

# PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

P.O. BOX 152, WALKERSTON 4751

'THE WINDOW'

14<sup>th</sup> October, 2018



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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



21<sup>st</sup> October, 2018

4.00pm

Holy Communion

ECDA Hall

EUNGELLA

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

## Worship Leaders

14<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 – Walkerston – Mirani – Pastor Allen Soxsmith

21<sup>st</sup> October, 2018 – Walkerston – Mirani – Pastor Allen Soxsmith

28<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 – Walkerston (Baptism) – Mirani – Pastor Allen Soxsmith



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

## Mark 10:17-31 Good News Translation

### The Rich Man

<sup>17</sup> As Jesus was starting on his way again, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to receive eternal life?”

<sup>18</sup> “Why do you call me good?” Jesus asked him. “No one is good except God alone.

<sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not accuse anyone falsely; do not cheat; respect your father and your mother.’”

<sup>20</sup> “Teacher,” the man said, “ever since I was young, I have obeyed all these commandments.”

<sup>21</sup> Jesus looked straight at him with love and said, “You need only one thing. Go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven; then come and follow me.”

<sup>22</sup> When the man heard this, gloom spread over his face, and he went away sad, because he was very rich.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus looked around at his disciples and said to them, “How hard it will be for rich people to enter the Kingdom of God!”

<sup>24</sup> The disciples were shocked at these words, but Jesus went on to say, “My children, how hard it is to enter the Kingdom of God!

<sup>25</sup> It is much harder for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God than for a camel to go through the eye of a needle.”

<sup>26</sup> At this the disciples were completely amazed and asked one another, “Who, then, can be saved?”

<sup>27</sup> Jesus looked straight at them and answered, “This is impossible for human beings but not for God; everything is possible for God.”

<sup>28</sup> Then Peter spoke up, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.”

<sup>29</sup> “Yes,” Jesus said to them, “and I tell you that those who leave home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and for the gospel,

<sup>30</sup> will receive much more in this present age. They will receive a hundred times more houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and fields—and persecutions as well; and in the age to come they will receive eternal life.

<sup>31</sup> But many who are now first will be last, and many who are now last will be first.”

**Discipleship Thought:** On a recent episode of Q & A (ABC TV) regarding people living with disabilities, the actor Kiruna Stamwell recalled the moment when the person assessing her application for funding to get her kitchen



modified walked into the kitchen, looked around and asked, "What's the problem?" Kiruna had to point out that at just over 100cm tall, she couldn't reach anything. Sometimes we can be blind to our privilege.

In today's reading the rich man didn't see that while wealth and privilege wasn't an impediment to eternal life, neither was it an automatic entry in the kingdom of God. The disciples were astonished at this too, wealth and privilege was, and still is, seen as a blessing from God. Does God withhold God's blessing to people who are disadvantaged?

Some of our circumstances are not of our choice, nor of our control – like our genetics or place of birth. There are times when those of us living with advantage are called to 'check our privilege' against the upside-down logic of the good news.

**Prayer:** *Gracious God, in the complexity of life we need to negotiate.*

*We are confronted daily by the hash tags and likes we're asked to grant; the problems we need to solve and the relationships that we're required to grow.*

*We get perplexed by all that we are forced to do.*

*In the midst of all of this we see you and feel your presence with us, knowing that you are concerned for us and long for us to live fully and abundantly.*

*Thank you that you are always here. Amen*

*(Words for Worship 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2018)*



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

**Pray for....**Unice, Allan, Sanea, Alinice & Cedric, John & Laurel, Adam, Dustyn & Kate, Scott, Robyn and Family.

**....members of the Parish and for those known to us receiving and/or recovering from medical treatment** – Carl, Irene, Dorrie, Len, Margaret, Esther, Ken, Eve and Dianne, Marie, Lyn.

**....individuals and families** who are feeling sad and lonely.

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

**....our Congregations as the Parish continues to struggle financially.**

**....the family and friends of the late Raelene Omand** whose Funeral Service is being held in The Valley UCA tomorrow at 11.00am.

**....Friends, Family and Members of the Parish** also travelling – Greg & Kathryn..

**....Rev Nathan & Mrs Kate Barton** as they begin married life.

**....all Teachers, Students, RE Instructors, School Chaplains** across Queensland as they return to work this week.

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

**....the people** coping with natural disasters and job losses.

....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.

....**Scripture Union Queensland, the Bible Society and School Chaplaincy.**

....**the safety of** all people who have paid work and for the many volunteers.



