

PIONEER VALLEY UNITING CHURCHES

P.O. BOX 152, WALKERSTON 4751

'THE WINDOW'

15th September, 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



15th September, 2019

3.00pm

Holy Communion

ECDA Hall

EUNGELLA

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

Worship Leaders

15th September, 2019 – Mirani – Eungella (HC) – Pastor Allen Soxsmith

22nd September, 2019 – Walkerston – Mirani – Pastor Allen Soxsmith

29th September, 2019 – Walkerston (Baptism) – Mirani - Pastor Allen Soxsmith

6th October, 2019 – 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.

Luke 15:1-10 ¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus.

²But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³Then Jesus told them this parable:

⁴"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?

⁵And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders

⁶and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'

⁷I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

⁸"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?

⁹And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.'

¹⁰In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Discipleship Thought: *The International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue states it is the duty of every seagoing vessel to proceed with all possible speed to render assistance to any person at sea in danger of being lost.*

In 1997 British sailor, Tony Bullimore, was rescued from the Southern Ocean by the Australian Navy after his yacht capsized during a solo round-the-world race. News bulletins worldwide aired footage of him kissing his rescuers on the cheek. The photo depicted pure joy, but Australia spent \$6 million on his rescue and there was talk that someone who knew the risks of what he was doing should be made to repay the money. Every consequent rescue has engendered a similar conversation as people have questioned our obligations to the International Convention.

It's a stark contrast to what we read in today's Gospel. God searches for the lost until they are found and then rejoices in the recovery without adding up what the rescue has cost.

Prayer: Almighty God, we come before you with our adoration and praise.

In a world that puts a monetary value on things, we give thanks that your values are eternal.

We are grateful that you are an extravagant spender.

In a society that is all about compliance and risk management we give thanks that you are a risk taker, quick to leave the ninety-nine to rescue the one.

In a culture that values rational compassion, we give thanks that you value excessive comparison.

In an age of the quick replacement of lost goods, we are grateful that you are steady and deliberate, meticulously careful, searching every nook and cranny, never giving up until what is lost is recovered.

God of compassion and goodness, receive our thanks for all that you are.
Amen

(Words for Worship 15th September, 2019)



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

Pray for....Simon & Allyson, Stephen, Carolyn, Olivia, Emily and Ben, Ken & Colleen, Michael and Jacob, Rod & Michelle

....those receiving or recovering from medical treatment – Carl, Len, Richard, Rev Gerhard, Rev Nathan, Margaret, Rick, Margaret, Peter McLean.

....Judith who is working in Sapa for approximately 3mths for Sapa O'Chau (H'mong Social Enterprise). She will be teaching English 3 days a week, travelling to very rural & remote villages for health education in schools, giving out Days for Girls packs (reusable feminine hygiene packs), giving out baby bundles & birth packs plus education on same. Still working on a longer term project for Safe Birthing.

....Ray Creese, she is very low at the moment.

....Ian and Lynn.

....Janet Kennedy during her Study in Theology and her Period of Discernment.

....the Pearson/Browning & Hamill Families as they prepare for the Baptism of their children.

....Bruce Kerr as he is Commissioned as an Elder this morning.

....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.

....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.

....for the Commissioning of a New Elder in the Parish.

A Little Humour: A heated discussion was going on during a meeting of the Elders over the finances. One Elder said to the other: "You just don't know what you're talking about!"

The other Elder, wanting to have the last word on the matter said, "Well, maybe I don't know what I'm talking about, but if I did know what I was talking about, I'd be right!"

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Monday Morning Prayer with Moderator Rev David Baker: By your Spirit, strengthen us to be the people who bear witness to your goodness and faithfulness to creation and your human family. Amen



Members of the Church Council met in The Valley Church last Sunday at 11.50am. Concerns of how the parish is fairing financially were voiced and suggestions were put forward as to how we can manage

the Income more wisely. Letters are to be written to the appropriate agencies with regards to this matter. It was noted that electrical work was carried out on the lights in the Hall, the tap in the Vestry of St Andrew's was re-seated then subsequently disconnected, and the ride-on mower's tyre was repaired. Pastor Allen advised that Sinead Kennedy is now helping with the Youth (Sunday School). Parish Members who have BlueCards and have not advised the Parish, please do so as your name and number needs to be recorded on the Parish BlueCard Register. Pastor Allen advised that he has completed Certificates through ULearn – Ministry Agents 1, 2 and 3 and that he and Kathryn Wicks have both attended R.I. Courses held recently. Pastoral

