 – CQ Presbytery Meeting – Iona West - Pioneer Valley Parish has offered to assist with catering

ST ANDREW'S UCA – COMMUNION ROSTER - 2019		
MONTH	ELEMENTS PROVIDER	ELEMENTS SERVERS
September	Sam Fernando	Colleen Brown – Bread Lyn Gargano - Wine
October	Colleen Brown	Lyn Gargano – Bread Sam Fernando - Wine
November	Lyn Gargano	Colleen Brown – Bread Sam Fernando - Wine

Elders

Beth Higham 4958 3158: Morelle Coxwell 4959 1229:
 Lynette Gargano 4951 4075: Colleen Brown 4954 5470:
 Sam Fernando 4959 3298

Containers for Change – C10195946**Electronic Banking Details are as follows:**

UCA Pioneer Valley – ANZ Bank - BSB: 014-010

Account No: 211557247. Please enter your surname **OR** Walkerston, Mirani
 or Eungella in the payment description

Newsletter

Kerith Noy 07 4959 2328

email: glen.noy@bigpond.com or P O Box 346, Walkerston Q 4751

Prayer Warrior

Vicki Kiem Mob: 0408 767 331

email: yakmoss@gmail.com

7.40am-7.55am – St Andrew's Vestry – Sundays

Lectionary Readings**11th August, 2019 – Pentecost 9**

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

18th August, 2019 – Pentecost 10

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

25th August, 2019 – Pentecost 11

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

Prayer and Holy Communion Service – St Andrew's Church, Walkerston

8.30am - 3rd Wednesday of the month – cancelled August

Mid Week Prayers

Wednesday Evenings in your own home - 8pm to 8-30pm

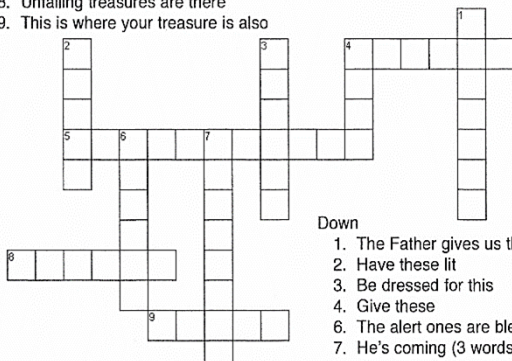


August Income \$732.15

August Expenditure \$2240.40

Across

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



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)

- Across: 4. Afraid
 5. Possessions
 6. Heaven
 9. Heart
 Down: 1. Kingdom
 2. Lambs
 3. Action
 4. Alms
 6. Slaves
 7. Son of Man