**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.**

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

**Monday Morning Prayer from the Moderator Rev David Baker:** Lord, strengthen us to stick up for the truth of the gospel; may our speaking and living be done in faith, hope, and love. Amen

## CONGRATULATIONS REV NATHAN AND MRS KATE BARTON



**Rev Nathan Barton and Miss Kate Wilson** were married on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 at 3.00pm in Gillham Park, Andergrove by Rev Michelle Cullen. Rev Cullen has been a friend of the Wilson Family since Kate was a child. She also attended college at the same time as Rev Nathan. Pictured at left are Charles & Trudy Wilson escorting Kate down the 'isle' for her marriage to Rev Nathan. Rev Nathan's parents are Fay & Bruce Barton. Approximately

60 witnessed the union of Kate & Rev Nathan which was followed by an intimate reception for immediate family and a few friends.

**A Good Read** – Finally, someone in this crazy world has the compassion of a Saint. This is absolutely the best! We don't know who replied, but there is a beautiful soul working in the dead letter department of the Post Office who understands LOVE.

This is the story of a family whose 14-year-old dog Abbey died.

The day after she passed away the 4-year-old little girl, Meredith, was crying and talking about how much she missed Abbey.

She asked if we could write a letter to God so that when Abbey got to heaven, God would recognize her.

Her mother told her that she thought they could, so she dictated these words:

*Dear God,*

*Will you please take care of my dog? Abbey died yesterday and is with you in Heaven. I miss her very much. I'm happy that you let me have her as my dog even though she got sick. I hope you will play with her. She likes to swim and play with balls. I am sending a picture of her so when you see her you will know that she is my dog.*

*I really miss her.*

*Love,*

*Meredith*

They put the letter in an envelope with a picture of Abbey & Meredith, addressed it to God/Heaven.

They put their return address on it.

Meredith pasted several stamps on the front of the envelope because she said it would take lots of stamps to get the letter all the way to heaven. That afternoon she dropped it into the letter box at the post office.

A few days later, she asked if God had gotten the letter yet. Her mother told her that she thought He had.

Yesterday, there was a package wrapped in gold paper on our front porch addressed, 'To Meredith,' in an unfamiliar hand.

Meredith opened it. Inside was a book by Mr Rogers called, 'When a Pet Dies.'

Taped to the inside front cover was the letter Meredith and her mother had written to God in its opened envelope.

On the opposite page was the picture of Abbey & Meredith and this note:

*Dear Meredith,*

*Abbey arrived safely in heaven. Having the picture was a big help and I recognised her right away.*

*Abbey isn't sick anymore. Her spirit is here with me just like it stays in your heart. Abbey loved being your dog.*

*Since we don't need our bodies in heaven, I don't have any pockets to keep your picture in so I'm sending it back to you in this little book for you to keep and have something to remember Abbey by.*

*Thank you for the beautiful letter and thank your mother for helping you write it and sending it to me.*

*What a wonderful mother you have. I picked her especially for you.*

*I send my blessings every day and remember that I love you very much.*

*By the way, I'm easy to find. I am wherever there is love.*

Love,

God

**A Little Humour:** A teacher asked the children in her Sunday School Class.

"If I sold all I own and had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would I get into heaven?"

"NO!" the children all answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, took care of the yard and kept everything neat and orderly, would I get into heaven?"

Again, the answer was "NO!"

"Well," she continued, "Then how can I get to heaven?"

In the back of the room, a small boy shouted out, "You gotta be dead!"

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**Barbeque Lunch after Worship**  
**Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2018**  
**The Valley Uniting Church**



**Proposed event to raise funds to support  
the work of the Frontier Services in drought  
affected areas in the Northern Patrol – McKay Patrol  
A freewill donation towards this valuable work  
would be appreciated.**

**Prayer:** Father, give me the sense to see through pretence and recognise the truly competent workers around me, whatever their position on the corporate ladder. Let me choose my friends wisely so I may flourish and contribute to the good of all. Amen

From time to time a mention is made of Olive Prout in 'The Window. Olive is Lyn Gargano's Aunt. In February this year she celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Mrs Prout is pictured at right, attending the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations for the Mirani Library and Museum recently.



**Mottos for Success:** It takes humility and understanding on both sides for there to be any real connection and communication between people.

*Details of how you can financially support Lynn & Ian Bartlett are:*

**Account Name: People International BSB: 122-726**

**Account Number: 22170361 Reference: Bartlett - your surname**



Aaron Kennedy (16<sup>th</sup>)

Norman Tilse (17<sup>th</sup>)

Michelle Wallin (17<sup>th</sup>)

On Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2018, David & Theresa Blackmur will present their son, **Logan Reginald Blackmur**, for Baptism. Please pray for Logan, David and Theresa as they prepare for Logan's Baptism.



**October Expenditure \$00.00**

**October Income \$1090.00**

**Deficit \$00.00**

## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INC. FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

Service to held at the Chapel of St Lawrence, Good Shepherd Lodge, McIntyre St, Mackay, on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 at 10.00am followed by Morning tea.



Vicki has volunteered to be a **Prayer Warrior** in our Parish. **Prayer Warrior** is a term used by many Christians to refer to anyone who is committed to praying for others. Please contact Vicki if you or anyone you know of,

would like to be included on the Prayer List. Vicki is also available to pray with anyone who would like to join her before Worship from 7.40am-7.55am in St Andrew's Vestry every Sunday Morning.