Support has been extended to the Peterson Family following the loss of their home due to fire. A Barbeque Fundraiser in aid of Frontier Service – McKay Patrol is to be held on Sunday, 15th September, 2019 following the Commissioning Service of Bruce Kerr. Athol MacKenzie and Judith Ferguson have booked 11th July, 2020 to be married in St Andrew's Church, Walkerston. A request for the Baptism of Chase David Browning was approved for 29th September and it was noted that Georgia Willow Hamill's Baptism will take place on 6th October. The End of Year Youth Service has been penciled in for Sunday, 24th November, 2019 in The Valley UCA, Mirani.

The next Church Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, 17th November, 2019 at 12 noon in St Andrew's UCA, Walkerston.

Pastor Allen Soxsmith closed the meeting with a prayer at 1.20pm.

Mottos for Success: The art of tact-saying the right thing at the right time – is really a matter of being sensitive to people's feelings, wanting to meet their needs for love, encouragement, and support, and deliberately *not* saying things that might me hurtful.



Beth Higham (16th):

Amanda Noy (19th)

Alleyne Sant (20th): Esther McNichol (20th)



Marion Crouther (19th)

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ASSOC.

DROUGHT RELIEF MORNING TEA

9.30AM

MONDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER, 2019

ST JOHN'S HALL, ANN STREET, WALKERSTON

CENT SALE, RAFFLE, CAKE STALL



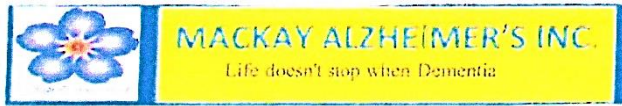
ADMISSION: \$10



Donations for Cent Sale & Baking would be appreciated

Numbers are required for catering so please phone:

Jill Oliver 0419 043 146 or Doris Vassallo 0487 593 338



Mackay

Mackay Alzheimer's Inc

Presenting

Dementia Forum 2019

With Guest Speakers including Dr Fiona Millard

Discrimination experienced by people living with Dementia, their families and carers will be the focus of this year's Dementia Action Week.

**Friday 20th September 2019 @ North Mackay Bowls Club
Malcomson Street North Mackay.**

9am – Free Morning Tea

Commencing @ 9.30am until 1.00pm

Admission Free - Free Lunch provided

Door Prize & Raffles on the Day

Please contact Carers Queensland - 4889 8900

To help with catering numbers and seating

R.S.V.P : Wed 15TH September 2019

A Quick Prayer: Help me, Lord, to bring my temptations and sins to You. Cleanse my heart and mind as I confess to You. I desperately need Your mercy. Fill my life with Your grace, that I may share it with the world. Amen

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

For the youth and young at heart

Children's Liturgy and Story

Jesus told stories to illustrate to the people God's gladness whenever anyone turned to him and chose life. There is still rejoicing in heaven whenever any one of us turns to God.

Story: There is always delight when something which has been lost, is found, so God is always delighted when any of us return to him. In this story, Jack is afraid to tell the truth about a lost pendant, but his grandmother is so delighted when it is found, that nothing else matters.

Grandma's Pendant - Jack knew where the pendant was hidden, because he had hidden it. He had taken it on impulse, because it looked so pretty and he wanted to examine it further. He imagined it round his mother's neck, and thought he might try to buy a similar one for her birthday. He had only borrowed it for a while, but unfortunately the loss had been discovered and the frantic activity to find it had frightened Jack, so he had lied.

Now he was stuck. If he revealed that he knew where the pendant was, he'd be found out in his lie and he knew that would mean big trouble. So he pretended to search with all the rest. Maybe he would be able to slip it back later, when nobody was looking.

Searching for the pendant was a bit like a game, except that Jack knew exactly where it was. He kept wanting to shout out, "No! You're getting colder!" or "Yes! Keep going, you're getting warmer!" but he didn't dare.