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

For the youth and young at heart

### Children's Liturgy and Story

The rich man asked Jesus, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" As we explore that question today, let us open ourselves to Jesus and listen for his response to us.

**Pray:** Jesus, sometimes we hang on so tightly to the things that we want, that we don't leave room for you. *Lord, have mercy.*

Jesus, sometimes we're unaware when our centre is firmly fixed on something other than you. *Christ, have mercy.*

Jesus, help us to let go of everything that prevents us from truly embracing you in our hearts. *Lord, have mercy.*

#### Read the Bible Reading on Page 2

**Story:** We all become attached to possessions and sometimes, like the rich man, we fail to get our values in the right order of priority. This is a story to illustrate priorities so that the children can begin to consider their own value systems before they reach any crisis points in their lives.

#### The Video Game

"Get off!" Tom pushed his younger brother away. "It's *my* present, not yours!"

Jerry's face fell, but he moved away. He watched silently as Tom played the most exciting video game Jerry had ever seen. He longed to have a go, but the game was Tom's birthday present and his most treasured possession. And since there were twenty-five levels to beat, Jerry knew it was unlikely he'd ever get a go on the game.

Tom noticed Jerry's disappointment, but he didn't care. The game was his and he was keeping it. No-one else was going to take it from him, not for a moment. He took the game to bed with him, in case Jerry got up early and sneaked a go.

That night, Tom woke suddenly from a deep sleep. He lay for a moment wondering what had woken him, then he became aware of muttered voices and the opening and shutting of doors. He crept out of bed and peeped over the bannisters. To his horror, he saw a stretcher being carried by two ambulance men. Tom's mother was crying and his dad had his arms round her.

Tom raced downstairs. "What's happened?" he cried anxiously. "What's the matter?"

Tom's dad put his arm round him too and hugged him close. "Don't you worry, son," he said. "It's Jerry. He's been taken ill and he has to go to hospital."

"Hospital?" Tom was aghast. "Will he die?"

At that, Tom's mother wept even more. Tom's dad said, "Of course not! The hospital will put him right. That's why he's going."

But Tom wasn't convinced and he knew his mother wasn't convinced either. His dad was just saying that to keep their spirits up.

Tom couldn't concentrate on anything, next day. He couldn't wait to visit the hospital to see Jerry. He kept thinking how awful life would be without Jerry.

At the hospital, Tom stood close to his brother's bed. Jerry was very pale. "Here," said Tom in a subdued voice, "this is for you, to help you get better." And he pushed the video game into Jerry's hand. Jerry smiled a wan smile, but he didn't even look at the game.

Tom felt hurt and confused. He'd given Jerry his most treasured possession, but Jerry didn't seem to care about it.

"He's too ill at the moment, Tom," explained his father, "but wait until he's better. Then he'll love the game." Tom's mother added, "Why don't you say a prayer for Jerry, asking God to make him better?"

They all prayed together for Jerry, and Tom determined to ask everyone he knew to pray for his brother.

Jerry did get better, but he had to stay in hospital for a week and it took a long time after that before he was really well again. Then the two boys began to enjoy the video game together. And Tom realised that although he liked the game, his brother was more precious to him than anything.

"Thank you, God," whispered Tom, "for bringing Jerry back to us."

**Blessing:** *May all the love of Christ enfold you, may all the power of the Holy Spirit protect you and may God fill your heart and soul. And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now, be in your homes and in your families and with all those whom you love and for whom you pray, now and always. Amen.*

### **Elders**

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

### **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**

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**Lectionary Readings**

**14<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 – Pentecost 21**

Job 23:1-9,16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

**21<sup>st</sup> October, 2018 – Pentecost 22**

Job 38:1-7,(34-41); Psalm 104:1-9,24,35c; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

**28<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 – Pentecost 23**

Job 42:1-6,10-17; Psalm 34:1-8,(19-22); Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

**Prayer Warrior**

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14<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 – Barbeque Fundraiser to support the Frontier Services McKay Patrol

26<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 – ACWI Fellowship of the Least Coin Service

9<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 – CQ Presbytery – North Rockhampton UCA

18<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 – Church Council Meeting

**Letter Tile Puzzle**

Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message from today's Gospel story. Each tile has the same number of characters (letters, spaces, and punctuation). Spaces are shown as blanks on the letter tiles.

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**LETTER TILES**  
And he took him into his arms, laid his hands on them and Blessed them.

	WALKERSTON			MIRANI	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Bible Reader</i>	<i>Prayers</i>	<i>Morning Tea</i>	<i>Bible Reader</i>	<i>Prayers</i>
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Neil	Lyn	Colleen W	Heather	Beth
21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Kathryn	Kerith	Kristie	Morelle	Margaret
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Colleen B	Lyn	Colleen B	Thelma	Allen