He was sad about his grandmother's tears and uncertain why she crying over a pendant. How could a thing be so important to her? She was crying almost as much as she had cried when Grandfather died, and that crying had gone on for days.

After a bit, Jack and his cousins grew tired of hunting the pendant and wandered off to play hide and seek in the woods. But when they returned, there was a police car parked on the gravel drive and a policeman in uniform was talking to Grandma.

Jack was suddenly very scared indeed, especially when Grandma called them all over and told them that the policeman wanted to ask them all some questions. Jack felt sick with fear. He had seen police dramas on television and he knew that almost every suspect eventually revealed the truth. He didn't know what to do.

When it was his turn to be questioned, Jack was so anxious that before the policeman spoke, he blurted out, "I know where it is!" Then he screwed his eyes tight shut and waited for the policeman's fury to boil over him. But nothing happened. After a bit Jack cautiously opened one eye. To his surprise the policeman was smiling and didn't seem a bit fazed.

"Where is it, lad?" he asked kindly.

"Shall I fetch it" Jack asked, and the policeman nodded.

Jack collected the pendant carrying it very carefully and told the policeman why he had taken it.

"Come on," said the policeman, "we'll go together and tell your Grandma."

Jack gulped, but he took the policeman's hand and they went together to tell Grandma the whole sorry story.

Grandma said sternly, "You've put an awful lot of people to an awful lot of trouble, Jack. What do you say about that?"

Jack hung his head and said, "I'm sorry. It all kind of grew and I didn't know what to do."

Then grandma gathered him in her arms and hugged him. "Quite honestly, Jack," she confided, "I'm so glad to have it back that I don't care what happened! You see, it was the last gift Granddad gave me before he died, so it's the most precious thing I possess. But I'll tell you what. You can come and look at it any time you want, and one day you and I will go to the shops together and we'll try and find one just like it for your Mum. How would you like that?"

Jack hugged her back. He was so glad that the pendant was found and everything was alright again.

Blessing: May you hold to the right path upon the hilltops and down in the valley floors, so that you might be found by 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.



ANYTHING ENVIRONMENTAL, 19 INTERLINK COURT, PAGET. Parish's Registered Number **C10195946**.

Prayer: No matter what my troubles, Your peace reaches the hurting places within me, Lord. Help me pass comfort on to those who are also in need. Open my heart to Your wisdom and gentleness, and let the light of compassion burn brightly in me. Amen

Activities From The Valley Youth



Last Sunday's lesson was to do with coins. The children made coin rubbings.

Mark your Calendars

29th September, 2019 – Chase David Browning - Baptism St Andrew's

6th October, 2019 – Georgia Willow Hamill - Baptism St Andrew's

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

1st December, 2019 – Combined Churches Christmas Carols, Mirani

	WALKERSTON			MIRANI	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Bible Reader</i>	<i>Prayers</i>	<i>Morning Tea</i>	<i>Bible Reader</i>	<i>Prayers</i>
15 th Sept	NO WORSHIP SERVICE			Kerr Family	Margaret
22 nd Sept	Michelle	Kerith	Colleen	Morelle	Beth
29 th Sept	Kathryn	Kerith	Kerith	Thelma	Aaron
6 th Oct	Colleen	Lyn	Sam	Janet	Margaret

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

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Prayer Warrior

Vicki Kiem Mob: 0408 767 331

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

Lectionary Readings**15th September, 2019 - Pentecost 14**

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

22nd September, 2019 - Pentecost 15

Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

29th September, 2019 - Pentecost 16

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Prayer and Holy Communion Service – St Andrew's Church, Walkerston8.30am - 3rd Wednesday of the month**Mid Week Prayers**

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

**September Income \$1777.63****September Expenditure \$3123.08****Word Find**

Find the words from today's Gospel story. Words go forward, backward, up, down, or diagonally. One has been done for you.

Words to find:

COLLECTORS
FELLOW
FOUND
HEAVEN
HOME
HUNDRED
JOY
LEAVE
LISTEN
LOST
NEED
PERSONS
REJOICES
REPENTS
RIGHTEOUS
SCRIBES
SHEEP
SINNERS
TAX
WELCOMES

M K F K Q C S U T U O G D P B
E V A E L O Z H K S R R A W Y
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